



## John W. Becher

July 10, 2011

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812-482-4141 Dateline Jasper, Indiana John W. Becher, age 54 of Jasper passed away Sunday (July 10, 2011) near French Lick, Indiana due to injuries from a motorcycle accident. He was born in Jasper, Indiana on December 24, 1956 to Ralph "Tommy" Becher and Marilyn Huck Becher. He married Laurie Hays on September 19, 1981. John was a partner in the operations of the Becher & Kluesner Funeral Homes, in Jasper. He was a member of the JHS Class of 1975, he attended Purdue University and graduated from Vincennes University School of Mortuary Science. He is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

John was an animal and nature lover, committed to preservation of natural habitats. Surviving, Wife, Laurie

five daughters,

Mrs. Andrea Donan, husband Lyle Donan, Louisville, KY

Kristen Becher, Bloomington, IN

Mrs. Jillian Becher, Husband, Brayden Erny, Louisville, KY

Brooklyn Becher, Louisville, KY

Lauren Becher, Louisville, KY

Three grandchildren, Hannah, Jackson and Barrett Donan.

Sister, Susan Barnes, Gulfport, FL

Niece, Emily Barnes and nephew John Nicholas Barnes

The Family Dog, Lily

Funeral service for John W. Becher will be held will be held at 9:30 a.m. EST Friday (July 15, 2011) in St. Joseph Catholic Church with burial to follow at a later date. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. EST Thursday (July 14, 2011) at the Becher & Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dubois County Humane Society - Patoka 2000 Trees c/o Jasper Chamber of Commerce or to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Becher*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *To the entire Becher family I would like to send my condolences to you. I just found out of John's passing and was so very shocked. I was in mortuary school with John and our paths crossed many times at meetings and conventions we both attended. Know that you will be in our family's prayers. God's riches blessings on each one of you.*

**Brian W. Vaughan,CFSP** - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Becher Family, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man and I will never forget him. Steve Stitz*

**steve stitz** - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Becher family- sincere condolences from an old Jasper neighbor. We lived right around the corner from you, on MacArthur St. As a child, I was always welcomed at the Becher house, particularly because of my love for that beautiful red Irish Setter that lived there. The Becher family stands in my mind as one of the warmest, friendliest and most caring families I remember from my days in Jasper. I am so sorry for your loss...*

**Dee Newman Bloom** - July 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Laurie, I just read in the paper today in the editorial about a wonderful man who was killed on a motorcycle. I am so sorry to read that it was your husband John. Please know that we are praying for you and your family. May God give you the strength that you need at such a difficult time....an old (old) friend from the past..

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**Debbie Bucher Kroeger** - July 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

D&

“ Laurie&Family:We are deeply sorry to hear the loss of John.he was always helpfull to the ILETTB staff any time and any day of the year,no matter how tired and sleepless he was.He was always smiling,supportive and helpfull especially when it comes to help other peoples in organ donor.May God Bless him &place him in Haven and give support&strength to you and your family to coup of this unbearable loss.He will be missed now and always especially by us.

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**Dr.A.Ali &Robina** - July 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Laurie and Family,  
All of us have been dying, hour by hour, since the moment we were born. Realizing this, let all things be placed in their proper perspective. . . . Remember, it is always later than you think. You are not the momentary whim of a careless creator experimenting in the laboratory of life. . . You were made with a purpose.

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**Mary Bradley** - July 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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**Mary Bradley** - July 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My sincere heartfelt sympathy to Laurie & family. Even though I haven't lived in Jasper since graduating high school, I've always felt I've known John. My mother & John's mother were in Memorial Hospital at the same time, and we were both born the same day...12/24/56. My grandmother, Josephine Roelle, used to volunteer at the funeral home, greeting people as they arrived, and she took care of Tommy & Marilyn's home while the family was away on vacation. When my grandmother passed away in October 1979, Tommy realized how close I was to her and my need to bring closure. He allowed me to drive the hearse to the cemetery, so that I could spend just a little while longer with her. The Becher family was one of both class & grace, and their compassion for grieving families was always genuine. Jasper is a true community & the Becher family the best possible ambassadors for that community. I share in your grief. Godspeed, John, you're needed in a better place.

