

John Loren Weitzel

May 24, 1933 - August 8, 2017

John L. Weitzel, age 84, of Dixon, passed away August 8, 2017, in his home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born May 24, 1933, in Dixon, the son of John and Anna (Feltz) Weitzel. He married Susan Rock June 22, 1957, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past June. The couple were blessed with 4 children and his family was a very important part of his life.

John graduated from Dixon High School in 1952, and entered the military, serving in the Navy and Marines for 4 years. The health field was the career path he chose to pursue first as an X-Ray Technician both at Jane Lamb Hospital in Clinton, Iowa, and Community General Hospital in Sterling. He later became Director of Radiology at CGH in Sterling, and was first Clinical Director of the School of Radiologic Technology at Sauk Valley College, retiring from Commonwealth Edison Health Physics Department in 1993 where he was in charge of the radiation protection department.

After retiring, John pursued his passion for photography, going into business as Distinctive Images, selling his photos at area art shows.

John worked hard at giving back to his community serving on the Dixon Riverfront Commission, was past President of the Dixon Tourism Commission, and on the Dixon Planning Commission. He was a member of the Dixon Noon Lions Club, and was honored as Lion of the Year in 1993.

Being an avid gardener, as you can see when you are welcomed into Dixon, John was honored as having the "Lawn of the Month" on two occasions. He

was an active member of the Dixon Men's Garden Club.

In 2001, John approached Mayor Burke with a proposal to build a Veterans Park in Dixon to honor those who served. His dream came to fruition with the building of the Dixon Memorial Veterans Park. John served as chairman of the Veterans Commission from 2001 to 2005.

John was an active member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon where he served on the Liturgical Commission, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, and the Rehab for Dignity Committee.

Those left to honor his memory include his wife, Susan; children Joy (Todd) Pitman of Dixon, Mary (Steve) Koch of Glen Ellyn, Michael (Ellen) Weitzel of Cedarburg, WI, and Patrick (Jackie) Weitzel of Dixon; 10 grandchildren, Kristen (Dave) Hansen of Burlington, WI, Drew and Jacob Koch of Chicago, Allison Koch of Glen Ellyn, Alex Weitzel of Orlando, FL, Dillon, Reagan, and Emma Weitzel of Cedarburg, WI, Luke (Ashlie) Miller of Fort Collins, CO, and Ashley (Martin) Teniente of Austin, TX; 3 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers James (Molly) Weitzel and William (Dixie) Weitzel both of Dixon; 1 sister Julia (Herman) Johnson of Harmon; several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents; 3 sisters Nancy Jo Munson, Norma Jean Anderson, and Mary JoAnne Munson; 2 brothers Joe and Larry Weitzel.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, August 14, 2017, beginning with a 10:00 AM Prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon, with the Rev. Colin Easton, officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon with Military Graveside Honors by the Combined Veterans Group.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 13, from 2:00 until 5:00 PM in the funeral home with a scripture service at 5:00 PM. Memorials have been established to Serenity Hospice, St. Vincent DePaul Society, and St. Mary School in Dixon.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

AUG 14. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *John Loren Weitzel*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *John Loren Weitzel*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *May God bless your family. Many condolences.*

John L Weitzel - January 24, 2018 at 05:35 AM



“ *Grew up with John and Jeannie ... many ways, seems like yesterday. Guess we all have walked many miles since those carefree days. Blessings and condolences to friends and family.*

Virginia Crom Countryman - August 20, 2017 at 02:27 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of John Loren Weitzel.*



August 12, 2017 at 03:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Loren Weitzel.*



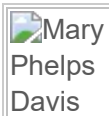
August 12, 2017 at 03:38 PM



“ *Ylanda Wilhite and Kym Hereford purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Loren Weitzel.*



Ylanda Wilhite and Kym Hereford - August 11, 2017 at 01:32 PM



“ *So happy we got to meet Sue & John at the Family Reunion 2 years ago. Just goes to show you can't wait to reach out and find your family. These last couple years seeing John's photos on Facebook and debating politics with him. It is a sad time, but I hope your family finds peace in the memories. ❤️*

Mary Phelps Davis - August 10, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Loren Weitzel.*



August 09, 2017 at 05:25 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John Loren Weitzel.*



August 09, 2017 at 03:53 PM