



John R. "Farmer" Herrick

August 31, 1936 - July 12, 2020

John R. Herrick, 83 of Ossian, IN passed away at his home on Sunday, July 12, 2020 with many of his family members by his side.

Farmer John was born August 31, 1936 in Bluffton, IN to Othal D. and Charlotte J. (Mossburg) Herrick. He lived in Wells County all his life. John served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1958 to 1961. He worked at Corning Glass in Bluffton, IN and then at General Motors (Fisher Body) in Marion, IN until his retirement in 2001. Farmer John and Karen (Helms) Herrick met in 1976 and were married on December 27, 1984 in Wells County, IN. They have been together for 44 years.

Farmer enjoyed being in the woods. He spent his time doing work with his backhoe and clearing trails. He also enjoyed raising and showing Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats for 15 years. Farmer and Karen met many different families through attending goat shows that they considered to be family.

Farmer is survived by his wife, Karen, daughters Nancy (Jody) Bowman of Phoenix, AZ, Amy (Rob) Seewald of Etna Green, IN and son Daniel (Teri) Moon of Uniondale, IN. Along with grandchildren Beth (Brad) Troyer of Goshen, IN, Brittany (Matt) Ely of Wakarusa, IN, Anna Seewald of Etna Green, IN, Lisa Bowman of Atlanta, GA, Hannah Bowman of Phoenix, AZ, Seth Moon of Markle, IN, Kody Moon of Markle IN, Dalton (Logan) Warren of Fort Wayne, IN, Karlee Warren of Fort Wayne, IN, Mitch Warren of Fort Wayne, IN, and two great grandchildren Braxton and Bailey Troyer of Goshen, IN and several nieces, nephews and in-laws.

John was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Barbara Meyer and Bonnie Hall and a nephew, Jeff Meyer.

The safety of the family and all visitors are our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing and masks are optional during your visit. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 17, 2020 from 4 to 8 P.M. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, IN.

Services will be held at 10 A.M. on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at the funeral home with calling for one hour prior to the service. John's son-in-law, Rev. Rob Seewald will officiate the service. Burial will take place at Horeb Cemetery in Uniondale, IN at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse Foundation, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

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

Horeb Cemetery

2785 West US Highway 224
Uniondale, IN 46791

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUL 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Service

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John R. "Farmer" Herrick*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 17, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ *John R. "Farmer" Herrick*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

SR

“ Karen, Kirk and I are so glad that we stopped by this spring when we were out walking. It was our last visit with John and though the visits were few, they were always a blessing and we loved them. We loved Farmer John. And we love you.

Vivien still talks about coming down and feeding Peanut and all the other goats their animal crackers. Daniel talks about trick or treating and how we would never just trick or treat and leave! LOL! Of course we had to stay for a visit! And we all loved feeding the huge catfish in the pond. It's the simple things in life that we remember so fondly.

I think the of reunions John will be having in heaven with the ones he loves and how Uncle Don must be dancing a jig to see his old friend again! What a comfort to know that there are better days ahead for those who choose to believe.

We hope you know that if you need a helping hand your neighbors are just a stone's throw away.

Suzy Roberts - July 17, 2020 at 03:53 PM

VM

“ Karen,
Just want to give you my deepest condolences on your loss. John and I go way back, neighbors, school, military, julius Kraski, Corning, and GM. Won't be able to come to viewing due to family medical issues but I'm thinking of you. Vaughn Macon

Vaughn Macon - July 17, 2020 at 01:59 PM

DF

“ I have known John since Corning opened back in 1965 and felt he was someone special when I was only 15 years old. I have been his neighbor across the tracks for over 45 years and he was always a welcome visitor. We took a lot of trips together to pickup machinery and stuff. I considered John my best friend and things will never be as fun with his passing. John had a tough persona but once you got to know him he was a loyal and gentle of a person as you could ever know. Heaven has a new best friend and I know he will brighten all that went before him. My winter days will be a little longer without his regular visits and phone calls just to talk about anything and everything. He was so well read on most any subject and stood his ground in a pleasant way. John was a brother, father and best friend to me and I am so thankful to have shared so many good times together. RIP Farmer and I'll see you again.

Denny Falk - July 16, 2020 at 11:26 AM

LF

“ Love your- LOL NDGC Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John R. "Farmer" Herrick.



Love your- LOL NDGC Family - July 15, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ 162 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - July 15, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of John R. "Farmer" Herrick.



July 14, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John R. "Farmer" Herrick.



July 14, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Tony Meyer lit a candle in memory of John R. "Farmer" Herrick



Tony Meyer - July 14, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ I was fortunate to meet this man once! We admired and laughed at the goats, turkey and killer duck! So many laughs I about peed myself. Farmer pulled up on a golf cart and we drove down to the pond where we fed some huge catfish! From there we drove through the woods, it was amazing, such a beautiful property! Im thankful I got to meet him!



Sarah Numbers - July 13, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John R. "Farmer" Herrick.



July 13, 2020 at 09:09 PM

AA

“ How do you pick a memory to share when there are so many wonderful ones? I remember the first time I met Farmer in 2010. We were new to the Midwest and attended the NDGA National Show in Greenfield, Indiana. John immediately welcomed us with open arms and we became part of his goat family. I will miss his fun loving teasing of how I couldn't microchip, his wonderful sense of humor, his love of his family, (including his goat show family) and his love of sharing his passion for the Nigerian Dwarf goat breed. Farmer made quite an impact on our family in just a short 10 years. I will miss you my dear friend but will always keep you alive in my heart.
Love Annie Alecock and family.

Ann Alecock - July 13, 2020 at 06:18 PM

DB

“ Donna McCoy Bechtol lit a candle in memory of John R. "Farmer" Herrick



Donna McCoy Bechtol - July 13, 2020 at 01:49 PM