



# John Traughber

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**D**ecatur-John William Traugher, 82, of Decatur died at 10:25am Wednesday, November 9, 2011 in his home with his family by his side. A service to celebrate John's life will be 10 a.m. Monday, November 14, 2011 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home with a visitation 2 ' 4 p.m. Sunday, November 13, 2011 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Interment will be at Graceland Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Christ United Methodist Church.

Mr. Traugher was born on December 26, 1928 in Decatur, IL son of John and Rita (Inman) Traugher. He married Lois (McBride) in Decatur, IL 50 years ago. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Decatur. He retired from Illinois Power after 36 years and loved stained glass, gospel music, and telling stories. He was an ordained pastor with the Church of the Brethren.

He is survived by his wife Lois, sons Terry Burge of Hoffman Estates, IL and Tim (Michelle) Burge of Crystal Lake, IL, and daughters Melinda (Larry) Schmitz of Plainfield, IN, Sandra (George Grimes) Burge of San Antonio, TX, and Shari (Terry) Bruyn of Findlay, IL, brother Dale (Kelly) Traugher of Evening Shades, AR, sisters Helen (William) Ponting in Blue Mound, IL, Jean (Dale) McClure of Decatur, IL, and Ruth Williams of Decatur, IL, and granddaughters Sara (Zach) Lindner of Plainfield, IN, Tracie (Patrick) McConnell of Cedar Rapids, IA, Alison and Kristin Burge of Hoffman Estates, IL, grandsons Andrew Tuttle of Palatine, IL, Brent Burge of Chicago, IL, Dirk and Pete Bruyn of Findlay, IL, and great-grandchildren Katie, Wyatt and Evan and a whole host of nieces, nephews, and family. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters Leota Cotton and Betty Eagleton.

Special thanks go out to DMH Hospice – especially Angie – , Davita Dialysis on Wood Street, and Dr. D. Patel.

The family of John Traugher is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home,



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2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary and send condolences to the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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JG

**Jackie And Gregg** posted:

We will miss John. We always enjoyed visiting with him and the rest of the family when we were in Decatur. We especially enjoyed spending Thanksgiving and Christmas Day with you all. Aaron and Daniel always referred to John as Santa Claus. He has left a wonderful family to cherish his memories.

November 13 at 10:50 AM

JP

**Joyce And Carl Patrick** posted:

Lois, So sorry to hear about John, we are in Florida for the winter but wanted to send our condolences to you and all your family. Our prayers are with all of you. John always had interesting stories to tell and we enjoyed them, a man of many talents...

November 12 at 2:49 PM

GW

**Gene Wharton** posted:

Please accept my condolences to the family of John. I believe that John and I were in the class of 1948 at DHS in 1945 and 1946 than I moved back to Effingham co. The 1946 DHS year book has us in the same home room. my address is 311 n.st. clair st-altamont, illinois 618 483 5184

November 11 at 11:43 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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