



Mr John Edgar Root

January 29, 1924 - February 3, 2016

John Edgar Root, 92, of Petersburg, died on February 3, 2016 at Memorial Medical Center. He was born on January 29, 1924 in West Virginia, the son of Arthur and Mona Anderson Root. He married Mary Jean Chipps in 1941; she preceded him in death in 1966. He married Mildred R. Fricke in 1967; she preceded him in death in 2014.

He is survived by his four children, Marcia (Jim) Cass of Spfld, Mary Jane (Tim) Hurie of Petersburg, David (Cindy) Fricke of St. Charles, MO and Pamela (Jeff) McNabb of Terre Haute, IN; seven grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both wives and two sisters. John was a member of the First Christian Church of Petersburg and a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Petersburg. John was a member of Masonic lodges in both Virginia and Illinois and also a Shriner and a member of the Scottish Rite. He was also active in many other local community organizations. John worked as manager of Menard Electric Cooperative until retiring in 1986. He served his country in the US Army Air Forces in the Pacific Theater during WWII.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Petersburg First Christian Church with visitation one hour prior. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children or Petersburg First Christian Church.

Online condolences may be left at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home of Petersburg is assisting the Root family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Petersburg First Christian Church
210 S. 8th Street
Petersburg, IL

Funeral

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr John Edgar Root*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I am terribly sad to have missed John's visitation and funeral. We were with family out of town. Just wish to pass on our condolences to John's family. I have always admired and respected John. He served this community well in many ways. I always valued his opinion and will miss seeing him and hearing his voice.*

Lew and Sue Hultgren

Lew Hultgren - February 09, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ *Marcia, Pam, Mary Jane & David, My sincere sympathy in your loss. Sorry that I won't be able to attend the visitation or funeral as we are in northern Illinois with our family. I have nothing but fond memories of John and our years together at Menard Electric. I remember the first day he came to work as Menard's General Manager and how bad I felt 21 years later when he told me he was retiring. He was a terrific person to work for and with. He always supported his employees and helped them to achieve their best. I could go on for hours with stories about his leadership at Menard Electric. His support, guidance and friendship as his successor as GM at Menard Electric were unending. We will all miss his smiling face and greeting at Menard's meetings and employee get togethers. Again sorry I wasn't able to be there today to share these memories with you in person.*

Dorland W Smith - February 06, 2016 at 11:33 AM

LM

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. He was the nicest man, always smiling. When he would come in the bank, he would say hello to everybody, and smile that big friendly smile of his. Soft spoken, he could be serious at one moment and joking the next. He always made us feel that he appreciated us at the bank. He and Mildred were a great couple and they will be missed by all.

Sorry I cannot attend the funeral, but John's aunt's funeral is the same day. Peace to his family.

Linda McCombs - February 06, 2016 at 01:12 AM

BM

“ I am sure the angels are rejoicing that one of their own has returned. Also happy to have a new fourth!

Brent McArdle - February 05, 2016 at 09:03 PM

PV

“ Our condolences to you at this sad time. John was a wonderful man and will be missed. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike & Pat Vig

pat vig - February 05, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr John Edgar Root.



February 05, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr John Edgar Root.*



February 05, 2016 at 08:26 AM

 Jen Plum

“ *So glad to have spent a few weeks over a few summers at our reunions. Precious time with family and hearing stories told by Uncle John and sometimes Aunt Mildred, telling them on his behalf because his voice was a bit weak (Salem reunion). Uncle John has left me with wonderful memories and in life reminded me always of his sister, my grandma. As family I am so fortunate to have called him great-uncle, but all who knew him know what a great loss his departure truly is. Rest easy Uncle John. Love to my Root Family. My heart is with all of you during this difficult time. I love you all.*



Jen Plum - February 04, 2016 at 06:54 PM