

John Gunther

Born: February 26, 1962, Springfield, Illinois

Died: March 15, 2017, Albuquerque, New Mexico

High School: Bernalillo High School

College: University of New Mexico Bachelor of Science in engineering. Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education master's in education from UNM

As John grew into the role of coach, and having many great influences in his life like, David Hendrick. His goal of working with high school children became utmost in his life. He realized that kids are young people who like everyone else, need to have someone love them, listen to them, and respect them. John had the deep and abiding ability to love, especially those who felt less loved. John attended every event there was, swimming, tennis, golf, attending chorus, All-State events, funerals, hospitals, Pageant of the Bands, to show his students that he cared about them and loved them.

John believed in his heart that building relationships with students, colleagues, even competitors was healthy and fit right into his belief system.

John exhibits each and every thing, that identifies someone as a fantastic mentor, his unwavering ethical approach to baseball, his absolute attention to moral behavior, the way he carries himself as an example to his student/athletes and his never ending respect for the athletes, the game, his opponents and his love for education, on and off the field- make him one of the most special people to have walked onto a diamond.

High School

- Valedictorian
- Lettered in football, tennis, and track.

Professionally

- Worked for Northrup for five years/ worked on the B2 Bomber project.
- Teacher at Albuquerque High School for five years.
- 2006 JV Baseball
- 2012 -2017 Head coach of the Matadors baseball team.
 - Led the Matadors to the state tournament championship game in 2012 and 2013.
 - Record: 88-49
- Math teacher and coach at Sandia for 17 years.

Honors

- 2017 Sandia High School named the baseball field for John Gunther.

Community

- Coached his son in the Mile High Little League
- Member of the New Mexico High School Coaches Association

Family

- Shari, wife
- Two daughters, Brittney, and Sarah; Two sons, Robert, and David.