



John Whitaker

June 20, 1933 - January 19, 2022

John Whitaker, 88, of Forest City, IL passed away on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at

his home. He was born June 20, 1933 in Forest City, IL, the son of Floyd and Lillie

(Langston) Whitaker. In 1958, he married his true love, Loretta Warner of Forest City, IL

and she preceded him in death on April 18, 2017.

John is survived by his three children, Todd Whitaker of Franklin Grove, IL; Shari (John)

Modica of Nixa, MO; Jodie (Steve) Koch of Chatham, IL, five grandchildren, Shannon

Braida of Nashville, TN; Michael (Holly) Braida of Overland Park, KS; Carter (Tamra)

Modica of Nixa, MO; Eric Modica of Nixa, MO, and Nancy Modica of Nixa, MO. Also

surviving are sisters, Mary Clinebell of Pekin, IL; Barbara Leesman of Mason City, IL;

brother and sister-in law, Dwight and Jacque Whitaker of Forest City, IL and Nancy Longmeyer of Rockbridge, IL. In addition to his wife and parents, John was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

John was a graduate of Forest City High School in 1951. He then graduated from the

University of Illinois with a degree in Ag Engineering. He grew up on the family farm

and continued farming in the Manito and Forest City area with his wife, Loretta, until he

retired in 1999. He grew soybeans, green beans, seed corn, popcorn, wheat and rye.

He was a member of the Community United Methodist Church of Manito and a member

of the Illinois Farm Bureau.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and will be greatly missed.

A private service was held by the family with Pastor Steve Oaks presiding and John was

laid to rest in Meadow Lawn Cemetery next to his wife, Loretta. Memorial contributions

may be made to the Community United Methodist Church, 109 S Washington St,

Manito, IL 61546.

Please visit www.hurleyfh.com to leave messages and condolences for the family.

Cemetery Details

Meadow Lawn Cemetery

801 E. Meadow Lawn St.
Manito, IL 61546

Tribute Wall



“ *John Whitaker* ”

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you* ”



Scott Budke - January 27, 2022 at 07:52 AM



“ *Elaine Tracy Long lit a candle in memory of John Whitaker* ”



Elaine Tracy Long - January 26, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *Laura Fleming lit a candle in memory of John Whitaker* ”



Laura Fleming - January 26, 2022 at 01:31 AM

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



Larry and Mary Hundt - January 25, 2022 at 09:03 AM



“ I am so very sorry to hear that John has passed away. I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to know him. Please know that I am thinking of you all during difficult time.

Michelle Cagle - January 25, 2022 at 12:14 AM

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“ Our sympathy to all of the family. Larry and Donna Kennedy

Larry Kennedy - January 24, 2022 at 09:31 PM

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“ Steve And Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of John Whitaker



Steve and Kim Singley - January 24, 2022 at 07:31 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to all. May God give each of you comfort and peace ...Hugs.

Larry & Karen Connett - January 24, 2022 at 07:24 PM