



John H. Kroener

May 8, 1931 - November 15, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

John H. Kroener

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

John H. Kroener, age 92, formerly of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in Memphis, Tennessee.

John was born on May 8, 1931 in Oakdale, Illinois to Herman and Sarah Ella Kroener. John grew up in Oakdale and graduated from Okawville High School in 1949. His family also included brothers, William "Bill" Kroener, David Kroener, and sister Anna Louise Kroener. John was the youngest of the siblings. John served in the Army in the early 1950's and also did dairy milk testing in Northern Illinois and the Wisconsin area. He took some courses at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. John married Jo Ann Word on March 23, 1957 in Sparta, Illinois. John was employed at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois and he and Jo Ann lived there for several years.

John worked in data processing with computers in his employment. While living in Champaign, Mr. and Mrs. Kroener had three children. A son, John Scott, son Steven William, and a daughter, Lisa Ann. In 1966, the family moved to Murphysboro, Illinois, and John worked at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in data processing. After his work at SIU, he continued to work in data processing at various places until his retirement in 1996. John enjoyed living in Murphysboro and was a member of First Presbyterian Church. As his children grew up, he and his wife were involved in school and Boy Scout activities. With continuing health conditions and the death of his wife, Jo, in 2013, John moved to Memphis in 2014 to be with his daughter. John is fondly remembered as a person who was always very well liked wherever he went. He had a strong love for family, country, and God.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Ann, who died August 13, 2013; And by his parents, Herman and Sarah Ella Kroener; John's siblings, Bill, Anna Louise, and David, also preceded him in death.

Survivors include: Son, J. Scott (Jane Hill) Kroener who reside in Birch Run, Michigan; Son, Steve (Stephanie) Kroener who reside in Wildwood, Missouri; daughter Lisa, who resides in Memphis, Tennessee. He is also survived by grandson, Patrick, and granddaughter, Ashley, who reside in the St. Louis area. John is also survived by many nieces and nephews and friends.

Funeral Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Murphysboro, Illinois, on November 28th with visitation at 10 am and service at 11 am with burial at Union Cemetery in Sparta, Illinois.

The family would also like to thank Crossroads Hospice in Memphis, Tennessee for their care, love, and support during this time and they were present when John passed away. John will be missed but never forgotten.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Murphysboro, Illinois.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

Sparta, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

First Presbyterian Church

Funeral Service

NOV 28. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

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