



JOHN STEENPORT

John M. Steenport, 90, of Fort Wayne, IN went to be with his Heavenly Father on August 18, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. John was born November 25, 1932, in Chilton, WI. He was a graduate of Ripon College in Ripon, WI, and Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. Prior to attending college he served in the US Navy. John retired from AEP after 35 years of service. John was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Knights of Columbus #12417. He also volunteered with St. Vincent dePaul Society and Hospitality Ministry at Our Lady of Good Hope. He was a past member of the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, driver for Workers for the Blind, and an advisor for Junior Achievement. John enjoyed boating and lived many years at Lake Wawasee. He loved spending time with family and friends. His faith was very important to him as was serving his church. John is survived by his children, Michele (Jon) Kennedy, Tom (Cathy) Steenport, Suanne Robinson, Mark (Brenda) Steenport and David (Kathy) Steenport. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his beautiful wife Barbara, his infant son Michael and his son-in-law James Robinson. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 am, Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Our Lady of Good Hope, 7215 St Joe Rd, with calling one hour prior. Visitation will be held 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Friday, August 25, 2023 with a Rosary Service at 3:30 pm at Divine Mercy Funeral Home, 3500 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Private inurnment will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, IN.

Date of Birth 1932-11-25

Date of Death 2023-08-18

Comments

Nancy Steenport – 2024-02-12 11:33:00

Dear Mark and family. Jim and I express our deepest sympathy in the passing of your father, who is Jim's cousin. Jim is Kermit and Madeline Steenport's son. We reside in Eagle River, Wi. Just thought you would like knowing the family connection.

Mark Steenport – 2024-02-12 11:32:50

My dad wasn't perfect, but he was perfect for our family. He was strong, tough, gentle, fun, funny, patient, understanding, smart and lovable. He would always guide us to do the right thing, no one did. He kept trying and finally a few of us turned out ok. We tested his patience (we being Michele, Tom and Sue) but he never broke, then Dave tested it again, still not losing his patience, not completely anyway. You knew he was upset when you heard the words "good grief", but that was as bad as it got. My dad gave us the freedom to make our own choices and if it wasn't a good choice, mom would support us! He always dressed as if "walking off a yacht", but he never judged others. I'll miss my dad more than I can put into words. He lived a good long life and I know he's in heaven with my mom. She's playing Rummy and he's drinking wine. I'm really grateful I got the chance to spend his last few days on earth with him. I've heard many stories about him in the last few days that are new to me. I think he'll be the life of the party in heaven!

Dan, Kathy and Christopher Lash – 2024-02-12 11:32:35

We are so sorry for your loss.

Joan s rowan – 2024-02-12 11:32:17

To the steenport family this is Joan Schaefer Rowan don and Theresa oldest daughter so sorry to hear about uncle John my parents always enjoyed the times they were together I lived in Md and did my career there mom and dad would stop to visit on their way back when they came to Md to visit with my family I live in Orlando FL now

Larry & Lisa Ladig – 2024-02-12 11:32:08

All our love and prayers to the Steenport family. Hoping all your fond memories of John will bring you peace.

Patty Keplinger – 2024-02-12 11:31:56

Dear Sue and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that your Mom and your Dad are back together again. Sending prayers for you and your family. Patty Keplinger

Michele Kennedy – 2024-02-12 11:31:46

Oh Daddy, I thought by now I'd be strong enough to put my cherished memories of you into words without so many tears, but as I sit here I realize that time will never come. I miss you and Mom so much, but with your passing it seems especially hard knowing you are both gone. The blessing is that you are forever together in Heaven with Jesus, each other, Michael, and all our family who have gone before you. You were the best Dad and provided everything your family needed. Thank you for your hard work over so many years to make sure we had a good home, education, and the fun memories at the lake on one of your many boats. I am so glad I was able to spend the last several years in Fort Wayne close to you and Mom. We spent many "happy" hours together and I learned so much about you from the stories you and Mom would share, sometimes reluctantly, but think you knew by this time I was old enough to handle the crazy antics of your youth. I loved every minute of those visits and those with you over the last couple years. Thank you Daddy for always being there for us kids, for your patience, understanding, support, and most of all your love. Your faith has been an example of how the Lord draws us near at different times in our life. You served the church in many ministries with a giving heart. Your humor, smile, and giving everyone a "hard time" will be missed by many. The pew at church feels empty without you beside me but know you are there in spirit. I will never forget you my funny, wonderful, loving, beautiful smiling poppa. I miss you. Love, Michele