



John William Strait

January 4, 1944 - August 31, 2020

John William Strait went home to be with the Lord August 31, 2020. Born in Bassett, Arkansas on January 4, 1944 to Chester and Mary Strait. He graduated from East High School in 1962 as a football and basketball star. He proudly served his country in the Vietnam war. He worked at Kishwaukee Auto parts for 42 years, than became a self-employed truck driver where he was contracted with various companies. He really enjoyed working for Johnny and Nellie Paden whom he had great respect for. He loved the Lord and his greatest wish was for all his family and friends to experience the same love for the Lord. He was a kind and humble man, who would always lend a helping hand to his friends and family. He was known for creating nicknames for everyone. He and his brother Chuck loved racing cars in the 60'S at the Byron Drag Strip. His survivors include: His wife Mary Ellen Strait, brother Chuck (Janet) Strait. Children: John and April (Aumann) Mehlbaum, Chandra Johnson. Grandchildren: Nick and Kris (Angie) Louis, Jennifer and Jesse Mickelson, Hannah and Tessa Johnson, Amber and Ryan Aumann, Amanda Mehlbaum and Mikey Knope. Great grandchildren: Lydia, Jayk, Karma, Ryker, Natalie and Mylee. His faithfull friend, his dog Mattie. Special friends: Flyod Callis, Richie Graham, Jerry Snyder and many more. Predeceased by parents Chester and Mary Strait, brother Jerry Strait, sister Louis Strait and daughter Jamie Mickelson. Celebration of life and memorial to be at a later date. Grace Funeral & Cremation Serivces assisted the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Very sad to hear the passing of John. He was a great team mate at East High School many years ago. I still remember how great he was. Everyone will miss him and wish we would have spent more time with him.*

*Ken Franzen
Class of '62*

KEN FRANZEN - September 06, 2020 at 08:19 AM

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“ *I worked with John at Kishwaukee Auto when I was in high school. He was always willing to be helpful, and had a very good sense of humor.*

Brian Hagen - September 05, 2020 at 10:27 AM

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“ *Mary, it fills my heart up with hope to hear how John loved the Lord! Knowing some day you and John will be together again is the happy ending. I will keep you in my prayers. I hope to hear when a memorial will be. I have a memory of John. Once, LONG ago I ran out of gas. He came and brought gas to me. He kindly harassed me about it. He never complained about it. I never ran out of gas again. I love you. God Bless Becky Colson*

Becky Colson - September 03, 2020 at 11:19 PM