



## John Lee Longfellow

December 22, 1935 - October 15, 2016

John Lee Longfellow Sr., age 80, of DeMotte, Indiana, passed away Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Hospice Franciscan Communities, Crown Point, IN.

John was born in Hoopeston, Illinois on December 22, 1935 the son of Elmer and Alma Mae (Jaynes) Longfellow both deceased. He was a high school graduate and went on to Purdue Calumet where he earned a Bachelor degree in Industrial Supervision. John was employed with US Steel as a safety engineer for 33 years and US Steel Engineers & Consultants for 20 years. He retired in 1991. John married Sandra Jo (King) on August 29, 1980 in Portage, Indiana. He was a veteran of the US Army. John was affiliated with the United Methodist Church of Kniman, and a member of DeMotte United Methodist Church. He was also a member of DeMotte American Legion Post #440, Masonic Arcadia Lodge # 1138 and a Lifetime member of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

John is survived by his loving wife: Sandra Jo; children: Michael (Kim) Longfellow of Chesterton, Lori Ann (George) Wright of Valparaiso, David (Christen) Longfellow of Portage, Jennifer (Ronald) Chapman of Valparaiso; step-children: Darrin (Sandy) Higgins, Gary (Julie) Higgins and Teresa Higgins; 14 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren; and sister and brother: Barbara Koufos and Daryl (Wilma) Longfellow.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son: John Lee Longfellow Jr; one grandson: Jeremy Wright; siblings: Robert, Louise, Margorie, Mary, and Betty. Friends may call at the Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte on Wednesday,

Oct. 19, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Funeral Services with Masonic funeral rites, will follow at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor David Patterson. Burial with military honors will be in the DeMotte Cemetery. Memorials can be made to DeMotte or Kniman United Methodist Church

# Cemetery Details

## DeMotte Cemetery

790 8th Street, SE  
DeMotte, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte  
200 3rd Street, SW  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Lee Longfellow.* ”



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October 18, 2016 at 09:54 PM

DH

“ I tried to come up with appropriate words, but I found none I thought were worthy. So pardon me if I borrow some, I hope John would have liked them.



### God's Acre

*I like that ancient Saxon phrase, which calls  
The burial-ground God's-Acre! It is just;  
It consecrates each grave within its walls,  
And breathes a benison o'er the sleeping dust.  
God's-Acre! Yes, that blessed name imparts  
Comfort to those, who in the grave have sown  
The seed that they had garnered in their hearts.  
Their bread of life, alas! no more their own.  
Into its furrows shall we all be cast,  
In the sure faith, that we shall rise again  
At the great harvest, when the archangel's blast  
Shall winnow, like a fan, the chaff and grain.  
Then shall the good stand in immortal bloom,  
In the fair gardens of that second birth;  
And each bright blossom mingle its perfume  
With that of flowers, which never bloomed on earth.  
With thy rude ploughshare, Death, turn up the sod,  
And spread the furrow for the seed we sow;  
This is the field and Acre of our God,  
This is the place where human harvests grow!*

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

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Darren Higgins - October 18, 2016 at 06:29 PM

BW

“ *Bill Jennings and Lee Anne Welch purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of John Lee Longfellow.*



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**Bill Jennings and Lee Anne Welch** - October 18, 2016 at 03:54 PM

TS

“ *Tom Schultz purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Lee Longfellow.*



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**Tom Schultz** - October 18, 2016 at 12:25 PM

RZ

“ *Even though we were Hamstrom Road neighbors , I knew John from working with him at US Steel. A fair and just supervisor in the Safety Department. Sympathies to his entire family. I know the pain of loosing a loved one.*



*Sincerely, Rose Ziulkowski*

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**Rose Ziulkowski** - October 18, 2016 at 10:54 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of John Lee Longfellow.*



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October 18, 2016 at 10:44 AM



“ *Love, Robert & Lita Hiler purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Lee Longfellow.*



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**Love, Robert & Lita Hiler** - October 18, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ *Toni lit a candle in memory of John Lee Longfellow*



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**Toni** - October 17, 2016 at 06:41 PM



*Jen and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I did not know him, but just by knowing you and hearing all your wonderful comments, I know he was a very special person to all of you. He may not be on this earth any longer, but he will always be in your heart. Love and prayers to you all.*

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**Toni** - October 17, 2016 at 06:48 PM

SC

“ Our families condolences to yours! Thinking of you and sending peace  
Suzanne, Nicklaus and Jack  
Dick and June Court



Suzanne Court - October 17, 2016 at 06:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Lee Longfellow.



October 17, 2016 at 04:32 PM

TH

“ Deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones. Continued prayers for you all.

Tammy Heaton



Tammy Heaton - October 17, 2016 at 01:47 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of John Lee Longfellow.



October 17, 2016 at 09:57 AM