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**J**ohn Edward Potter, 89, of Lincoln, IL, formerly of Decatur, Il past away June 28, 2018 at The Christian Village, Lincoln, IL.

John was born March 7, 1929 in Taylorville, IL the son of Raymond Kenneth and Ruth (Terpening) Potter. He married Reva Iola Erlenbusch on December 1, 1951 in Indianapolis, IN. She preceded him in death on December 17, 1993.

John served most of his life as a youth minister, music minister and band director for the Salvation Army. He also operated the men's shelter and had a special love for the children, who would come to the Salvation Army.

Music was a great love of his life and he composed many of his own songs. He was also an avid Illini Basketball fan and enjoyed watching sports.

Surviving are his daughter, Pamela McDonnough (Mike) of Emden, IL; grandchildren, Kim Fontone (Jachin) of Lincoln, IL, Crystal Sheley (Manuel Nunez) of Willowbrook, IL, Marcus McDonnough of Pekin, IL, Cary Fitzpatrick of Bloomington, IL; great grandchildren, Ashley, Blake, Zac, Gaige, Logan, Tate and one adopted great granddaughter, Zoi.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at the Salvation Army in Decatur. Visitation will be from 5 – 8 PM Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home. Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery.

Memorials: Salvation Army Camp or The Christian Village.

Condolences may be left to John's family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



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WM

**Wes Green, Major** posted:

To the family and friends, Beautiful memories of both John and Reva. John shared an office with me when I was an assistant officer at the corps(church). John proved to be a humble man whose love for God was evidenced in his words and actions. Know that death is not final for the Christian. Grieve as people with hope of eternity in Heaven as our friends Reva and John.

July 2 at 4:58 PM

AL

**Andrea Lewin** posted:

Many wonderful memories of John at The Salvation Army....your love for God and the Men's shelter were 100%. RIP my friend, May god be with your family at this time.

July 2 at 7:32 AM

AL

**Andrea Lewin** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of John Edward Potter

July 2 at 7:30 AM

CK

**Carol Kammerer** posted:

Pamela, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your daddy. He played such a large part in my church life. You and yours are in my prayers.

July 1 at 6:08 PM

HS

**Harold & Louise Schmitt** posted:

Sending our sympathy to you, Pam & family, we thought so much of your father! He was such a special person to all at the Salvation Army and worked so hard in many ways. We learned a lot from him & enjoyed his company. God Bless you! We enjoyed being with both your parents in London & also at commissioning. We have many good memories & they were both kind to us.

June 30 at 5:03 PM



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**Vicki Malerich** posted:

Losing John is like losing a father, I spent so much time with him at church and his home with Reva and Pam. He taught me to play or attempt to play an instrument, singing groups, youth groups, etc.... he basically saved my life. Wasn't all peaches and cream I gave him a run for his money lol I was so onary, but his love for all the Army kids he just smiled and loved us that much more. Your home now John and I'm sure Reva, Ken, and Ruth were right there with open arms waiting for you. R.I.P I'll miss you, Vicki Newingham Malerich

June 30 at 4:50 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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