



## John Van Keppel

March 3, 1937 - July 20, 2022

John Van Keppel, age 85, of DeMotte, Indiana passed away on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at Aperia Care Center. He was born on March 3, 1937 in Lansing, IL, the son of Joe and Katie (Doorn) Van Keppel.

John graduated from Illiana Christian High School, Lansing, Illinois, Class of 1955. He married Norma Jean Messmaker in Lansing, on November 6, 1959. John is a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte. He started out his career as a bricklayer in Lansing. In 1973, he and Norma opened Van's Jewelry store where they served the DeMotte area until their retirement in 2004. John volunteered his time and worked at Mobility Matters, the local company that manufactures personal energy transportation devices. He enjoyed crafting scroll work in his home where he made many wooden art pieces.

John is survived by his wife of 62 years, Norma Van Keppel; sister, Minnie (Robert) Homans; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family has entrusted Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte with John's wishes to be cremated. There will be a visitation held at First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte on July 23, 2022 from 9:00 until 11:00 AM. A

Memorial Service will promptly follow at 11:00 AM on Saturday with Pastor Laryn Zoerhof officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Mobility Matters.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Reformed Church  
1633 South Halleck Street  
DeMotte, IN

## Memorial Service

JUL **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of John Van Keppel



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“ John was a good "coffee club" buddy and I always enjoyed it when John would stop by the office for a cup of coffee and a visit. His smile would light up the room. Henry "Digger" Smith

Henry Smith - July 22, 2022 at 09:23 AM



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