

DEMICON MEMORIAL WALL

DemiCon 33

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DemiCon has Memorial Book where we keep cherished memories of DemiCon guests, attendees and Des Moines Science Fiction and Fantasy Society, Inc. members that are no longer with us. This year continue our tradition by sharing a digital page for those we have lost since last DemiCon as well as adding pages to our book.

DemiCon Guests

- Bill John
- Bob Cornet

Des Moines Science Fiction and Fantasy Society Member

- Diane Dunlap

DemiCon Attendees

- Tom Kamiske
- Todd Bogenrief

DemiCon Animal Friends

- Captian Jack

Robert “Bob” Charles Cornett

November 18, 1952 – April 1, 2022

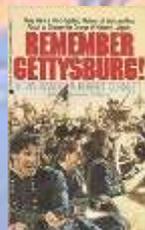
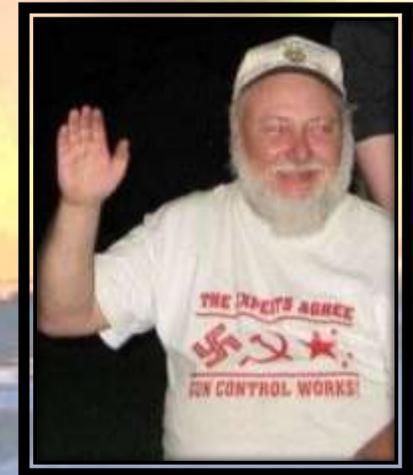
DemiCon Professional Guest at DemiCon 1, 2 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11.

Bob was born in Centerville, Iowa. He grew up in the small southeast Iowa town of Moulton. He was a proficient reader and enjoyed writing. He loved science and could often be found experimenting with chemistry sets and working on model rocket kits. He was an adventurous young boy, who spent time in Cub Scouts, collecting G.I. Joe action figures, shooting his BB guns, and learning how to hunt and fish.

In his school years, Bob excelled in academics. He graduated with honors, and received his diploma from Moulton-Udell High School, in 1971. Bob furthered his education at the University of Iowa, where he took Air Force ROTC, and graduated in 1975. Also, during this time, Bob met his future writing partner, Kevin Randle. The pair began investigating unidentified flying objects. They went on to write dozens of books together in the military and science-fiction genres. Bob lived in Iowa City after graduation, eventually returning to his hometown of Moulton. He continued to write books and worked as a newspaper columnist for the Ottumwa Courier. He enjoyed helping people and began a career in emergency medical services. Bob was proud to be a paramedic and a volunteer firefighter.

Bob was a ProGoH for most of our first 10 years. Some choice quotes from the DemiCon Program books include:

- Volunteer firefighter/paramedic and Beam’s Choice field tester.
- The 1985 co-winner of the “Tucker Award for Excellence in Parting.”
- May look like a professional partier, but lives a secret triple life as a writer, paramedic and partier.





William Anthony “Billjohn” Johnson

October 4, 1956 – March 17, 2022

DemiCon Professional Guest at DemiCon 2 and 3

William Anthony Johnson was born October 4, 1956 in Webster SD, and attended the University of Iowa, where he earned a degree in journalism and edited The Daily Iowan. He later got his MBA at Duke University and worked at Motorola before leaving to work for himself as a financial securities trader.

Billjohn attended the Clarion workshop in 1975, and his first publication was “Stormfall” in 1977. He published around 30 stories in all, including Hugo Award winner and Nebula Award finalist “We Will Drink a Fish Together” (1997). Some of his work is collected in Dakota Dreamin’ (1999). He co-wrote “Three Can Keep a Secret” with his college roommate and Clarion classmate Gregory Frost (2017).

I met Bill in the mid-’70s at an SF event I Iowa City. He was a fine gentle man with a quick wit and great sense of humor. I am 6’-3” tall and he always referred to me as “Little Denny”. – Dennis Lynch

Just learned that a friend died. He was literally a giant of a man, with a genius brain, and the heart of a saint. Kind, funny, welcoming, and very unassuming for all that he accomplished in life. Farewell, Bill Johnson. May all your puns, hugs, curiosity and humor be a comfort for all whose lives you touched.



