



John Robert Laughland, Sr.

August 27, 1945 - September 23, 2020

John Robert Laughland, Sr., 75, of Murphysboro, passed away at 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois.

He had served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Conflict.

Mr. Laughland had worked as a coal miner and retired as a Mine Superintendent with the Peabody Underground, working at several mine locations during his career in Southern Illinois. He had been a member of the U.M.W.A.

He enjoyed woodworking, watching old movies, and playing with his Dachshunds.

John married Lorraine Marie "Lori" Joles on July 18, 2002, in Murphysboro, and she preceded him in death on September 19, 2020.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters Michael (Marian) Laughland of Murphysboro, Melissa (Shawn) Starke of Belleville, IL, Heather (David) Etherton of Carterville, John Laughland, Jr. of Sparta, and Steven Laughland of Murphysboro;

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ten grandchildren Shane Laughland, Danielle Laughland, Alexis Laughland,

Nathan Laughland, Brandon Laughland, Morgan Starke, David Starke, Lara Starke, Garrett Etherton, and Gabrielle Etherton;

five great grandchildren Travis Smith, Allyson Smith, Shawn Smith, Haley Jines, and Grant Etherton;

He was preceded in death by two brothers and his parents.

Gravesite services will be held for both John and Lori at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park with Rev. Charles Allen officiating. Military Services, in honor of John's service to his country, will be conducted by the Paul Stout American Legion Post # 127 of Murphysboro.

Family and friends may meet at the cemetery before the services from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, in memory of John, the family would prefer memorials to be made to the Wounded Warriors and in memory of Lori, the family would prefer memorials to be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

So that the family of John and Lori know of your donation, please bring it with you to the gravesite services, bring or mail it to the funeral home, or give it to the family. A lot of times if you directly send it in to the organization, the family is not a where of your gift for a couple of weeks.

For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Robert Laughland, Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Uncle John was always considered "The cool Uncle" to my brother Chris & I. I'll always remember his corvette he had and when I was 12 he said I could have it one day. That made my Dad very nervous! :) He will truly be missed and he was loved by so many, as well as his wife Lori. You all will be in my thoughts during this difficult time.*

Jaymee Laughland - September 25, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ *My condolences I will always remember you Uncle John I will tell your sister Niña Long love always*

Debra Doucet - September 25, 2020 at 08:54 AM



“ *God bless John and Lori's family during this very difficult time.*

Marcia Chew - September 25, 2020 at 06:43 AM