



John Howard Jr.

October 12, 1932 - July 2, 2021

John Howard Jr., age 88, of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away on July 2, 2021, at the Springs of Lafayette, IN. John was born in North Judson, IN on October 12, 1932, the son of Johnny and Fannie (Barnett) Howard.

John graduated from North Judson High School. He then attended & graduated from the former Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana and earned a degree in Civil Engineering. He worked for numerous engineering firms as a civil engineer and helped design roads and bridges along Interstate 65 and in Lake County, Indiana.

John married Arlene Ruby Dedloff on June 9, 1956, in Knox, IN, and she preceded him in death on April 29, 2020. Together, they raised four children. John was a United State Air Force Veteran having served during the Korean War. He was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Rensselaer. He was a member of the Rensselaer Bombers 500 Club. He enjoyed the game of golf and was long time member of Curtis Creek Country Club. John also enjoyed woodworking and was a gifted craftsman. He built numerous miniature scale, wood-replica, heavy equipment vehicles. He also made a wood chess set including the board and individual chess pieces.

John is survived by his children, John Jeffrey Howard of Rensselaer, IN; Laura (Gary) Clouse, of Rensselaer, IN; Michael "Mike" (Sara) Howard, of Houston,

TX, and Kirk (Imelda) Howard of Thorton, CO; grandchildren, Aimee, Joshua, Jillian, and Leah; great-grandchildren, Becca, Baylee, Beau, Dillan, Addysan, and Cale; one sister, Marianne Eaton of Knox, IN.

John was preceded in death by his wife, parents, two sisters and one granddaughter, Amber Howard.

Friends may visit with the family from 4:00PM to 7:00PM, Monday, July 5, 2021 at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer and from 9:00AM until time of service at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Rensselaer on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. A funeral service will follow at 10:00AM at St. Luke Lutheran Church on Tuesday with Pastor Mark Cohen officiating. Interment will take place at Round Lake Cemetery in Knox, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made in John's honor to St. Luke Lutheran Church, Rensselaer, Indiana.

Cemetery Details

Round Lake Cemetery

Round Lake Cemetery
Knox, IN 46534

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Visitation

JUL 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke Lutheran Church
704 E. Grace Street
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Funeral Service

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke Lutheran Church
704 E. Grace Street
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Tribute Wall

KP

“ *Kristina (English) Phillips lit a candle in memory of John Howard Jr.*



Kristina (English) Phillips - July 09, 2021 at 11:41 AM

KP

John, I will never forget the day that you and your wife Arlene spoke with me and told me that you knew my father, Robert D. English and you had worked with him as a Local 150 Heavy Equipment Operator. There are VERY few people who knew my father. Knowing that you and Arlene knew him and knew I was his daughter gave me a gift I will never forget. May you rest in peace with Arlene. Much love and gratefulness, Kris (English) Phillips

Kristina (English) Phillips - July 09, 2021 at 11:44 AM

GP

*So sorry to hear that John passed away...we were unaware of it until we saw his obituary in the paper. He was a good man. So sorry for your loss!
George and Bernice Post*

George and Bernice Post - July 11, 2021 at 05:09 PM

ED

“ *Jeff,
I'm sorry to hear of John's passing.
He was a good guy, and I'm sure he'll be missed.
You and your family have my condolences.*

Ed Davisson - July 06, 2021 at 10:39 AM

LE

“ *Lindy Eaton lit a candle in memory of John Howard Jr.*



Lindy Eaton - July 04, 2021 at 12:29 PM

GW

“ *Glen And Linda Wood lit a candle in memory of John Howard Jr.*



Glen and Linda Wood - July 04, 2021 at 09:35 AM

KG

“ *Kevin & Kate (Egan) Geleott lit a candle in memory of John Howard Jr.*



Kevin & Kate (Egan) Geleott - July 04, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Howard Jr..*



July 04, 2021 at 12:24 AM

HR

“ *Hank & Lori Rusk lit a candle in memory of John Howard Jr.*



Hank & Lori Rusk - July 03, 2021 at 08:54 PM

SU

“ *Susie lit a candle in memory of John Howard Jr.*



Susie - July 03, 2021 at 06:31 PM

GB

“ *Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of John Howard Jr.*



Gloria Baier - July 03, 2021 at 12:49 PM

TF

“ *The Eaton Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Howard Jr..*



The Eaton Family - July 03, 2021 at 12:11 PM

JM

“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of John Howard Jr.*



Jerry Miller - July 03, 2021 at 06:06 AM

DB

“ *David And Kim Berenda lit a candle in memory of John Howard Jr.*



David and Kim Berenda - July 02, 2021 at 10:16 PM