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**Mike Roelle** - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ John was such a kind, caring person. He helped us many times with the loss of our family members. our prayers are with your family. may God give you strenght through this difficult time

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**RICK AND JULIE HARKNESS** - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dear Laurie, Susan and families ...We are so very very sorry for your loss. John was an amazing person, who touched so many lives so positively. Our hearts go out to you all. We know your journey will be difficult and confusing, but find some peace in knowing you're surrounded by so many angels who love you and will help light that path. We pray for your peace and we love you all very much.....  
Dawn and Pete

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**Dawn Lampert** - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Laurie, Andrea, Kristen, Jillian, Brooklyn and Lauren, my deepest sympathies to you all. John's strength and kindness when we lost a mutual friend, is something I have always remembered & treasured. I send you all much love & light. Namaste, Evelyn

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**Evelyn Oyola** - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Becher Family--May you find comfort in knowing that John was loved by many. He will always be remembered by his warm smile and comforting words. My prayers go out to your family and everyone that knew and loved him.

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**Barb Goeppner** - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Laurie & family, please accept my most sincere condolences. John was always quick with a smile, a handshake, or "Hello". Even when he seemed to busy to talk he always took a moment to chat. He comforted so many in this community and will be sadly missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Barry Wright** - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Laurie - We are so sorry for your loss...John is one of the finest men I've ever met. Our deepest regards to you and your entire family. Barry, Garrett, Grayson and Kailey

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**The Goetz Family** - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I have sat here for about 30 mins trying to think of something to say . I have so many memories from high school. You were, you are a good man . the world needs more people like you.If there is in fact a heaven ( and i pray there is ) I know you are there . goodbye my friend

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**Steve Guthrie** - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Laurie, Without a doubt we know you know how much we both thought of John. Remember he is the only man Tom will ever dance with and openly admit he loved every minute of it. Please know you and your family are in our hearts even though they hurt for all of you. Peace and Prayers.

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**Tom and Tonya Schaick** - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ *Laure & Family, Although I won't be able to attend Friday's funeral at Saint Joseph Parish in Jasper, do know that your family is in my prayers. I will especially remember John in prayer during Friday's 7:40 AM Mass here at Good Shepherd in Evansville. He was a great man to know and work with during my ministerial assignments in Dubois County. God bless,*

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**Father Zach Etienne** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Laurie and Family, I'm shocked, words are hard to come by. E1 loved John. He had such a way with people, definitely in the right business. He learned from the best. He'll be missed. Prayers and Sympathy. Sarah, Muncie IN*

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**Sarah Berger Humphrey** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *to Johns family John was a great person he had just assisted us with my Grandpa Betz Funereal Arrangements 4 weeks ago I considered him to be a friend*

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**Ryan Kempf** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Laurie & family, I can't begin to express how sorry I am for your loss. John was truly a wonderful person. He touched the hearts and lives of so many people in this community. He will never be forgotten. Keeping you all in my prayers.  
from: Becky Schepers*

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**Becky Schepers** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ John was always there to help people at their time of loss. We hope that memories from the past and promises for the future will help you cope with this terrible tragedy. We remember the exact place we last saw John. He was smiling and wishing us well. That's how we'll always remember him.

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**Kevin & Sharon Carter** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ We are so very sorry for your loss.

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**Chad and Donna Weisman** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Laurie & family,  
May God give you all the strength and love you need to cope with on the unexpected loss of your dear loved one, Johnny. He was such a special man, and he was so well liked by so many over his 54 years of life. I hadn't seen Johnny since high school, but in 1998 he greeted me with his kind, sincere, and gracious smile at the door of the funeral home. I asked him what he'd been up to over the last 20 plus years of high school. His face just lit up, and he said he was married to Laurie and had 5 daughters. I said, "Wow, Johnny, aren't you blessed!" And he answered me, and meant it so sincerely that he felt so blessed to have them in his life, and that he loved taking care of all of you... "his darling girls". You sure have my deepest sympathy, Laurie. Your husband and the father of your children loved you all very much. My kindest regards to you and your whole family.

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**Jane Lechner Weidenbenner** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Lauri and family, Our hearts go out to you. We are saddened by the sudden loss of Johnny. Simply put, we loved him....he will be missed. Please know we are thinking of you.

Love, Beth and Randy Russell  
and family

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**Beth Nonte Russell** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. John was always a vert good man. His smile would light up a room. He will be miss so much.

