



John Kent Holt

September 21, 1943 - August 4, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:
JOHN KENT HOLT

Serving Location:
CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME
31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

John Kent Holt, born on September 21, 1943, passed away at his home on August 4th, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. He died peacefully and surrounded by his loved ones.

John was born at Scott Air Force Base and spent his childhood in Springfield, Marion, and Centralia. He attended Wabash College and Southern Illinois University, served in Vietnam in 1965 - 1966, and settled in Carbondale for more than 40 years.

Community service was a big priority for John. He was an active volunteer at Synergy, a long-time member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale, a member of the Rotary Club for many years, and a committed member of several area support groups. He deeply valued and treasured all of these communities.

His other big passion was music. He loved hanging out at Golden Frets and spending time with his friends at the Whiteside Bluegrass Festival. He was deeply knowledgeable across blues, bluegrass, and classical genres.

John is survived by his wife Pam Holt, his children Philip Holt, Cassy Gregge, Dion Holt-Phoenix, Vanessa Holt-Phoenix, Colleen Price, 12 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Cremation rites have been accorded. The family will host a Celebration of Life on Saturday, September 3, 2022 at 2:00 PM in the First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale with Pastor Kerry Bean officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Hillcrest Cemetery in Centralia, IL.

In lieu of customary remembrances, memorials in John's honor may be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (givenow.lls.org).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Fluctuat nec mergitur.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

2500 Old 51 Highway
Centralia, IL 62801

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale
310 S University Ave.
Carbondale, IL 62901

Tribute Wall



“ *John Kent Holt*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Pam, I am so sorry for your loss. His passing is a loss for us all, but I know it must be especially difficult for you and your family. John is one of the truly good ones. We will miss him.*

Cheryl Phoenix - September 02, 2022 at 11:27 PM



“ *I send my sincere condolences to all of John's family. He and I were good buddies back in the day during the first three or four years of the Sixties. We shared a passion for music and love of the acoustic guitar and enjoyed numerous keg-fueled sing-alongs (or "hoots" as we used to call them) with many of our contemporaries in Centralia. I remember John as being courteous and kind, smart and talented; a scholar and a gentleman. We lost touch for more than 50 rapidly-passing years until just a year ago when John reached out via text and we were able to catch up in an hour-long phone conversation. I now cherish that call. Rest in peace, buddy. Larry West*

Larry West - August 14, 2022 at 11:59 AM

CL

“ Pam, I'm so sorry about your loss of John. I hope I thanked him appropriately for all that he did for my mother, Lee Klingberg, when you lived down the street from her. It helped me feel comfortable taking care of my husband in Iowa, knowing that John was within calling distance. He was a fine man, and I enjoyed getting to know him during the years that Mother was still there. I wish you well in this period of unwanted adjustment to a new piece of your life. Sending caring thoughts from Iowa. Caryl Lyons

Caryl Klingberg Lyons - August 10, 2022 at 03:40 PM

PR

“ I'm sending my deepest condolences to Pam Holt & all of John's family. Prayers & hugs to you Pam.



Pam Raymond - August 09, 2022 at 11:06 AM

 Albert Santos

“ Albert Santos lit a candle in memory of John Kent Holt



Albert Santos - August 08, 2022 at 05:13 PM

NV

“ We are saddened to hear of John's passing. I have so many beautiful memories of time spent with John and Pam. My heart is with you!

NICOLE VENTURA - August 08, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ John was a very dear friend, and an extremely important person in my life during some very difficult times. I always found him to be a caring and supportive individual. His passing is a very profound loss. RIP My Friend- and thank you for all that you did for me and so many others!

Don Motz - August 08, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ John & I flew in gunship helicopters in Vietnam with the same company 1965 66. You are flying higher now buddy, Garyowen!

Michael Wallace - August 06, 2022 at 08:56 PM

CB

“ I am so sad to hear this. I first met John when he worked at Anthony Hall at SIU, where my Mom worked also. Those were good memories and then we reconnected when I was an adult and I got to know Pam too. When my mom passed away in May 2016, John made a point to send me a nice message about her, which I so appreciated. He was more than booksmart; he was wise and kind. Love ❤️ and prayers to all.

Cathy Croquer Biggs - August 06, 2022 at 05:10 PM

PO

“ My deepest sympathy to Pam and to all of John's family. He was one of my late husband Page Stephens' favorite friends. A kind and talented man. Rest in Peace.

Penny O'Connor - August 06, 2022 at 04:01 PM

ST

“ John was one of the most thoughtful and intelligent members of the CBT online community. His presence will be SORELY missed. A donation has been made in his honor to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

~Steve H. ("theRabbit")

Steve - August 06, 2022 at 02:22 PM

MB

“ I am sorry to learn of John's death. I met John through my late husband and have known him for many years. I always enjoyed talking to John but, alas, we have not been in touch the last few years. My condolences to all his loved ones.



Mary Lou Brown - August 06, 2022 at 10:18 AM

MB

“ Mary Lou Brown lit a candle in memory of John Kent Holt



Mary Lou Brown - August 06, 2022 at 10:11 AM