



John LaVern Graff

March 1, 1932 - February 11, 2019

John LaVern Graff, 86, of Murphysboro, passed away at 9:10 a.m. Monday, February 11, 2019, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

John was born on May 19, 1932, in Murphysboro, to Sherman Thomas Graff and Willa Mae (Jones) Graff.

Mr. Graff was the owner and operator of Graff's Logging for many years. He attended AA and, for 36 years, he has maintained his sobriety. John's family would like to thank his AA family for their support during all these years. He and family could not have made it without you.

Mr. Graff was a member of the Pleasant Hill Christian Church.

John married Bettie Carpenter on October 10, 1952, in Murphysboro, and she survives.

Other survivors include two daughters and one son, Linda Pierce of Salem, IL, Ruth (J. T. Banter) Lee of Murphysboro, and Marvin (Cheryl Schnieder) Graff of Pinckneyville;

seven grandchildren Jaben Graff, Shaina Graff, Chareassa (Adam) Kessinger, Joe Graff, Tyler Graff, Jeremy (Kourtney) Lipscomb, and Christina Lee; four great grandchildren William, Elizabeth, Eli, and Reilly Jean; and one great grandson Ethan.

He was preceded in death by two sons Kenneth and Karl Graff, one son in law Danny Pierce, one infant grandson Alan Loos, one nephew Randy Graff, one brother Joe Graff, one sister Erma Green, two infant brothers and his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon, Thursday, February 14, 2019, at Pettett Funeral Home with Pastor Adam King officiating and burial at Mt. Joy Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the funeral home. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *John LaVern Graff*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. We were lucky to have meet John & Betty when we first moved to Murphysboro in 2012. We were renting a house on Clay St. behind their home. John was such a kind man. RIP John Bruce, Tricia & Greg Nejmanowski*

Bruce, Tricia & Greg Nejmanowski - February 15, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ *My sincere condolences fo the loss of your loved one. Find comfort in knowing that God shares your sorrow and wants to be a refuge for you during this difficult time. Psalm 46:1*

Ji - February 13, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ *I grew up just down the street from Mr. Graff. As I rode my bike if he was out he'd always smile and wave at me. He was always so friendly to the neighborhood kids and was our first stop when it was fall fundraiser time as never turned down a chance for a candy bar! My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Bettie and the rest of the family.*

Lauren (Schulze) Van Buren (from 2309 Dewey)

Lauren Van Buren - February 13, 2019 at 09:48 AM

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“ *I'm sorry for your loss may you find comfort in Jehovah's promise at John 5:28,29, for more info jw.org.*

Edward - February 12, 2019 at 02:07 PM