John Anthony Gaspard was born on August 29, 1947, in Richmond, California. He attended school in Richmond and worked several jobs in the area.

In 1980, John moved to Minnesota where he met and married Vickie Hallstrom on December 11, 1981 in Glenwood. The couple lived in Glenwood for a short time and then moved to Alexandria in 1983. John worked as a custodian at Viking Plaza Mall for several years. He loved spending time with his grandsons and friends.

John died on Saturday, December 9, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Vickie; son, Jon Schlief of Alexandria; daughter, Ingrid Stanley of Osakis; mother, Juanita; brother, Alex; sisters: Dorothy, Diane, Margaret, Bern.

He was preceded in death by his father; brother, Dan; sister, Mary.

Memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017, 1:00 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home with visitation one hour prior to the service.

#### I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard his call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, *I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.* My Life's been full, I savoured much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch, Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. *Lift up your heart and share with me,* 

God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Loving Memory of

# John A. Gaspard

August 29, 1947 & December 9, 2017

## **Memorial Service**

Anderson Funeral Home Alexandria, Minnesota Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:00 PM

## **Officiant**

Pastor David Gran

#### **Musical Selections**

At Last California Love

## Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home Alexandria, Minnesota