



John Grover Holland, Jr.

August 11, 1954 - June 24, 2021

JOHN GROVER HOLLAND, JR., of Cairo, Illinois, departed this life on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at his home surrounded by loving family. He was born on August 11, 1954, to John Grover Holland, Sr., and Geneva (Blackburn) Holland, both of Cairo, Illinois.

He graduated from the University of Mississippi, where he was a brother of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and Southern Illinois University School of Law. A second-generation attorney, he practiced in Alexander County for 31 years. He was a member of the Illinois Bar Association, the Missouri Bar Association, and he was licensed to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

An avid outdoorsman, he was a legend in Ballard County, Kentucky, and beyond, for his tireless and joyful pursuit of waterfowl. He loved to spend time in nature, a trait he passed along to his children.

As trustee of the Oris B. Hastings Foundation, he was a dedicated and humble philanthropist, contributing to charitable organizations in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee. He was always reluctant to take credit for his incredible efforts with the Foundation, knowing that good works speak for themselves. Those whose lives he benefitted will surely never forget his generosity.

A long-time pillar of his community, he was a member of the Elks Club, Rotary Club International, and the Chief Paduke Gun Club.

He was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church in Charleston, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife, Suzy Holland, of the home; his four children, Alice Marie and Keith Harrison (Danny) Holland, Benjamin and Marcus Rushing; and cousins, Courtney Blackburn, Kim Blackburn, Tori (Mark) Klein, and Diana Sue (Fred) Elliott.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

The family will hold a Memorial Mass at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Charleston, Missouri on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. with Father David Dohogne officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois and will be accepted at the funeral home. Please mail to Crain Funeral Home, 135 W. Vienna St., Anna, Illinois.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Grover Holland, Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Suzy, Word of John G just reached me here in Alaska today. When we were all growing up together it seemed like time was the least of our concerns. Now we must trade time for memories. I will always cherish those memories, but today my heart is sad for you, your family and a man that befriended me so many years ago.*

Michael W. Williams - July 21, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ *I only learned today of John G.'s passing. I am so sorry for your loss and your entire family is in my prayers.*

John G. was my best friend from grade school at Lincoln through Junior High when my family moved from Cairo. We were born one day apart at St. Mary's Hospital. His Dad was the attorney for the Cairo Public Schools and my Dad from 1945 until 1968 was a coach, teacher, principal and then Superintendent. John G. and I both became lawyers and I expect his Dad inspired us both. We had such great times growing up together and my friendship with John G. is one of my fondest memories of my childhood in Cairo. I know he was a true blessing in your lives as well. Rest In Peace, my friend...

And God Bless...as I know He will...

Greg Mescher

Peoria, Illinois

Greg Mescher - July 11, 2021 at 10:28 PM

PJ

“ Prayers for you and your family , Paul and Liz Jones

Paul and Liz Jones - July 02, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Grover Holland, Jr..



June 29, 2021 at 09:40 PM

TC

“ May God bless your family during this time of loss.



Tara P. Caldwell - June 29, 2021 at 06:11 PM

AB

“ I'm very sorry for your loss.



Angela Biggerstaff - June 29, 2021 at 04:48 PM

JM

“ *Suzy, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Know that you and your family are in my heart and prayers. Remember to lean on Jesus during these trying times because He will always be with you. I love you, sweetheart.*

Janis Merideth

Janis Merideth - June 28, 2021 at 09:28 PM

BR

Suzy, I am so sad about your great loss. John was so kind to me once when I needed legal advice - he spent 2 hours with me, gave me the information I needed & then complimented the visit. He was an exemplary young man & will always be missed. I'm sending prayers that God will comfort you & your family in this sad time & the ensuing years. Love, Bernadine Roberts

Bernadine Roberts - June 29, 2021 at 08:41 AM

TV

“ *Dear Suzy,*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Know that your friends will keep you and your family in our thoughts.

Losing someone you love is like losing a part of yourself. You miss them and you miss who you were with them. Nothing will ever replace that.

But hopefully, every time you share a memory, recall a moment of laughter, or find yourself doing something that reminds you of the times you spent together, you'll feel that part of you again. Hoping you will one day find comfort in the remembering.

... I am thinking of you Suzy during this very difficult time.

Sincerely and with love,

Tom "Tommy" vanCleve

Tom VanCleve - June 27, 2021 at 08:37 PM

TA

“ SUZY, so sorry for your loss of John G. As you know we all grew up together in Cairo. May the Lord comfort you.

Tommy Albright - June 27, 2021 at 03:56 PM

ES

“ Suzy, I didn't know John except from childhood but I do know he was your soulmate. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I will be praying for your peace and comfort. May your memories of the the good times you've shared carry you in the coming days. ❤️💔

Ellen Sexton - June 27, 2021 at 10:54 AM

HA

“ Suzy and family you will be in my prayers and Mass intentions.

Harriet(Davis)Oexmann - June 27, 2021 at 10:02 AM

RD

“ Heartfelt tears for your loss . Always knew him as John G Did not know his middle name was Grover Remember all our school days on the bus Take care of yourself Suzy Love Bobby 🕊️🙏

Robert Dille - June 27, 2021 at 09:22 AM

SS

“ Suzy, I am thinking of your strength, faith, and a loving wifeI am sending love & prayers, dear friend 🙏🌸

susie saffa - June 26, 2021 at 10:07 PM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carol & Randy George - June 26, 2021 at 11:34 AM

JB

“ *Suzy, I was so sorry to hear about John. Praying that the Lord will be with you my dear friend. Love, Jo Bone*

Jo Bone - June 25, 2021 at 11:13 PM

LS

“ *Suzie, im so sorry for your loss, he was very good to me, i am proud to have called him my friend. Love you suzie Holland.*

Lois sams - June 25, 2021 at 09:29 PM