



## John William Groth

November 10, 1953 - November 17, 2012

John William Groth, age 59, of Fredonia, passed away on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at his home. John was born on November 10, 1953 in Arrington, England, the son of Robert Claus and Sarah Freda (Kaylor) Groth.

John attended Sycamore Elementary school, then completed Jr. High and High school at Independence. In 1971, John joined the U.S. Army and served until May of 1979 earning the rank of SSG. On May 25, 1972 in Independence, KS, John married JoAnn Bedigrew. John and JoAnn were married for 40 years. JoAnn survives at their home.

After his military service, John completed top of his law enforcement class. John served the city of Fredonia for over 20 years as he retired as Chief of Police. During that time, John also served as the Director of E.M.S. for awhile and also as the Recreation Director. After retiring from the police department, John owned and operated G & S Service Contractors. John was a member of the Lions, Masons, and the Chief of Police Association.

Survivors including his wife JoAnn include:

One Son:

Jacob Groth and wife Heidi of Fall River, KS

Three Brothers:

Robert M. Groth of Fredonia, KS  
Larry J. Groth of St. Roberts, MO  
Charles C. Groth of Schertz, TX

Three Sisters:

Linda Mills of Frontnec, KS  
Esther Beecham of Pittsburg, KS  
Sandra Moore of Independence, KS

2 Grandchildren: Jacie and Brylie

John was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at Countryside Funeral Home with Kathy Boden officiating. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to service time. The family has suggested memorials to the Wounded Warriors Relief Fund and may be left with the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

# Cemetery Details

## Toronto Cemetery

501 S. Point Road  
Toronto, KS 66777

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 9:00 AM - 10:10 AM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia  
420 S. 20th St.  
P.O. Box 247  
Fredonia, KS 66736  
(620) 378-2882

## Service

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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420 S. 20th St.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Jo- You have been in many of my prayers. May God be with you always. Thinking of you. Nat

Natalie Puckett - December 08, 2012 at 09:31 AM



“ Our Prayers are with you and your family.

Norman and Norma Kasper and family

Lorry Haper - November 20, 2012 at 07:34 PM



“ Tami Renee Pratt sent a virtual gift in memory of John William Groth



Tami Renee Pratt - November 20, 2012 at 01:06 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Laurinda Bedigrew - November 20, 2012 at 11:06 AM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Laurinda Bedigrew - November 20, 2012 at 10:56 AM



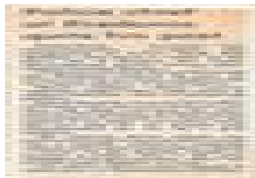
“ 20 files added to the album John's Scrapbook



Amy Price 'Mills' - November 20, 2012 at 09:22 AM



“ 1 file added to the album John's Scrapbook



Amy Price 'Mills' - November 20, 2012 at 09:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John William Groth.*



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November 20, 2012 at 08:58 AM



“ *6 files added to the album John's Scrapbook*



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**Amy Price 'Mills'** - November 20, 2012 at 08:55 AM



“ *20 files added to the album John's Scrapbook*



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**Amy Price 'Mills'** - November 20, 2012 at 08:52 AM

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“ 12 files added to the album John's scrap book



**Amy L Price (Mills)** - November 20, 2012 at 08:43 AM



“ Stacie Edens sent a virtual gift in memory of John William Groth



**Stacie Edens** - November 19, 2012 at 02:43 PM



“ 2 files added to the album FPD



**Stacie Edens** - November 19, 2012 at 02:37 PM

AS

“ *Amber Simmons lit a candle in memory of John William Groth*



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**Amber Simmons** - November 19, 2012 at 01:30 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear about John's passing. He was a good friend for so many years.  
He will be so sorely missed. My thoughts & prayers go out to you and your family.  
Darren*

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**Darren Eichinger** - November 19, 2012 at 12:30 PM

JB

“ *So sorry to hear of Johns passing. I work with John while he was the EMS director. He was a good boss and a good man. My heart goes out to Joanne, Jacob and Heidi. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rest in Peace John.  
Judy Ballard.*

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**Judy Ballard** - November 19, 2012 at 09:43 AM

ME

“ *Mary Ernest lit a candle in memory of John William Groth*



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**Mary Ernest** - November 18, 2012 at 09:24 PM

ME

*So sorry to hear of your loss Linda & Family.*

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**Mary Ernest** - November 18, 2012 at 09:26 PM

LM

*dear mary thank you so much, john was a good brother to me,he was there when i needed him most.*

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**linda groyh mills** - November 20, 2012 at 06:20 AM

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“ *I worked with John at the LEC and then at the Fredonia Police Department for over 10 years. Steven and I were friends with John and JoAnn for many years along with the Settles. We often kept Jake if John was called out during late hours when JoAnn was at work. John doted on Jacob and Jacob never failed to entertain and endear himself to everyone!*

*John was always willing to help with projects around our place....helping us plumb a bathroom, haul hay or cut wood. He was a good man and an asset to the City of Fredonia.*

*Our thoughts are with JoAnn and Jacob at this difficult time.*

*Love,  
Carol & Steven Renfro*

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**Carol & Steven Renfro** - November 18, 2012 at 08:29 PM