



John Howard Blackburn, Sr.

July 7, 1930 - October 6, 2010

John Howard Blackburn, Sr., age 80, of Monon passed away Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at the White County Memorial Hospital. John was born July 7, 1930, the son of the late James Edward and Mary Theresa (McCormick) Blackburn. He was a lifetime area resident, graduating from Monon High School with the class of 1948.

On June 21, 1952, John married the love of his life, Phyllis Faye Jordan and they enjoyed 58 years of marriage together. After working at RCA in Monticello for a few years John began farming. He and Phyllis lived on a farm in Hanging Grove Township, near Francesville, for many years. Upon his retirement they moved to Monon.

John was a member of the St. Frances Solano Catholic Church in Francesville and the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Reynolds. He was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Bishop Dwenger Council 1881 and a life member of the 4th Degree Marion Assembly Council 1833. John's activities in the Knights of Columbus included serving as district deputy, fish fries, 4th Degree standing guard duty, memorial services, parades and countless community serviceable activities. John was a former leader of the Hanging Grove Township 4-H club and a former member of the Jasper County Fair Association. He was a member of the Monticello chapter of the Son's of the American Legion.

Surviving with his beloved wife, Phyllis of Monon, are five children, Christine (Gregory) Odom, Francesville; Dean (Patty) Blackburn, West Lafayette; Bridget LaFree and Angie (Mark) Lawrence, Sr., both of Rensselaer and John (Rebecca) Blackburn, Jr., Francesville; nine grandchildren, Bryan (Laura) Odom, Valparaiso; Samuel (Katie) Odom, Dekalb, IL; Jeffrey (Kelly) Odom, Lebanon, Kateland Blackburn, West Lafayette; Ashley Lawrence and Mark Lawrence, Jr., Rensselaer; Gretchen Blackburn, Clarissa Blackburn, and Avery Blackburn of Francesville; two step-grandchildren, Cory St. Clair, Logansport and Rena St. Clair, Anderson; one great-grandson, Max Fisher Odom; and two sisters, Phyllis (Bob) Briney, Logansport and Mississippi and Mary Goble, Monon. John was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter Mandi Blackburn, a sister Catherine Criswell, and his brother Louis who was declared dead from the Battle of Coral Sea in 1942 during World War II.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
318 North McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5351
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of John Howard Blackburn, Sr.



Jackson Funeral Chapels - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the Blackburn family. John made me laugh frequently at many K of C functions as we were growing up, and I always enjoyed Phyllis's and his hospitality after the K of C's marched in the Francesville parade year after year. K of C picnics at Lake Banet are also cherished memories. My sympathy to all the family.##imported-begin##Cindy Lane Aubuchon##imported-end##

October 17, 2010 at 06:39 PM



“ It is with heart felt sorrow that I write this and remember Uncle John. He was a man who saw humor in life and lived his with a positive outlook. He put a smile on many of his family, friends and acquaintances faces. He was a gift to us all. I extend my greatest sympathy and prayers to Aunt Phyllis, Christine, Dean, Bridget, Angie and John Jr. and extended family.##imported-begin##Tess Wulsin (Briney)##imported-end##

October 11, 2010 at 02:14 PM



“ I am so sorry Aunt Phyllis of Uncle John's passing. You will always be in my Prayers. We Love you very much.

Tim and Kim Briney###imported-begin##Tim Briney and Family###imported-end##

October 11, 2010 at 01:57 PM



“ Dean and family,
I'm sorry to hear about your dad. He was a good man and I'm sure he will be missed. Ed Davisson###imported-begin##Ed Davisson###imported-end##

October 11, 2010 at 01:23 PM



“ It is with great sorrow that I've learned of Uncle John's passing. I've always remembered him as a very jolly, happy man full of laughter and love. A warm and caring soul who lived life to the fullest. My deepest sympathy is extended to Aunt Phyllis, cousins and friends.###imported-begin##Katrina Helm (Briney)###imported-end##

October 11, 2010 at 10:54 AM



“ I have always thought the world of both John and Phyllis. He could brighten a room with his smile and laughter. The love both shared together was something I will always cherish. He will be missed but I am the better for knowing him. He will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##Carol Reisert###imported-end##

October 11, 2010 at 08:33 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the whole Blackburn family for the loss of a wonderful and caring man, John .

*The Michael Jordan family
Johnson Creek WI###imported-begin###Mike and Jane
Jordan###imported-end##*

October 10, 2010 at 09:27 PM



“ Aunt Phyllis,
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Bob and Phyllis Briney
Robby Briney###imported-begin###Roberta Briney###imported-end##

October 10, 2010 at 05:57 PM



“ John and family, sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Sending prayers your way.
Carla Gonzales-Jarrette
Class of 1983###imported-begin###Carla Gonzales-
Jarrette###imported-end##

October 10, 2010 at 04:31 PM



“ Dean, my condolences to you and your family on the passing of your dad. I have such fond memories of the times we spent out on the farm.###imported-begin###Greg DeWees###imported-end##

October 10, 2010 at 11:55 AM



“ We are so sorry to learn of your loss. I will always have pleasant memories of all the 4-H club activities and our childhood days in Hanging Grove. May the memories help you through these times. Dave, Barb & Ryan Stewart###imported-begin###Dave Stewart###imported-end##

October 09, 2010 at 08:05 AM



“ Chris and Greg you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God's presence be especially close to you.###imported-begin###Dan and Cindy Gottschalk###imported-end##

October 09, 2010 at 07:53 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Don and Gloria Waymouth###imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 08:02 PM



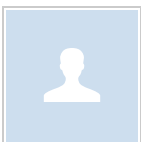
“ None of you folks except Mary Goble would remember me, so I'll introduce myself. My name is Bernie Mangan, John was 2nd cousin his grandmother Anne McCormick and my Dad Martin Mangan were brother and sister and of course his mother Mary was my first cousin. I knew Jim & Mary & Blackburn very well. We attended St Joseph church Reynolds together for many years when we were young. I am sorry to hear John has died, my wife and I will remember all of you in our Prayers. I can also remember when John's brother Lewis was killed in action during WWII I will always remember what he did for His country. I am 79 just one year younger than John. May God bless all of you.##imported-begin##Bernie Mangan##imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 01:45 PM



“ Chris and Greg, Brian and Laura, Sam and Katie, Jeff and Kelly. We are so sorry to hear about your Dad and Grandpa. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Steve and Colleen Sperando and Family##imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 01:11 PM



“ Dean, Patty, and the entire family,

I am so sorry for your loss! J.B. will be missed by all who knew him. He took me in when I needed support, and was a friend and mentor.##imported-begin##Mark Huss##imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 12:14 PM



“ Dean,

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Myles###imported-begin##Myles Beeching###imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 09:44 AM



“ Aunt Chris, Uncle Greg, Bryan, Laura & Max, Sam & Katie, and Jeff & Kelly: Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. We love you all!###imported-begin##Carie and Randy Lewis and girls###imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 08:26 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great and funny guy. Our sympathy to you Phyllis, and to the rest of your family.###imported-begin##Phil and Lonna Inskeep###imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 07:38 AM



“ Dean & Patty-- Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you both now and in the days ahead. We love you both,

Clint, Kurtina, & Jackson###imported-begin##Kurtina Minglin###imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 07:10 AM



“ Grandpa you will be missed but not forgotten! I cherish the times and days we spent together! Grandpa was a man I enjoyed being with and liked to do things with. Thank you to everyone that adds to this guestbook and or attends the funeral services to celebrate his life!##imported-begin##Samuel L. Odom##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 12:44 PM