



John C. Braden

June 17, 1946 - April 9, 2021

John C. Braden, 74 of Bluffton, passed away Friday, April 9, 2021, at his home with his loving family by his side.

He was born on June 17, 1946 in Bluffton to Robert J. and Mildred P. (Ray) Braden. A 1964 graduate of Rockcreek High School, John joined the Navy and served our country in Vietnam. He worked at Schwan's, the Bluffton Vault Company, and for North America Van Lines and retired as the Superintendent of Hickory Hills Golf Course after 17 years. While golf was a passion, he enjoyed his whole life, and he also played softball for the Rainbow Tavern in Markle. John enjoyed going to his grandchildren's activities, including baseball, soccer and swimming. John was a member the Markle Church of Christ, the First Church of Christ and more recently Hope Missionary Church. He was a member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton.

On May 13, 1966, John and Judy I. Kern were married.

Survivors include his wife, Judy I. Braden of Bluffton, their children Wendi (Chuck) Edington of Bluffton and Trent (Tonya) Braden of Markle, along with five grandchildren; Toniya (Brian) Bigelow of Ossian, Halley Edington and Tucker (Victoriann) Edington all of Bluffton and Jarrett (Fiancée Liz Szewczyk) Braden and Jack Braden, both of Markle.

John is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Rita Sue Sickafus. Funeral services will be held at 11 A.M. on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Gerald Moreland will officiate. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery at a later date.

Calling Hours will be held from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. Wednesday at the funeral home in Bluffton, Indiana and for one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Memorials may be made in John's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Riley Children's Hospital.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks for visitation and for the service are at your own discretion. During the current guidelines, we are only allowed a limited number of people in the building at a time. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

APR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John C. Braden*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 14, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ *John C. Braden*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Judy and family, I was so sorry to learn of Johnny's passing. Thinking of you at this time.*

BJ Gray



BJ - April 19, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Renee Sickafus Myers - April 14, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John C. Braden.



April 14, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ To Judy and family. My Sympathy to all of you. I used to ride the school bus with John when we lived near Rockford. Good memories from days at Rockcreek.



Karen Hunnicutt - April 13, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ 117 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - April 13, 2021 at 04:46 PM

BW

“ So sorry, Wendi, to hear of the loss of your dad. Prayers to you and the family



Becky and John West - April 12, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Braden.



April 12, 2021 at 11:39 AM

KB

“ Judy and family, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I always enjoyed the teasing we did while he was stocking the bread shelves at Walmart. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Kristine Bushee - April 11, 2021 at 06:59 PM

SF

“ Szewczyk Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of John C. Braden.



Szewczyk Family - April 11, 2021 at 05:35 PM

JE

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. He is a great man and so kind. I'm sure you have a lot of great memories with him. Keep them close in your times of sorrow. May God Bless you all. 🙏

Jane Eisenhut - April 11, 2021 at 04:59 PM

RD

“ Judy,
I am so sorry to hear of John's passing.
Thoughts & Prayers for You & Your Family.
Randy & Sandy Davis

Randy & Sandy Davis - April 11, 2021 at 04:33 PM