



## John William Kuster Jr

February 14, 1931 - April 26, 2019

John W. Kuster, age 88, of Dixon, died Friday, April 26, 2019, at Liberty Court in Dixon. He was born February 14, 1931, in Burlington, IA, the son of John and Marie (Heid) Kuster.

John had worked for the Dixon National Bank for 28 years prior to his retirement. During his retirement, he had booths at numerous antique malls, most recently Show Place Antiques in Sterling, which was his home away from home.

John was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon, Past President of the Dixon Petunia Festival Board, and had served on the Dixon Theatre Renovation Board. He was Gene Autry's #1 fan, and had many interests and hobbies, including steamboats, railroads, post cards, and amusement park memorabilia.

John was a Veteran of the Army, serving in France during the Korean War. John married Loretta M. Janssen, February 12, 1958, at St. Paul's Church in Burlington, IA. She preceded him in death December 30, 2004. He was also preceded in death by 1 great-grandson Colton Kuster; 1 brother Jim Kuster; and 1 sister Mary Devore.

Survivors include his children Linda (Bill) Thompson of Geneseo, Brian (Lisa) Kuster, Diane (Tom) Langenfeld, Jeff Kuster, and Teresa (Curt Pitzer) Kuster all of Dixon; 10 grandchildren Angie (Eric) Schmidt, Patrick (Brittany Teerlinck) McGrail, Brandon (Cara) Langenfeld, Dustin (Lisa) Wakeley, Cody (Jenna) Kuster, Nathan (Amber) Kuster, Jamie Jeffries, Kristen (Aaron) Arbuckle,

Paige Zinke, and Taz Kuster; 16 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson. John's family would like to give a special thank you to the staffs at Liberty Court and Unity Hospice for their compassion and care.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, beginning with a 9:30 AM prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, followed by a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon, with the Rev. Thomas Doyle, Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 30, from 5:00 until 7:00 PM in the funeral home. A memorial has been established.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 30.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon  
204 South Ottawa  
Dixon, IL 61021  
Ph: 815-288-2241  
[info@thejonesfh.com](mailto:info@thejonesfh.com)  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

**MAY 1.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church  
1104 N Brinton Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 288-3131  
[http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st\\_anne\\_parish.htm](http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st_anne_parish.htm)

# Tribute Wall



“ *John William Kuster Jr*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *John William Kuster Jr*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *If you didn't pay close attention, you might easily just note John was a quiet and friendly man. He was also an admirable man of great inner strength as he clearly demonstrated when he quietly "stayed the course" in successfully instituting the first Petunia Festival beer garden in the face of withering criticism of event opponents. John Kuster is a man of true "quet courage." I wish I was more like him.*

**mike heckman** - May 02, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ *John was a very nice man. We are both so sorry for your loss.*

*Tony and Kathy Sheridan*

**Tony and Kathy Sheridan** - May 01, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ *John was quite a guy! I enjoyed running into him over the years and hearing stories of his adventures. He shared two vintage post cards with me which I shared with someone that were so pleased to have received it-- of our very own- Dixon City Hall.*

*I was also happy to have made his monthly newsletter with my own adventures-- including a speeding ticket.*

*He lead a grand life-- and leaves behind a family that loved him dearly.*

*All my love to your family!*  
*Vicky Turner*

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**Vicky Turner** - May 01, 2019 at 12:09 AM

KA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have many fond memories of Uncle John, loved the showing of Gene Autry movies at Nanny's house when we all got together. John always flashed that million dollar smile and could talk to anyone.*

*He will be missed.*

*Kathy Schulte and Marilyn Janssen*

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**Kat** - April 30, 2019 at 10:53 PM

KH

“ John and Loretta were long time friends of our family. We enjoyed hearing about Johns collections, the old steamboats,his favorite actor Gene Autry and his days at the Antique Mall. Many card and scrabble games were played at my Moms kitchen table up on Shady Lane. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and sympathy to the Kuster Family from the Burnell and Helfrich Family.

Kathy Helfrich - April 30, 2019 at 02:56 PM

KR

“ Kathy & Paul Ratkiewicz purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John William Kuster Jr.



Kathy & Paul Ratkiewicz - April 30, 2019 at 07:21 AM

DF

“ Dan And Dee Floto lit a candle in memory of John William Kuster Jr



Dan and Dee Floto - April 29, 2019 at 07:45 PM

PH

“ My condolences to Teresa and your family! Patty Larkin

Patty Head - April 29, 2019 at 04:20 PM

AF

“ *Arbuckle family & Florschuetz family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John William Kuster Jr.*



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**Arbuckle family & Florschuetz family** - April 29, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John William Kuster Jr.*



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April 29, 2019 at 02:43 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Francque lit a candle in memory of John William Kuster Jr*



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**Kathy Francque** - April 29, 2019 at 10:34 AM

LE

“ *So sorry to hear he left this world too soon, he and Loretta were a great couple of people who shared many laughs with all of us. He will be missed too.*

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**Linda Burnell Engelbarts** - April 28, 2019 at 05:20 PM

AW

“ *Sincere sympathy to all of the Kuster Family from the Flynn Family.  
Many memories of both your parents from St Anne's.*

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**Amy Flynn Wilcox** - April 28, 2019 at 08:53 AM