



## John E. Putman

October 9, 1942 - December 5, 2023

John Putman, a beloved member of the Rensselaer community, was born on October 9, 1942, to Edward and Margaret (Price) Putman. He peacefully passed away on December 5, 2023. John married the love of his life, Helen Maxwell, on August 14, 1966, in Rensselaer, IN, and she survives him.

A proud graduate of Rensselaer High School with the Class of 1960, John pursued higher education at St. Joseph's College and later graduated from Ball State University in 1964. He dedicated seven years to teaching social studies, government, and civics before embarking on a 25-year career as a chef at esteemed locales such as Curtis Creek Country Club, Hazelton Country Club, and various dining establishments.

John was an active member of the First Christian Church and the Rensselaer Lions Club, previously contributing his time to the Rensselaer Jaycee's Club. An avid sports enthusiast, he passionately followed teams like the Bombers, Cubs, Bears, Colts, and Purdue. In his leisure, he found joy in solving crossword puzzles, playing Jeopardy, and cherished moments spent with his family, particularly his grandchildren. His love for movies, music—especially old records—and dining out further enriched his life.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Helen of Rensselaer, IN; cherished children, Christy (Jeff) Jordan of Fishers, IN, and Matt (Lindsey) Putman of Carmel, IN; and adored grandchildren, Aidan Lynch, Ryley Lynch, Keegan Lynch, Madelyn Putman, Maxwell Putman, Harrison Jordan, and Sadie Jordan.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his twin brother, James Putman.

A visitation in honor of John will be held at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Friday, December 8, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM CT, followed by a funeral at 12:00 PM CT officiated by Pastor Jeff Seger. His final resting place will be at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alport Syndrome Foundation (<https://alportsyndrome.org/donate/donate/>) in John's honor.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5125  
info@jacksonfuneral.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 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>

## Funeral Service

DEC 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of John E. Putman*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - December 06, 2023 at 10:25 AM

AJ

*A life well lived....*

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**ANITA Jordan** - December 06, 2023 at 09:54 PM

NH

“ *Nancy And Marty Hall lit a candle in memory of John E. Putman*



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**Nancy and Marty Hall** - December 08, 2023 at 07:09 AM

JN

“ *Matt and family, we are so sorry for your loss. May the Holy Spirit comfort each and everyone of you.*

*Jo and Randy Neff*



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**Jo Neff** - December 07, 2023 at 01:51 PM

DW

“ Don & Gloria Waymouth lit a candle in memory of John E. Putman



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**Don & Gloria Waymouth** - December 07, 2023 at 10:20 AM

BP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Helen.



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**Bob & Heidi Phillips** - December 07, 2023 at 08:28 AM

RS

“ Roger & Vicki Steffen lit a candle in memory of John E. Putman



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**Roger & Vicki Steffen** - December 06, 2023 at 07:24 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. A fellow classmate at RHS and a good friend. Condolences to Helen and the family. A very caring individual. Dale and Trish Hamacher

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**Dale & Trish Hamacher** - December 06, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John E. Putman.*



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December 06, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Thank you John for all the movie reviews he gave . He always made me laugh with either a 2 thumb review or a one.*



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**Cathy Prohosky Goin** - December 06, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *I was blessed to get some of the best quality time with John when we worked together at the country clubs years ago. I wasn't old enough to drive at the time, so John graciously served as my driver when needed. Always kind and generous, caring about others, and quick with the humor - he was a great role model for this impressionable "kid" in the 1980s. Sending lots of love and prayers to the family.*

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**Dr Maureen V. Egan** - December 06, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Kim Hitchcock lit a candle in memory of John E. Putman*



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**Kim Hitchcock** - December 06, 2023 at 10:55 AM

JS

“ I'm grateful for memories of time spent together. I always enjoyed John's humor and friendliness. (And his stuffed mushrooms.)  
My sincere sympathy to Helen, Christy, Matthew and the family.

Judy Smith - December 06, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 06, 2023 at 10:10 AM

DB

“ Deric And Mindy Beier lit a candle in memory  
of John E. Putman



Deric and Mindy Beier - December 06, 2023 at 10:09 AM

GB

“ *Gloria Baier lit a candle in memory of John E. Putman*



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**Gloria Baier** - December 06, 2023 at 08:46 AM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of John E. Putman*



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**Judy Burvan** - December 05, 2023 at 08:29 PM

DG

“ *Diana Gaines lit a candle in memory of John E. Putman*



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**Diana Gaines** - December 05, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JM

“ *Matt& Lindsey,  
Don & I are so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Your family  
are in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time.*

*Don & Jenny McClellan*

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**Jenny McClellan** - December 05, 2023 at 06:24 PM

NW

“ *Noelle Weishaar lit a candle in memory of John E. Putman*



Noelle Weishaar - December 05, 2023 at 05:54 PM

DE

“ *Always enjoyed our visits whether at his home or out with friends in a cafe, he had quite a sense of humor and I always left smiling...he'll be missed*

DeLores - December 05, 2023 at 05:26 PM

CL

“ *Carol Lakin lit a candle in memory of John E. Putman*



Carol Lakin - December 05, 2023 at 05:16 PM

KB

“ *Kim Berenda lit a candle in memory of John E. Putman*



Kim Berenda - December 05, 2023 at 05:02 PM