



## Johnny Ray Brennecke

September 30, 1955 - March 27, 2020

Johnny Ray Brennecke, 64 years young of Cape Girardeau Mo, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 27, 2020. His Good Friday came early this year.

He was born Sept 30, 1955 in Cape Girardeau, the son of Melvin Lindell Brennecke and Blanche Othello (Kent) Brennecke.

After graduating from Cape Central High School in 1975 John enlisted in the US Army and served 4 years in Germany. After his Honorable discharge he continued to serve in the National Guard and in 2007 he volunteered once again for active duty and became the oldest serving sergeant in Operation Iraqi Freedom. John was well loved by the staff at Southeast Hospital where he worked as a security guard for many years. He was a member of the Cape Eagles, and enjoyed riding his Harley down many a quiet country road talking with God.

John is survived by 2 brothers Kent (Connie) Brennecke and Keith (Cheryl) Brennecke; sister Deborah Brennecke; sister-in-law Jo (Ron) Duff; special friend Annette Shoulders; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Besides his parents he is preceded in glory by a brother, Lindell Melvin Brennecke, and a sister Beverly Ann Baker.

John was a humble, quiet, unassuming person who enjoyed spending time with friends and loved ones, looked forward to warmer weather and riding his bike...life was good, then the Lord called him home. What more can we hope for. Rest in Peace J Ray.

Johnny Ray Brennecke will be laid to rest at Missouri State Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, Mo. A memorial service will be announced by the family at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Army Emergency Relief, 2530 Crystal Dr., Ste. 13161, Arlington VA 22202-9936.

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## Missouri Veteran's Cemetery

Bloomfield, MO,

# Comments

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“ Jeff Landgraf is following this tribute.

**Jeff Landgraf** - April 01, 2020 at 02:41 PM

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“ I first met John in Jr. High and immediately thought of him as a friend. He was so easy to talk with and he could really make me laugh! Throughout the years, I would see him every now and then and he hadn't changed a bit...still nice, still funny and still kind. When I was volunteering at SE Hospital a few years ago at the information desk, I was so glad to see him working there as a security guard. It was so good to see a familiar face. He was a good guy all the way around and will be missed. My husband says the same.

Prayers for the family...May God Bless. Your loved one is in Heaven now.

Daryl and Linda Farrar

**Linda Farrar** - April 01, 2020 at 11:48 AM

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“ You will be missed. I have many happy memories over the past 50 years.  
Jeff

**Jeff Landgraf** - April 01, 2020 at 11:41 AM

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“ Johnny was always there for me when I needed him at the hospital. I am saddened to learn of his death. He was a friend to me at the hospital. I know he was a veteran, so I thank him for his service. Rest in Peace Johnny!

**Rodger Huffman** - April 01, 2020 at 01:36 AM

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“ I met John in 1986 in the National Guard, and we became friends. That friendship lasted more than 30 years. Sadly I hadn't seen him in a few years but was fortunate enough to talk with him a few weeks ago. Same ole John, laughing and joking, and making me laugh. I will miss him. He was truly one of a kind.

**Craig Gatzemeyer** - March 31, 2020 at 11:26 PM

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“ I met Johnny way back when I worked at Applebees. He stopped in for lunch often and we would always have a pleasant conversation. Many conversations later found out he knew my mother and aunt. He always made those dreaded trips to the hospital a little less dreaded. Rest easy my friend.

**Justin Kottabi** - March 31, 2020 at 10:09 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to John's family for your loss. I worked with him at SEH and always appreciated his friendliness and smile.

**karen mazzola** - March 31, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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“ Lora Kent lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Brennecke



**Lora Kent** - March 31, 2020 at 02:34 PM

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“ I worked with Johny at Southeast for several years, and I always knew when he was on duty he had our backs, and as I told someone recently, we got in some really precarious positions, but he would take care of us. Rest In Peace Johnny!

**sharon McNeely** - March 31, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ God gained a great guy . We have lost the same. John was your friend even if it had been years. We laughed hard in school. I have nothing but the fondest memories of this man. We will miss you John, but I know your in great hands now.

**Ann Burchyett** - March 31, 2020 at 07:52 PM

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“ I worked with johnny at southeast hospital he was a great guy and dedicated to his job. You could always count on johnny to be there and have your back. Johnny was a funny guy who always could make me laugh. REST IN PEACE JOHN Y YOU WILL BE MISSED



**Scott smith** - March 31, 2020 at 10:55 AM