Diane Dunlap

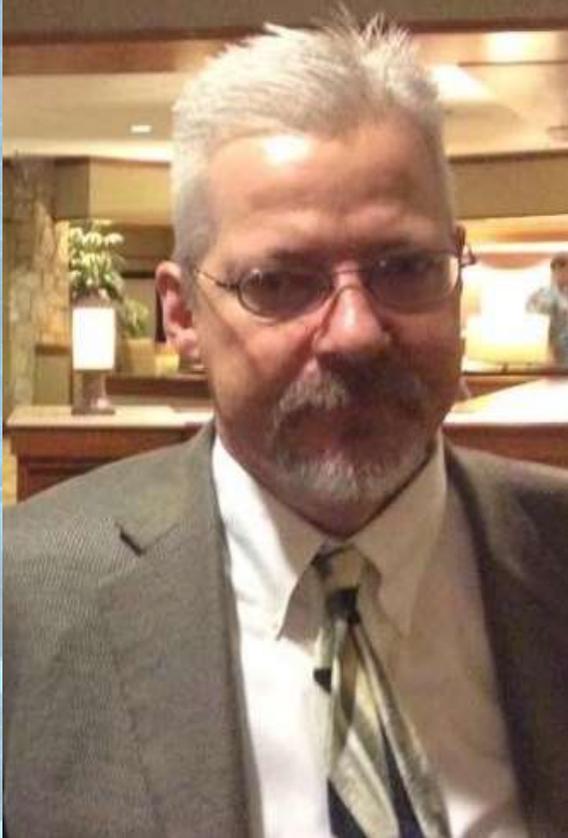
October 4, 1957 – December 17, 2021

Des Moines Science Fiction Society Member

Diane liked to say she and the Space Age were born on the same day. Sputnik I was also launched on October 4, 1957. Diane was one of the founding members of DMSFS. She and her husband Al Horhmann set the ConSuite bar very high in the early years. The famous ConSuite Chicken Noodle Soup was her idea. That is just a couple of her numerous contributions to DMSFS and DemiCon.

Diane enjoyed working puzzles, reading and singing. Filking was one of Diane's favorite Fhannish activities. She and Al hosted an annual Winter party and Filk Carols were always a highlight. Diane was a willing costume mannequin. She thoroughly enjoyed costume presentations. At DemiCon Diane was perhaps best known for her Trans Iowa Canal Company Opening Ceremonies roles.





Todd Bogenrief

July 4, 1964 – January 20, 2022

DemiCon Attendee

Todd was introduced to fandom when he married long time DMSFFS member Sheril Harper. Todd was a sports fan his favorite teams being the Cardinals (baseball), Vikings (football), and Lakers (basketball).

“He had an impact on my life, and will always be remembered.” – Sheril Bogenrief





Tom Kamiske

September 18, 1954 – November 20, 2021

DemiCon Attendee

Tom was just about the perfect “hail-fellow-well-met” guy. He enjoyed the outdoors, concerts and the Vikings, particularly tailgating.

Tom really loved DemiCon and as DMSFFS member Rachelle said, “DemiCon loved him back.”



Captain Jack (personal human Ivy Gentry)

Crossed the Rainbow Bridge in January 2022

DemiCon and DMFFS Event Attendee

Jack's first event was Summer SACC about nine years ago. Jack was with DMSFFS about as long as he was with Ivy. The 2020 virtual Winter SACC was his last event.

Jack attended 8 Demicons including the 2020 virtual con. Jack enjoyed meeting people and liked to be the center of attention. He was especially kind to children at the con.

He wore costumes and his stroller was decorated to match. His humans would be in coordinated outfits. Jack did a lot of charity walks and wore t-shirts at the walks. Jack didn't like hats until he got complimented on his chapeau. He was willing to do anything to make people happy

