



John H. Ossowski

April 10, 1932 - June 15, 2020

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Born: April 10, 1932-Entered eternal life peacefully in his home June 15, 2020.

John was born in Neoga, IL., son of Bruno and Helen Ossowski. Married Lela Florence Hardesty March 30, 1951. He worked for Mueller Co., 18 years in the foundry and 25 years in the machine shop, retired February 28, 1994, after 43 years.

John is survived by his sons, Steven (Gail) of Oregon City, OR., Johnny Wayne (Candy) of Wes Plaines, MO., and Troy (Christine) of Decatur, IL. Grandchildren Lisa (Chris) Woods of Decatur, IL., Randy of St Louis, MO., Zachary of Decatur, IL., and Sesha Shonkwiler of Oreana, IL. Great-grandchildren Karly and Alex Woods (Lisa), and Chyra and Loryn Shonkwiler (Sesha).

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, L. Florence Ossowski, parents, seven brothers and five sisters.

He is survived by his sister Luci Maxwell of Lexington, SC., and Nancy (John) Williams of Decatur, IL., many nieces and nephews, and good friend Delmar.

John was lovingly given the nickname "The Energizer Bunny" for all the hours he worked helping to build First Church of the Nazarene. He also helped build Morningside Chapel Church of Christ and the Water Street Christian Fellowship addition. He was always willing to help anyone with repairs; especially his three sons. He had an impressive work ethic, despite having undergone open heart surgery, he insisted on continuing to work. He was known to cut down trees at the age of 80 and even mowed two yards the day before he entered into Heaven. His sons, family and friends could never understand where he got all his energy to continue to work as much as he did.

John was an extraordinary human and a faithful servant of God. He will be greatly missed

by his family and friends.

Obituary written by his wife Florence before her death and grand-daughter Lisa.

Private visitation at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home with private graveside services immediately following at Macon County Memorial Park.

Comments



“ So many condolences to the Ossowskis on the loss of Father/Grandfather John. He was a kind, strong, super-capable man who provided well for a family he loved deeply. I feel honored to have met him back in the late 60s When Steve was a friend, Rest In Peace, John, a peace welol earned.

Rob Owen - June 20, 2020 at 07:37 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Troy and the Ossowski family. May your love of God and fond memories of John sustain during this trying time.

Larry Casey

Larrey Casey - June 19, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ Dad,

How could I have known that our last " love you" and " goodbye", last Sunday evening, would be, forever, our last "love you" and " goodbye"?

I feel privileged and blessed to have chanced to be the person you spoke with before leaving this world. We spoke for an hour about your dialysis, the painful needle pricks, the long tedious hours confined to a chair while your legs cramped, 3 x a week. We spoke about the dinner you had just eaten, a small microwave feast. We spoke of the pain you were experiencing and the extreme difficulty of just getting around. We spoke of you helping Delmar with a new water heater. We spoke of fishing. We ALWAYS spoke of fishing. We spoke of Mom. I'll miss our conversation Dad.

I'm so lucky to have such a wonderful Father. You taught me so many life lessons that I take with me every day of my life. Always a helping hand, always generous , always caring of family and friends. You taught me how to work with my hands, how to fix things, how to build things. You taught me about finances , saving, and dividends . You taught me how to fish.

You were always there for me, Dad. You worked odd jobs after your regular 40 hours, just to put me through school. You came all the way across the country on numerous occasions for weeks at a time, much to Mom's chagrin, to help Gail and me with various building projects. You once pounded shingles when the volcanic ash from Mt. St. Helens covered the roof.

So many fond memories Dad. So many fond memories .

I'll miss you, we'll miss you,

Your loving son,

Steven

Steve Ossowski - June 19, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ Grandpa, you are one of the most hard working, strong, loving, giving man of God I know. The fondest memory that always comes to mind for me is when I was going to Garfield school and Gma used to make my lunch then we'd sing and walk to school. Well this particular time she was in the hospital, I can't remember what for, but you had to get me ready for school. You made my lunch that day, I remember eating that peanut butter sandwich thinking what's wrong with this sandwich? After school that day, I must've asked you about the sandwich and you said it was a butter and peanut butter sandwich. I remember thinking, at my young age, who eats a butter and peanut butter sandwich (it was awful). I was missing Gma getting me ready for school. You helped myself and Chris in countless ways over the years. I knew if I ever had a problem that needed fixed to call you because you could fix anything! It's because of you and grandma I am who I am today. I love you so much and will miss you terribly. I am overjoyed in knowing you are with the love of your life once again. Give grandma hugs and kisses for me. Until I see you again

Lisa Woods - June 18, 2020 at 09:33 AM