



John D. Russell

January 29, 1944 - June 16, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

John D. Russell

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

John D. Russell, age 81, of Vergennes, passed away on Monday, June 16, 2025 at Manor Court in Carbondale.

He was born on January 29, 1944 to Rayburn A. and Mary (Barringer) Russell in Anna, Illinois. On July 6, 1994, he married Helen (Crane) Ellis and they have been together for over 30 years and she survives.

John worked for 30 years as an engineer on the railroad with Metra in the Chicago suburbs until his retirement. John had served proudly in the United States Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; daughter, Tina Marie (Jeff) Wiersema; step son, Mike (Barb) Ellis; granddaughter, Jodi; step grandchildren, Billy, Michael,

Kelli, and Philip; sister, Alice Bird; two brothers, Ernest (Marilyn) Russell and Rick (Nancy) Russell; as well as nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Shirley (Kenneth) Smoot; and brother-in-law, Donald Bird.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 2:00 PM with Rev. Jim Easton officiating at Crain Pleasant Grove - Murdale Funeral Home. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM at the funeral home.

Interment will follow the service at Tower Grove Cemetery in Murphysboro, Illinois.

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

Cemetery Details

Tower Grove Cemetery

Murphysboro, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

JUN 19. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (cst)

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Interment

JUN 19. 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM (cst)

Tower Grove Cemetery
Murphysboro, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ & Greg, Tim and Denise purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John D. Russell.



& Greg, Tim and Denise - June 17, 2025 at 11:05 PM

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“ I'm really sorry for the loss of your brother. I hope you all find peace.



Cheryl Rion - June 17, 2025 at 11:44 AM