



John F Raap

April 25, 1945 - March 13, 2020

John F. Raap, 74, of Waverly, Iowa, passed away on Friday evening, March 13, 2020, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

John was born on April 25, 1945, in Brisbane, Australia, the son of Doris (Melrose) and Ralph Raap. He attended school and graduated from Oak Lawn High School in Oak Lawn, Illinois. On August 31, 1965, John enlisted into the United States Navy where he served until his honorable discharge on August 20, 1969. On April 6, 1974, John was united in marriage to Jo Ellen Daly in Chicago, Illinois. The couple moved to Waverly where they raised their family. John worked as an electrician and retired from CUNA after 15 years of service. John then worked part-time at Miller True Value in Waverly, where he was currently employed.

John was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and Waverly AMVETS Post #79. John loved spending time with his family and friends. He loved attending and coaching his children's sporting events. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife Jo Ellen until her passing in 2015. Most recently he enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters in North Liberty and visiting his daughter in Grimes.

John is survived by a daughter, Renee Raap of Grimes, Iowa; a son, Scott (Lauren) Raap of North Liberty, Iowa; two granddaughters, Lydia and Natalie Raap; two sisters, Christine Raap and Linda (John) McClenahan; and four nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by Jo Ellen; and his parents.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, John's Mass of Christian Burial will be privately held at St. Mary Catholic Church with Father David Ambrosy officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly. Gatherings are limited to a total of 50 people at one time, so please consider reaching out to the Raap family remotely. Guests will be required to wait outside the funeral home should occupancy rise above 50. John's body will be cremated after the funeral and a private burial will be at a later date in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for later designation. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187

Cemetery



**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
CEMETERY-WAVERLY**

1004 12th Street SE,
Waverly, IA

Tribute Wall



Sarah Meyer-Reyerson



J **jerry vallem**

I was surprised and saddened to learn of John's passing. I first knew him when I also worked at Lutheran Mutual and then at True Value. He was my favorite check-out guy. We would also kid each other about something > A really special guy. Jerry Vallem

F **Fred & Trish Ribich**

John was such a terrific friend and a salt-of-the-earth guy! We'll miss his quirky sense of humor, his always ready to help attitude, and his straight shooting ways. It was always a joy to bump into him at Miller Hardware. The saving grace in this is that he and wife Jo are now back together, keeping everyone in heaven on their toes! Rest in peace, John.

J **Jen**

I am so very sorry to hear about John. He was such a kind man and a dear friend to my Dad. Dad really enjoyed having Friday morning breakfast with John. John always kept an eye on my Dad and for that I am truly grateful. My Dad will miss him. Sending our thoughts and prayers to your family during this difficult time. Jen Hughson and Bob Hedlund



Kandyce Sheldon



"Butterfly"
was given in memory of John F Raap

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S **Sue Jacobson**

I worked with John at CMG and want to extend my sympathy to his family.

L**Linda Bohlen**

John always had a smile and such a teasing nature. I worked with him at CUNA for many years, he waited on me at Miller Hardware and we always had a nice visit when we ran into each other about town. I will miss him. Sending sympathy to his family?????

T**Travis Toliver**

I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was one of my many reason for shopping at Miller's True Value. I will miss him greatly. Travis Toliver

J**John and Liz Wuertz**

We are sorry to hear of John's passing. He was always helpful and Caring about others. He was a great man. John and Liz Wuertz

D**Darlene Slagle**

Hi Chris, It was many years ago I met your family but your love for each other shines out to this day. I will hold John in prayer with you and your family. I believe Divine Love holds us all, everywhere and always, and everyone stays connected. My sympathy dear friend, Darlene Slagle

L**Larry Koppedryer**

John always had a 'good word', story, or a line of bs to share whenever and wherever we ran into each other. It was usually at the Fareway store with him harassing everyone as he got his morning coffee or at his post at Miller Hardware. He was a joy to exchange our 'insults' with and will be missed. Larry

N**Norma Ruhnke**

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad, John. We seen him last on New Years Eve at a gathering hosted by Betty and Ruth (I am their sister). It was a privilege to know John and always enjoyed seeing him. Our deepest sympathies are extended to you all!! Bob and Norma Ruhnke, Algona, IA.

J**Jen Woolums**

Renee and family, We are so sorry for your loss. We are grateful we were able to meet John multiple times when he was visiting Renee. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Jen Woolums and Val Blume

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Judy Drenth

I grew up three houses from the Raap's in Oak Lawn. John's sister, Linda, and I were best friends and together continuously. John was like a big brother and her parents, my second parents. John's wife, JoEllyn's birthday was the day I got married and she caught my bouquet. Though I haven't seen John in years because of distance of where we live, Linda and I still connect. I've known of the health issues he's had in the last years and he was in my prayers. John's kindness was a characteristic he inherited from his very kind parents. You will be missed, dear John. But I know you are with Jesus and reunited with precious JoEllyn and your wonderful parents. I will continue to have sweet memories of our lives growing up and my prayers remain with your family. Judy Drenth



Florence Beggs

The Raaps were family to my family. John, Chris, Linda and my siblings and I considered ourselves cousins. I am so sad to hear this news from "cousin" Chris. We are thinking of you all. Flo (Florence Buchanan Beggs)

S

Stephanie Schmitt

sympathy to the family. John was so kind. His granddaughter loved my almond melts, so he would order some to take when he would go to North Liberty. I always thought how lucky she was to have such a wonderful grandpa 🙏🙏

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Nicole Honeycutt

Scott - I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your dad. Stopped me in my tracks this morning. John was such a wonderful man!!! I have so many amazing memories of him growing up. I loved catching up with him when I would make it back to Waverly. He was always so proud of you and would always fill me in on your life and family. He always meant a lot to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, and Renee.



Richard Schroeder

John was always so great at Miller's. He made the hardware store fun. So sad and surprised to see him go. RIP my friend.



Tammy McKenzie

So deeply saddened at the passing of John! We loved sharing stories of our grandchildren. He will be greatly missed! My deepest and loving sympathy to the Raap family.

K**Kerri Wellman**

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of John. What I know of him he was a wonderful, caring person. We at WWV will miss him. Kerri Wellman

**Scott Mckenzie**

Scott, we are so sorry to hear of this it is so shocking I just talked to your dad the other day at the hardware store! Our sincere sympathy's go out to your entire family. Cherish all the great memory's you father was an awesome guy! Scott and Tammy McKenzie

N**Nate & Mary Linda Frazee**

Such a nice man. At CUNA always a smile, always helpful, and he took time to show he truly cared! Our thoughts and prayers for family and many friends! ☺Nate & ML

L**Linda Benning**

John will be deeply missed by all that were privileged to know him. He was a kind soul. I will always cherish his frequent teasing, and remember how he took time to stop and visit when he worked at CUNA Mutual. My prayers and sympathy for his family

T**Toni Fisher**

Renee I just heard about your dad, I'm heart broke for you all and myself.

M**Malissa & Bob Cousin**

We're so saddened to learn of John's passing. He was such great guy. Oh how he loved those beautiful grands. Peace to you, Scott & Renee. You come from one beautiful couple. We send our love.

**Grant Jensen**

John and Jo Ellen were wonderful neighbors and friends. I really enjoyed visiting with John at CUNA Mutual and later at Miller Hardware. John will be greatly missed!

S**Shirley Siberski**

John as part of our widow's lunch and was a very good friend. He will be missed for his teasing ways. I also worked with him at Cuna and had many fish meals with him, John and Eunice Mohlis, Dita and Veronica. I am including him and his family in my thoughts and prayers.



Jim Barta

I include John and his family in thought and prayer.