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**Becky & Bob Schnell** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Laurie, may god be with you and your family during this difficult time. No words can take away your pain, so my prayer is that god be with you for understanding, and peace. John, a pillar of our cumminity, will be greatly missed. Peace be with you, John and Donna Kaufmann

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**John and Donna Kaufmann** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Laurie & family: Our prayers & condolences to you. John always took great care with our family's needs. He was friendly, understanding & passionate about his role. We thank you for that.  
Paul, Sue, Thomas & Olivia Habig

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**Paul & Sue Habig** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Our thought and prayers are with you all as you suffer this huge loss for your family and all of the Jasper/Dubois county community. Johnny will always be remembered and memories of him will live on in all our hearts. Rest in Eternal Peace Johnny ..

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**Mark & Marja (Sonderman) Schatz** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Laurie and family, May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. You have my deepest sympathy. Linda Leinenbach

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**Linda Leinenbach** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Deepest sympathy and prayers to you all.

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**Ron and Lori Betz** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Laurie and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I hope you find a little comfort in knowing how many prayers are with you at this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy to you.  
Sara Salb DeMuth and family

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**Sara Salb DeMuth** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I give you and your family my deepest of sympathy. Praying for you.

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**Rachel Mendel** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ To Laurie and family! Each of you are very much in my thoughts and prayers. I met you Laurie in your shop, Ragpickers, several times. Your mother-in-law, a lovely person, taught me in High School. Your father-in-law was a precious committed Christian..and so your dear husband inherited a blessed background and up-bringing. May your precious memories and the Risen Lord be a source of great comfort to each of you! Peace and comforting prayer for you, Sister Jane Burger, D.C. Evansville,IN (born in Jasper)

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**Sister Jane Burger, D.C.** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Laurie and family please accept my sincerest condolences on John's untimely death . From the limited time that i've known him he was a great person , from his family i can also say that he was a great husband and father .  
I always remember his smile...

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**DORUK GURUNLU** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Laurie and family  
please accept our sincere sympathy...prayers and hugs for all!!

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**paul and susan schroeder** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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RS

“ Laurie & family, I am so very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a true gentleman that treated everyone with dignity & respect. My Mom was just buried Saturday, so I had just spoke with him. His kind words & warm smile is something I will always remember. Our whole community has lost a very good person. Prayers for you & your girls.

Renee Sandage - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ If ever an angel on earth Johnny was it. He was a special person and will be missed beyond words. I guess I can find comfort in knowing that Johnny will be greeting me at the Golden Gates with his soft smile and warm hand shake. My thoughts and prayers are with Laurie and his family and friends.

Shaun Witte Skerbitz - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Dear Becher Family....please accept our condolences on John's unfortunate death. He was a very compassionate man and touched the lives of many people. May you find the comfort of God's embrace during this difficult time. God Bless each and every one of you.

Tracey Knies - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Laurie and family. My deepest sympathy in the untimely loss of your husband, and father. John was a very special man and never knew a stranger. He was so good to my family in the death of my daughter Rachelle. He will be greatly missed. My prayers for all of you.

Debbie Kelley Beier - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the sudden loss of John. We became friends at Vincennes University in Funeral service education. He was a lot of things to many people and will be missed tremendously. I will miss his wonderful smile and fantastic personality. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**John A. Werry** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Laurie and family...I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family during this very difficult time. I wish for you much peace and strength.

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**Angie Weisheit Hovermale** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Becher family and Funeral home associates, we are truly sorry for your loss of such a wonderful person. He was a ray of sunshine when you saw him. He could make a sad situation tolerable when you entered the funeral home. John was always willing to help us when we delivered flowers to the home and greeted us with his famous smile. He was everyone's best friend. He will truly be missed.

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**The Flower Girls at Flowers Plus** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Laurie, Andrea, Kristen, Jillian, Brooklyn, and Lauren, We are sending our deepest Condolences to you and your families. Please know we are praying for you all. Rick and Jana Gunselman

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**Rick and Jana Gunselman** - July 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Laurie & family,  
We can't begin to express how sorry we are for the loss of your husband/father. John was the real deal; so charismatic. His permanent smile always put a smile on our face. (Kathy) will always treasure the kind words he gave her and (Bob) will never forget the many interesting talks they shared. We pray that God gives you the strength to carry on through this difficult time. God's Peace,  
Bob & Kathy Pfister

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**Bob & Kathy Pfister** - July 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Laurie and family,  
Please accept our sincerest condolences on John's untimely death. He touched the lives of many people in this community, and we will remember him fondly.  
Anne & Ed Oser

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**Anne & Ed Oser** - July 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM