



John H. Owens

May 21, 1932 - February 11, 2015

John H. Owens of Bloomington passed away peacefully at his home with his family on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. He was 82 years old.

John was the son of Robert Hallie Owens and Veda (Anderson) Owens born in Phoenix, AZ on May 21, 1932. John was a Veteran of the US Navy and served onboard the USS Orion, a tender ship, for five years. He was employed at IUPUI Dental School and retired after working there for 38 years. John enjoyed his family and his hobbies and interests included farming and agriculture. He was an accomplished pilot and multi engine flight instructor. John was a member of the Lifeway Baptist Church.

John is survived by his wife, Janet Owens; son, James Owens; daughter, Rebecca Barrett; granddaughters, Taylor Gross, Megan Owens, Jourdan Gross, and Sarah Owens.

A visitation will be held at Chandler Funeral Home on Monday, February 16, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A private family service will be held. Burial is to be at Simpson Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the donors favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Simpson Chapel Cemetery

Corner of Williams Road and Simpson
Chapel Road
Bloomington, IN 47404

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chandler Funeral Homes - Ellettsville Chapel
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Ellettsville, IN 47429
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Charles & Jeanne Ritter lit a candle in memory of John H. Owens*



Charles & Jeanne Ritter - February 18, 2015 at 07:57 PM

CH

Chuck and Jeanne

Charles - February 18, 2015 at 07:58 PM

RR

“ *What a pleasant neighbor! We are sad to see that Mr. Owens has passed away. Please accept our condolences. Janet, please let us know if you need anything. From your neighbors across the street - your berry patch neighbors. Kevin Gallagher and Rise Reinier,*

Rise Reinier - February 17, 2015 at 09:07 AM

JR

“ *The Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John H. Owens.*

Jeanne E Ritter - February 16, 2015 at 01:34 PM

JR

From Charles & Jeanne

Jeanne Ritter - February 18, 2015 at 07:54 PM



“ John & Kathy Wiegand lit a candle in memory of John H. Owens



John & Kathy Wiegand - February 16, 2015 at 01:20 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John H. Owens.



February 15, 2015 at 08:30 PM



“ Colleen Dyer lit a candle in memory of John H. Owens



Colleen Dyer - February 15, 2015 at 07:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stephanie S. Long - February 15, 2015 at 03:17 PM

“ James and Cheryl Phillips, Sr., Uncle John will be missed. This photo is who we will always remember Uncle John as being, healthy and robust. Memories as they pop-up.

One family reunion we drove all the way to the northeast side of town to pick-up a fully cooked pig that Uncle John had ordered for the dinner that year.

One day we stopped by and Uncle John was up in a tree cutting limbs from storm damage. We kept thinking, he's going to fall any minute, but he didn't.

James Jr. forgot to include that he would see Uncle John at the diner near his work having lunch.

Every year when we went to the family reunions, we would watch the progress of the basement being turned into a family room/sunroom and the slow progress of the addition of the larger dining area and laundry room.

Back in the 80's Uncle John sold Cheryl his old Dodge for \$50. He had made a bet with his coworkers that he could get 200,000 miles out of this car, and he did. Cheryl drove the car for about a year to work which was across the street from Uncle John's place of employment and then sold it. A friend of Cheryl's saw the car on the east side of town still being driven. Uncle John won that bet! Smile! That old car just did not want to let Uncle John down. It was a stick and it would only go into reverse at a certain angle and the seat wouldn't move so Cheryl stacked up pillows to reach the clutch!

Then there was that pond that Uncle John dug, it only had water when it rained.

We went metal detecting at Uncle John's place and found some old canning jar lids, a raggedy handle off a pistol, and the frame of a carpet bag around the old foundation of where an old cabin had

once stood. We didn't come away wealthy, but it was really fun day. I remember the smile on Uncle John's face when we showed him our finds.

Jim remembers spending days with Uncle John and Grandpa. They called him Jim Bull. He remembers when he was very small standing between them in the seat of old dump truck in his bib overhalls.

Thanks for all the good times and the good memories as we age and face our own golden years, Uncle John.

Oh by the way, your age is no longer a secret! Ha!

Cheryl - February 13, 2015 at 03:44 PM

CH

“ *This is James Phillips, Jr., what I remember about Uncle John was when he took me up in an airplane on my 16th Birthday. That was really great and I liked his craftiness. You know, he would think about it and fix anything.*

Cheryl - February 13, 2015 at 03:19 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of John H. Owens.*



February 13, 2015 at 11:51 AM

SL

“ John is the uncle to my husband Patrick Long, I am very lucky to have known this special person that has came into my life. Even though I was only a niece -in-law he still treated me as a niece. The things I can remember of John was when we would come to the family reunions, John, my husband & I would sit downstairs in the sun room and laugh and talk, about all sorts of things. We would help finish last minute stuff before the big day. He was a hard worker, and sometimes a quiet person until you got him talking. Never once did I ever hear him say a bad thing about someone, I will say one thing I always seen him carrying around a coffee cup, he liked his coffee. When my In-laws Carolyn & Fred Long, & my husband Patrick, & son Christopher & I would come visit John & Janet. We would all go out for dinner because we did not want Janet to cook, she needed at least 1 break from all the cooking that she was going to be making for the reunion. Any how we would all just go out enjoy ourselves & talk about things that were going on, & Janet & John would reminisce with Carolyn & Fred about stuff. John & Carolyn had this sly money trick between the two of them, that whoever came to visit one or the other, before it was time to go home they would try to sneak money into a hiding place for one or the other to find. So the one time that we were there for visiting John tried to slip some money into Carolyn's night bag, but she caught him & was like NO NO John. I Stephanie was like well John you got caught, & he would just give a little chuckle & had that little twinkle in his eye. But the day we left I told my mother-in-law give me the money & I will stash it somewhere that he would not have thought of looking. So you know he loved coffee, so I stashed it in the coffee can under the beans. So when we all got home that night I guessed he went to make a cup of coffee & SURPRISE!! He called he laughed, and we told him who did it. And he never suspected. Those are just some of the stories, I have more but I knew those were funny ones. John you will be truly missed, but never forgotten. We all love you very much, but you are free now, never to hurt again. May GOD Bless you & your family!
Love Stephanie & Patrick & Christopher Long

Stephanie Long - February 12, 2015 at 05:28 PM

SL

“ *Stephanie & Patrick Long lit a candle in memory of John H. Owens*



Stephanie & Patrick Long - February 12, 2015 at 04:40 PM

BW

“ *Betty White lit a candle in memory of John H. Owens*



Betty White - February 12, 2015 at 10:02 AM