



## John W. Meredith

January 26, 1956 - October 19, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John William Meredith on October 19th, 2024, at the age of 68. John was born on January 26th, 1956 in Springfield, IL, to Roger O. "Scotty" and Anne L. (Southard) Meredith.

John married his beloved wife, Mary Ann Szerletich, of 38 years, in 1986. John was known for his strong will, quick wit, sense of adventure and love and support for his family and community. Along with his wife, he was a devout member of Forest City Community Church in Forest City, IL.

John earned his Bachelor of Horticulture from Michigan State in Floriculture Production. He worked as a Forest Ranger at Sand Ridge State Forest in Illinois, after which he became the Site Superintendent, altogether working 36 years for the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Preceded in joining the Lord: Mother Anne L. "Annie" (Southard) Meredith & Father Roger O. "Scotty" Meredith.

Survived by: beloved wife Mary Ann (Szerletich) Meredith, daughter Ruth Anne (Meredith) and son-in-law David Orzechowski, granddaughters June Elizabeth and Eleanor May Orzechowski, grandsons Prescott August, Averett March, and Bennett July Orzechowski, and son Novice Owen Charles

Meredith, O.S.B.

In lieu of flowers, please plant trees in memory of John, who very much enjoyed planting any seed he could find. Memorial donations may be made in John's name to Forest City Community Church.

Funeral services are under the direction of Maas-Hurley Funeral Home, Manito, IL. Wake service will be held at Maas-Hurley Funeral Home on Friday, October 25th, 2024, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Funeral Service will be held at Forest City Community Church in Forest City, IL on Saturday, October 26th, 2024 at 10:00am. The family requests a private burial for John at Forest City Cemetery, Forest City, IL.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest City Cemetery

Forest City, IL 61532

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Maas Hurley Funeral Home - Manito  
301 S. Washington St.  
P.O. Box #442  
Manito, IL 61546  
(309) 968-6157  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Masonic Rites

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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OCT **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Forest City Community Church  
203 W Market St  
Manito, IL 61546

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shocked to just see this. Very sad. I worked with Johnnys help patrolling the forest and had many good conversations together at our annual ‘chicken’ (pheasant) feeds. Great guy I’m so sorry.*

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**Bill Pickett** - January 01, 2025 at 08:54 AM

PK

“ *My wife Linda and I were so saddened to hear of John's death. We will be praying for the family. May the Lord Jesus Christ bring peace, comfort, and healing to all the family and friends of John!*  
*--George Kacena, former Pastor of FCCC.*

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**Pastor George Kacena** - October 23, 2024 at 04:55 PM

RS

“ *Richard S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John W. Meredith.*

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**Richard S.** - October 23, 2024 at 11:39 AM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cockerham lit a candle in memory of John Meredith*



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**Cheryl Cockerham** - October 22, 2024 at 08:57 PM

JF

“ Joy Fischer lit a candle in memory of John Meredith



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**Joy Fischer** - October 22, 2024 at 04:43 PM

SS

“ I worked several years with Johnny back in the 1990's at Sand Ridge. We always got it done and had a lot of great memories. God bless the family and please accept my sincere condolences~

*Scott and Whitney Schlueter*

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**scott schlueter** - October 22, 2024 at 02:14 PM

DK

“ I so enjoyed singing with John at church. I always called him "my other brother John". His piano playing never ceased to amaze me. I will truly miss you my brother.

*Donna Kennedy*

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**Donna Kenneedy** - October 22, 2024 at 01:28 PM

BG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Owen and your family, during this time of tremendous loss. Your Dad is in the arms of Jesus. I never met him but heard wonderful things about him and I know he raised a mighty fine son!!! God's choicest Blessings to you and your family as you mourn this loss.

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**Barb George** - October 22, 2024 at 10:28 AM

WC

“ W C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John W. Meredith.

W C. - October 22, 2024 at 10:09 AM

SS

“ Our prayers are with John's family. May you find peace, love and strength in the arm's of Jesus. John is playing those ivories praising His Lord. With love and sympathy, we love you <3

Steve and Kim Singley - October 22, 2024 at 08:05 AM

SS

“ Steve and Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of John Meredith



Steve and Kim Singley - October 22, 2024 at 08:02 AM