



John Pflugh

September 14, 1931 - December 27, 2020

John Leroy Pflugh, 89 of Higginsville, Missouri died on Sunday, December 27, 2020, at the Monterey Park Nursing Home in Independence, MO.

He was born Monday, September 14, 1931 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania and was the son of the late John Pflugh and the late Margaret (Shaffer) Pflugh.

John grew up in Pennsylvania and attended high school in New Brighton. After high school he joined the United States Army in 1947 and spent 4 years as an Infantry Rifleman. After his honorable discharge he reenlisted in the Army National Guard for 5 years. During John's civilian life he worked as a sheet metal worker for Westinghouse Electric in Pennsylvania. John was married several times and his earlier wives, Mary Pflugh and Andrea Pflugh both preceded him in death. He married Kathryn Martin-Pflugh September 15, 2008 and she survives of the home.

John was one with the Earth and enjoyed the outdoors. He was spiritual and felt something greater than himself, but wasn't necessarily religious. He was at peace when hiking, fishing, hunting or just taking in the vast beauty of the horizon. John had hiked the entire Appalachian Trail. He was an avid reader and was a well-rounded history buff. John was a licensed falconer in Pennsylvania and enjoyed hunting with falcons. He was inspired and intrigued with Native American culture and history. John enjoyed attending Native American Pow-Wows. He loved researching and learning anything he could on Native American history.

John also enjoyed making his own homemade wine. Chances are if you visited the house, you would go home with a bottle!

Surviving are his wife, Kathryn of the home; 3 sons, Michael Pflugh, Jeff Pflugh and Ed McGuire; 6 daughters, Cynitha Pflugh, Wanda Dolzenko, Lisa Pflugh, Sandy Pflugh, Jennifer Davidson and Rachael Moyer; 3 step-children, Lorrie Piercy, Lyanna (Wayne) Hamlin, Jim (Cathy) Martin, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday, January 4, 2021 at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery with Rev. John Churchill officiating. Inurnment in the columbarium wall will follow. Honorary casket bearers: Michael Pflugh, Jeff Pflugh, Ed McGuire, Bob Davidson. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

20109 Business Highway 13
Higginsville, MO 64037
<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Bob and I enjoyed cutting wood when John and Katie needed it. John loved the yellow wood the best. When John and Katie would visit just setting around John would say just half a cup of coffee then later another half cup of coffee, that would crack me up. He was so much fun to work with. He will be missed.

Bob&Allene Ransdell - December 31, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ A few years back I went to visit my Grandma Katie, this would be the first time I got to meet John. My sister with her triplets were there too, one of them, GG, got sick. I was comforting her and trying to calm her, she finally fell asleep, John came over to me and said, "Oneday you will be a wonderful mother. I can see you have a big heart, filled with a lot of love to give." That meant a lot to me.

Ashley Wachtel - December 30, 2020 at 07:30 PM