



## John Wilburn George, I

December 17, 1949 - July 18, 2016

John Wilburn George I, 66 of Centralia, passed away Monday, July 18, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born December 17, 1949, in Centralia, IL son of Homer Wilburn George II and Eddith Lee (Wiley) George. He married Debra Lockart in 1976 and they later divorced. John is survived by his son John George II and friend Amy Ioerger, daughters: Molly George and friend Johnathan Ashlock and Emily George and friend Michael Bronson all of Centralia, fiancé Ruth Ann Lavin of Centralia, sister Michele Phillips, niece Cheri Eddings, great nephew Chase and wife Melody Eddings of Cahokia, great-great niece Macy Eddings of Cahokia, IL., and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents. John was of the Methodist Faith and was an Army Veteran serving in the Vietnam era. He was most recently employed at Mary's House as a cook. He previously was a bus driver for Beck's and West Bus Service, a sports bus driver for Kaskaskia College, and volunteered much of his time as a bartender and cook at the Centralia Moose Lodge. John worked at several establishments in Centralia as a bartender and he enjoyed it very much. John enjoyed spending time with his fiancé and his children that he was so proud of. He lived in Centralia his entire life and was an avid New York Yankees fan, history and movie buff. John joined the Centralia Moose Lodge 1219 in November 1971, Southern Illinois Legion 101 in 1980, received his Fellowship Degree in 1993, qualified to receive his Pilgrim degree in 2015, was a member of the 25 Club-50 divisions, served as L.O.O.M. Governor of the Centralia Lodge in 1990-1991, 2006-

2007, 2013-2015, Previous Jr. Past Governor, Prelate and Trustee, Vice President of District 12 from 1989-1990, Vice President District 11, 1999-2000, Vice President District 10, 2007-2009, President District 11, 2000-2001, President District 10, 2009-2011. He has served as Sports Chairman, Bingo Chairman, Kitchen Chairman, Publicity Chairman and McGruff Chairman, Legion Club President, Legion Club Secretary, Legion 101 Vice President and Legion 101 President. He helped to organize the Centralia Moose Riders and served as Treasurer. John was Chairman of the state Pool Tournament in 1995, he coached youth baseball and helped in the Children's Parade. Per John's wishes he will be Cremated and a Visitation will be held Friday, July 22, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Military Honors will be accorded at 7:00 PM at the funeral home by the American Legion Post 446 and VFW Post 2055. In Lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to The Family and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 N. Sycamore, Centralia, IL. 62801, which is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John Wilburn George, I*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - October 26, 2018 at 10:38 AM

AG

“ *so sorry for your loss, we send our deepest sympathy. Art And Dixie Gutierrez*

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**Art / Dixie Gutierrez** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *We were so sad to hear about the passing of your father and are sorry we can't make it to the visitation to tell you in person. Mike & I are in Wisconsin right now. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May your happy memories help you through the hard times. With love*

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**Eileen Wilimzig** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Molly, Johnny, Emily, we are thinking of you as you grieve the loss of your father. Aunt Paula and Uncle Joe*

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**Paula Harvey** - July 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ May the family remember the good times and help each other at this difficult time. My thoughts are with you.

Cheryl Bordewick - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Our love is with you during this difficult time. Aunt Renee and Uncle Dave

Renee Ades - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Johns passing. May the Lord wrap his arms around all of you during this time of mourning.

Libby Pugh Maroney - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My condolences go out to this wonderful man, I played bingo every Friday and John had been the bingo caller as long as I been playing, John was a very respectful man and would do anything for anybody at anytime , my respects go out to his family, and his X wife Debbie. Rest in heaven my friend till we meet again.

Jerri Gray - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I was very sorry to hear of the passing of John. We were in the same graduating class at Centralia High and we had several classes together. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad time.

Jane Edmonson Curry - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May the God of comfort be with you and your family in your time of need. Jeremiah 29:11*

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July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM