



John A. Erdman

November 5, 1944 - May 29, 2024

John Arthur Erdman, 79, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2024, at Spencer Hospital in Spencer, Iowa.

The family invites you to join them for a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial that will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 28, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. A rosary service will be recited at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday at the church with a visitation to follow till 6:00 p.m. on Thursday at the church. Burial will be held in the Calvary Cemetery in Milford. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

John was born on Nov. 5, 1944, in Rock Rapids, Iowa, to Arthur Edward and Helen Lenora (Wood) Erdman. John had 3 older half siblings, Harvey, Josephine, and Ethel; a younger brother, Francis, and a sister, Mary.

John attended Spencer High School. He went on to serve in the National Guard where he received his GED. He was united in marriage to Jan Laurie Fliss on Nov. 12, 1969. For more than half his life he called Fostoria, Iowa, his home. John enjoyed working and he worked hard to provide for his family as best he could. He worked as a semi-truck driver for many years, the bulk of which were spent working for Morton Buildings from 1986 until his retirement in 2009. He and Jan raised their 6 children together and would come just one

month shy of celebrating 40 years of marriage before Jan passed away also in 2009.

John enjoyed cars and motorcycles, particularly Fords and Harleys. Together, he and his son restored a 1950 Mercury that John would go on to drive in local parades. John enjoyed spending time with others—family, friends, and neighbors—talking with them, telling stories and jokes, laughing together. He enjoyed coffee with his buddies, playing practical jokes, helping friends on their farms, visiting his children and grandchildren, going on tractor rides, attending country music concerts, and traveling with his wife, Jan. After Jan's passing, John continued to travel and enjoyed working part-time for the Ford dealership delivering vehicles. On all his travels, he enjoyed showing off some of the Morton Buildings he had delivered over the years with whomever he was traveling with.

John is survived by 3 of his 4 sons, Jim Erdman, Robbie Erdman, and Tom Erdman (Kyrna); his 3 daughters, Deanna Jacobsen (Jeff), Frances Andersen (Lonnie Foreman), and Jenny Erdman (Brett Bagby); daughters-in-law, Janet Erdman and Tisch Erdman; son-in-law, Ryan Coffman; grandchildren, Josh Erdman (Bergen), Jamie Erdman, Julia Bucio Olivares (William), Jade Cade (Vale), Jenna Erdman, Jason Erdman, Jessica Klebba, Colby Erdman, Lucas Erdman, Dustin West, Jakeob Erdman, Justin Jacobsen, T.J. Jacobsen (Cassie), Dalton Jacobsen, Allen Coffman, Morraine Erdman, Winnie Erdman; 22 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; his sister, Mary Hamrick (Art) and their 2 daughters, Renee and Sam; his brother-in-law, Jim Fliss (Peggy) and their 4 children, Jeff, Justin, Molly, and Maggie; and many extended family members, friends, and neighbors.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Helen Erdman; his wife, Jan Erdman; his brother, Francis Erdman; his 3 half siblings, Harvey Lowry, Josephine Halbur, and Ethel Wilson; his son, John Erdman; his

granddaughter, Brittany Andersen; and his niece, Stacie Hamrick.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

225th Street
Milford, IA 51351

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 27. 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Visitation

JUN 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1301 Okoboji Ave.
Milford, IA 51351

Tribute Wall

JK

“ So sorry for your loss, hugs...



Julie Kaatz - June 26, 2024 at 10:46 PM

FT

“ Thank you Uncle Johnny for all the laughs. Rest in eternity and say hello to all you will join of our loved ones



Flo (Halbur) Taplin - June 03, 2024 at 01:39 PM

AN

“ This picture was taken Sunday 5/26/24 ❤️
Love you Uncle Johnny



Annamarie - June 01, 2024 at 12:07 PM

JB

“ May you feel the **STRONG LOVING ARMS OF OUR SOON COMING SAVIOR** around you in the time of sorrow. And in the coming days be comforted by the many wonderful memories you have of your loved one.

Jan Bracken - June 01, 2024 at 12:13 AM

Frances
Andersen-
Erdman

“ 3 files added to the album *Silly Guy*



Frances Andersen-Erdman - May 31, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ Joan Cate lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman



Joan Cate - May 31, 2024 at 03:50 PM

BK

“ Beth Kasten lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman



Beth Kasten - May 31, 2024 at 02:01 PM

MW

“ Mike Wood lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman



Mike Wood - May 31, 2024 at 12:15 PM

MW

Cousin John had a way to change a frown into a smile. He reminds me of his father that way 😊

Mike Wood - May 31, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ Lots of great memories of a man with an even greater heart.

Jeremy Stoermer - May 31, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ Jeremy Stoermer lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman



Jeremy Stoermer - May 31, 2024 at 12:12 PM

JS

“ From Joyce Spieker



Joyce Spieker - May 31, 2024 at 11:35 AM

TB

“ We will miss Lil' John on our Wisconsin tractor rides lots of laughs and jokes with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Erdman family during this time.



Tractor Riding Buddies - May 31, 2024 at 10:17 AM

LB

“ John and my late husband Don Bryan were in the service together. Oh the stories and laughter those two shared. What a privilege to call him friend. My prayers to you as you enjoy the great memories you have with him.
Linda Bryan

Linda Bryan - May 31, 2024 at 10:08 AM

VB

“ Vince And Linda Bronson lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman



Vince and Linda Bronson - May 31, 2024 at 09:19 AM

MT

“ Mike & Deb Travis sent a virtual gift in memory of John A. Erdman



Mike & Deb Travis - May 31, 2024 at 08:00 AM

JJ

“ *Jim Jackson lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman*



Jim Jackson - May 31, 2024 at 07:31 AM

JG

“ *Any time I got a chance to visit with John, he never failed to make me smile with his jokes and quick wit. He was such great guy and he will be missed so much.*



Jami Grady - May 30, 2024 at 11:29 PM

VP

“ *One of my favorite customers at the Clay County Fair (Julie's Diner) and to see him at early mass in Milford and later at St Mary's! Rest in Peace 'Uncle' John ~ you'll be missed by many!*



Virginia Pruss - May 30, 2024 at 05:58 PM

JS

“ *Jay Schoning lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman*



Jay Schoning - May 30, 2024 at 05:01 PM

LS

“ Leon & Jo Stoermer lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman



Leon & Jo Stoermer - May 30, 2024 at 03:24 PM

JS

“ Judy Sitzmann lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman



Judy Sitzmann - May 30, 2024 at 02:21 PM

SH

“ Sandy Hall lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman



Sandy Hall - May 30, 2024 at 12:35 PM

SH

What a great guy! Will miss his smile and sense of humor!! RIP Little John!

Sandy Hall - May 30, 2024 at 12:37 PM

TO

“ *Such a wonderful person! Everytime I'd see him it was like a little walk down memory lane.... with lots of laughs! He will be missed dearly.*



Tonya - May 30, 2024 at 11:59 AM

RW

“ *One of my favorite tractor riders! Loved his smile and wonderful sense of humor!*



Rhonda Wedeking - May 30, 2024 at 11:50 AM

DS

“ *Dean And Susan Schoning lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman*



Dean and Susan Schoning - May 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM

JS

“ *My deepest sympathies John was always cracking a joke and having a smile on his face.*

Justin and Brittany Spieker

Justin Spieker - May 30, 2024 at 06:19 AM

JK

“ *Jenn Kipfer lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman*



Jenn Kipfer - May 29, 2024 at 08:38 PM

MD

“ *Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley lit a candle in memory of John A. Erdman*



Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley - May 29, 2024 at 07:00 PM