



John W. Downey

September 18, 1939 - June 27, 2023

John William Downey, 83, of Sherman, IL, formerly of Greenview, passed away at his home surrounded by family on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. He was born on September 18, 1939, to Bill and Mabel (Beard) Downey. John married Betty Pettit in Petersburg, IL on October 20, 1962.

John is survived by his wife, Betty Downey; his children, Kerri Becker of Springfield, Diane (Jeff) Kirby of Mason City, John (Lisa) Downey of Sherman; grandchildren, Rachel (Brian) Conrey, Kevin (April) Becker, Sam (Ashley) Kirby, Elizabeth Downey, Sarah Downey; great grandchildren, Paige, Kaden, Ella, Freya, Maverick, Thora; and his sister, Barb Bradley. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Mike Downey, and son in law Steve Becker.

John graduated from Greenview High School in 1957 and went on to serve in the Air Guard from 1957 to 1958 and the Army from 1958 to 1962. He was a farmer, also worked at IDOT and Truck Centers. He enjoyed camping, tinkering, and spending time with his family, especially his grandkids, great grandkids, and his little buddy Charlie.

A celebration of life will be held for John at the Sherman Athletic Club on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 1 PM to 5 PM. Burial will follow at a later date at Camp Butler National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Greenview AMVETS Post 179.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL 62707
(217) 492-4070

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 15. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sherman Athletic Club
300 S First Street
Sherman, IL

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Ron Sanert lit a candle in memory of John Downey



Ron Sanert - July 11, 2023 at 07:29 AM

PD

“ Great neighbor where i grew up.. Thoughts are with John's family.

Phil Deverman - July 03, 2023 at 10:10 AM

RI

“ Sorry to hear of John's passing. A lifelong friend and a very good person.
Rick and Karen Setzer

Rick - July 01, 2023 at 01:28 PM

RD

“ John was a neighbor and hauled me around before I was old enough to drive. Good friend.

Reggie Dowell - June 30, 2023 at 10:08 PM

LH

“ Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of John Downey



Larry and Mary Hundt - June 30, 2023 at 08:15 AM

LA

“ *Larry Kim Allen lit a candle in memory of John Downey*



Larry and Kim Allen - June 30, 2023 at 08:06 AM