



## John Junior Recknagel

November 7, 1944 - May 3, 2019

John Junior Recknagel, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away suddenly on Friday, May 3, 2019 at the age of 74. He was born in Fairmont, WV on November 7, 1944, son of John Richard Recknagel and Evelyn Jane (Stacey) Recknagel.

John lived in Fairmont, WV until age 5, when the family moved to Alton, Illinois to begin careers at Owens-Illinois Glass Co. His grandfather, his father, his uncle and John all worked for many years for Owens-Illinois. He graduated from Alton Senior High School in 1962. While in college, he met Clara in January of 1963, he was the boy next door. They married in July of 1964. John graduated from SIU-Edwardsville with a degree in Liberal Studies. He worked as a computer programmer for Owens-Illinois for 20 years. He transferred to Rockford, Illinois as a computer analyst in 1984. He enjoyed all forms of computer technology and sharing his expertise with others.

John had a love of nature that endured all of his life. He enjoyed fly-fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, archery and photography of nature. He enjoyed camping with his family, both as a child and as an adult. John also loved woodworking, both refinishing and designing wood craft projects. His most recent project was completing training for his dog, Tucker, to be a Canine Good Citizen and certified Therapy Dog. Throughout his lifetime John was deeply committed to his family and his faith. He loved being a part of their Life Group Bible study and working on various service projects.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Clara, and their four children. His daughter, Leslie (Michael) Ross, his son, John (Michelle) Recknagel, his daughter, Amy (Steve) Godfrey and his son, Matthew (Jennifer) Recknagel. His grandchildren are Jonathan (Natasha), Gavin, Samantha, Emerson, Charlotte, Gibson, Henry and great-grandchildren Liam, Landon and Brooklyn.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at First Free Evangelical Church, 2223 N. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL 61107. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am, the

service will be held at 11:00 am followed by a luncheon at 12:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to The Salvation Army, Rockford Rescue Mission or Rock House Kids.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Evangelical Free Church  
2223 North Mulford Road  
Rockford, IL 61107

# Tribute Wall

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“ My best memory of John is the way he was the spiritual leader of his home and led them to Christ by example. Memories as their neighbor in Alton Illinois...the card games, sharing lots of Christian times and raising children. A man of many talents; a man who loved and adored his family, was devoted to Clara, his church and his animals. Clara, Leslie, John and Matt...I hold you dear to my heart. Pat Ballard Frazier

Pat Ballard Frazier - June 20, 2019 at 11:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Junior Recknagel.



June 06, 2019 at 11:16 AM

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“ Deb purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Junior Recknagel.



Deb - June 05, 2019 at 05:02 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Judy Brumit - May 15, 2019 at 01:04 PM

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“ I'll always remember the time we went fishing together and I got a hook stuck in my finger. John was a great guy and will be dearly missed. We love you and have you in our prayers.

*Norm and Dee Barfknecht*

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**Norman and Denise Barfknecht** - May 13, 2019 at 10:06 PM