



## John E. Thorndyke

June 10, 1951 - July 18, 2021

With family members by his side, John E. Thorndyke, age 70, of Rensselaer, IN, passed away on July 18, 2021 at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, IL. John was born in Wolcott, IN on June 10, 1951, the son of Clyde E. and Lucille J. (Hartman) Thorndyke.

John graduated from Rensselaer High School with the Class of 1969. He worked for Jasper County Farm Bureau Co-Op for 43 years.

John was a Jasper County Sheriff Reserve Deputy. He enjoyed being outdoors and fishing. He loved going to the casino and playing cards. You could find him most mornings at the local coffee shop among friends. He was an animal lover and the affection was always reciprocated. He cherished his adventures traveling with his daughters and his brother, and spending time with his grandson.

John is survived by his children, Elizabeth (Daniel Taylor) Thorndyke of Noblesville, IN and Kristine Thorndyke of Shanghai, China; grandson, Bhodie Taylor; one brother, Daniel J. (Dinah) Thorndyke, of Rensselaer, IN.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Vicky (Montgomery) Thorndyke.

A celebration of life will be held for John at Carpenter Creek Cellars, 11144 Jordan Rd, Remington, IN 47977 on Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 2-5 p.m. CT. All family, friends and acquaintances are welcome to join.

Memorial contributions may be made in John's honor to Friends of the Jasper County Animal Shelter or the American Lung Association.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **24**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Carpenter Creek Cellars  
11144 Jordan Road  
Remington, IN 47977

# Tribute Wall

MN

“ *Danny and Dinah. So sorry for your loss. John was one of a kind. I am sorry that over the years we had lost contact with him as he was a best friend to Mike in high school and when we were first married. He was the best man at our wedding. He truly was a gentle giant. Quiet and reserved until you got to know him. Rest in piece John.* ”

Mike and Rose Nagel - July 27, 2021 at 12:03 PM

RW

“ *Rodney Wuerthner lit a candle in memory of John E. Thorndyke* ”



Rodney Wuerthner - July 24, 2021 at 12:13 PM

TF

“ *John was an amazing Uncle. Master of the tickle machine, solved everything with M&M's and soda. Gave me the truth when others didn't and gave me a little brother. As a cousin titled him " Gentle Giant" and will always be our " Gentle Giant" . He loved Vicky with everything he had and loved her family the same way. Over the years we spoke occasionally at times at her grave. Those conversations are forever treasured in my heart. Will him love him through eternity just as he promised me.* ”

Tara Jungels Frisbie - July 22, 2021 at 11:09 PM

LB

“ John is so loved and so missed already. I remember how he was always down to just sit with us and chat - but mostly listen and laugh. I can hear that laugh! He always treated me with such warmth and genuine kindness. And his love for his daughters was so clear. I've always thought Joey (George) is a good judge of character .... and he and John had a special bond :) All my love to the whole fam. Rest in peace Big John!

Leah Birk - July 22, 2021 at 09:23 PM

RW

“ Sorry for your loss Dan and Dinah.



Regina Warfel - July 22, 2021 at 10:52 AM



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



July 22, 2021 at 10:05 AM

RG

“ Enjoyed coffee and interesting conversations many a morning at 231. John had a great sense of humor once he was comfortable with you. We will miss him at our morning coffee!

Richard Green - July 21, 2021 at 06:40 PM

TS

“ Terry Taylor Spurgeon lit a candle in memory of John E. Thorndyke



Terry Taylor Spurgeon - July 21, 2021 at 04:42 PM

MS

“ John and Dan rode the school bus w us, so many years ago. My sympathy to John's family.

MaryAnn (Walter) Stockberger - July 21, 2021 at 04:24 PM

SS

“ Steve & Sugar lit a candle in memory of John E. Thorndyke



Steve & Sugar - July 21, 2021 at 02:15 PM

SS

*We loved this guy!  
We had so many good times together .John always liked to give me (sugar) a hard time.. then laughed .. That laugh was infectious ... He will forever be in our hearts!!*

Steve & Sugar - July 21, 2021 at 02:19 PM

JG

“ *Jim And Tammy Gehring lit a candle in memory of John E. Thorndyke*



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**Jim and Tammy Gehring** - July 21, 2021 at 01:16 PM

LP

“ *Dan & family,*

*May God comfort you during this difficult time!  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.*



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**Lib (Goad) Prohosky** - July 21, 2021 at 01:11 PM

VB

“ *Vince & Andi Brown lit a candle in memory of John E. Thorndyke*



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**Vince & Andi Brown** - July 21, 2021 at 12:53 PM

PM

“ *Patricia Mattocks lit a candle in memory of John E. Thorndyke*



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**Patricia Mattocks** - July 21, 2021 at 12:52 PM

JM

“ *Jim And Sandy Miller lit a candle in memory of John E. Thorndyke*



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**Jim and Sandy Miller** - July 21, 2021 at 12:09 PM