



## John L. Roseberry

September 24, 1936 - June 14, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

John L. Roseberry

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

John L. Roseberry, 88, of Carbondale, Illinois passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at SIH Memorial Hospital, Carbondale, Illinois.

John was born September 24, 1936 in Springfield, Illinois, the son of Loren and Florence (Hemp) Roseberry. He graduated from Riverton High School, received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and a Master of Arts from Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC).

After serving in the United States Army, John returned to SIUC where he worked for 38 years as a research scientist at the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory, now known as the Center for Wildlife Sustainability Research. He was a member of numerous scientific and conservation-

oriented organizations, and a nationally recognized authority on bobwhite quail and white-tailed deer.

John was a lifelong fisherman and outdoorsman. He was also an avid fan of several Saluki athletic teams and, in his later years, developed a particular enthusiasm for the women's softball team, which he supported as a fan and booster.

John is survived by his niece, Nancy Lester; 5 grandnieces – Dawn (Scott) Riley, Jennifer (Jay) Gouin, Angela Creasy, Erica Lester, and Kady Prior; and 2 grandnephews – Michael Lester and Jonathan Lester.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Joan (John) Prior; niece, Susan (Bill) Armstrong; and nephew, Dennis Prior.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 pm on August 16, 2025 at the SIU Recreation Center Alumni Lounge, and John's career and contributions will be recognized at the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory this Fall.

A private burial will take place on a yet-to-be-determined date at the Mechanicsburg Cemetery in Mechanicsburg, Illinois.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Cemetery Details

### **Mechanicsburg Cemetery**

Mechanicsburg, IL

## Previous Events

### **Family Hosted Celebration of Life**

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

SIU Recreation Center Alumni Lounge  
Carbondale, IL

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Very sad to hear this. I worked with John on several Quail Unlimited workshops back in the early 2000's. He was very knowledgeable and talented in sharing his knowledge with others.*



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**Kenton Macy** - August 21, 2025 at 02:59 PM

SA

“ *My parents and I met John later in life while they were all residents at The Landings. When my dad did not feel well enough to go downstairs for a meal, John would patiently wait for my mother, and they would enjoy a meal together. I found John to be incredibly kind and an interesting person with whom to converse. My condolences to his family*

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**Sarah** - July 13, 2025 at 10:25 PM

RH

“ *Condolences to John's family. I was fortunate to work with John on several projects while a grad student and researcher at SIU-C. He was a great researcher and an even better person. He will be missed by many who shared similar experiences.*  
*Ralph Harnishfeger*

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**Ralph Harnishfeger** - July 07, 2025 at 04:15 PM

BV

“ We're extremely saddened to learn of John's passing. He was our dear best friend for many years. While we know he was a highly respected researcher in his field of Wildlife Study, having authored many significant academic works and having received numerous awards and honors, our most cherished memories of him are from attending many Saluki sports events together. We especially treasure the times we sat and cheered side by side at the football games. We also fondly remember how good-naturedly he took our kidding about the way he paced around and stood nervously, instead of sitting, as he watched his beloved softball team play. We will greatly miss all those fun times, as well as our frequent phone conversations, discussing sports, politics, local and world events, the weather, and much else. While John was definitely a super Saluki fan in all respects, most of all he was a fine person. We rejoice in the fact that John had such a long life, well-lived. May he rest in a well-deserved peace.

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**Bill & Lee Ann Vicars** - June 20, 2025 at 07:29 PM