



John Keith Anderson

July 13, 1940 - June 29, 2025

John Keith Anderson, 84, of Peoria, Illinois passed away on Sunday, June 29, 2025 at his residence, surrounded by his family.

He was born on July 13, 1940 in Beardstown, IL to Carroll and Rue (Van Etten) Anderson. He married Linda Ricketts on August 18, 1962. She survives.

Also surviving are their five children, Tina (Terry) Durkee of Victoria, IL, J. Keith II (Susan) Anderson of Bloomington, IL, Todd (Megan) Anderson of O'Fallon, MO, David (Aimee) Anderson of Macomb, IL and Mark (Jayme) Anderson of Greenwich, NY; 20 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; one sister, Margaret "Argie" (Jim) Kelly of Morton, IL., and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Carol Magnuson.

John served in the U.S. Marine Corps and then worked as a Sheet Metal Worker through Teamster Union Local 1 for many years, working last with J.A.

Fritch & Son in Peoria. He was a member of the Elk's Lodge #20 in Peoria. For many years he was a Pitcher for several area softball teams. He was also a member of several Peoria area Bowling leagues, the Elk's Lodge golf league and played many of the Peoria area golf courses.

John was a snowbird for over 20 years in Lake Shore Villa, FL where he spent his time playing golf, singing Karaoke and spending time with his friends. One of his greatest joys was playing in the Tee It Up For The Troops for the past 21 years with his sons. John was very competitive in all that he did and that drive for excellence could be seen in the number of times that he would win and the 4 holes in one that he achieved.

Cremation will be accorded, and a celebration of life will be from 1 - 4pm on Sunday, July 6, 2025 at the Elks Lodge # 20, 1 Elks Dr., Peoria, IL. In honor of John's love for golf, the family asks, that friends and visitors please wear their favorite golf or casual attire, no formal wear please. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the Donor's Choice. Words of comfort can be shared with the family at www.schmidthaller.com.

Tribute Wall

PM “ So sorry to hear of your loss. John was a golf buddy at the Moose and other golf courses. He will be missed. Pat Mikulecky

Pat Mikulecky - July 06, 2025 at 04:05 PM

AN “ Your family is in my prayers.

Anonymous - July 05, 2025 at 08:13 AM

AN “ Our Love and Prayers go out to the entire Anderson family.

Anonymous - July 04, 2025 at 10:23 AM

PF “ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Paul, Scott, Jason and your Chilis family. - July 04, 2025 at 09:54 AM

CD “ Condolences to Linda and her family. John and I spent winters at Lakeshore with John and Linda for 20 years and what wonderful times we had.

Carol Devitt - July 04, 2025 at 09:13 AM

RP

“ Uncle John always showed me so much love (so grateful), lifted me with his sense of humor, was a patient man (except if someone made a turn without using their signal!), and loved and took so good care of his wife (my aunt Linda), and their five amazing children (truly remarkable souls). I strive to love as he had. The best.

Ric and Liz Powers - July 03, 2025 at 09:47 PM

KB

“ John .. Sam and I love you. Sam enjoyed golfing with you. We both had fun with you and Linda at Lake Villa in Florida. Remember Sammy and the dude with the great aftershave!!

Kathleen Basile - July 03, 2025 at 08:16 PM

PS

“ Rest in peace John. Not only a wonderful man but as I always told him Best neighbor ever!

Patricia A. Stevens - July 03, 2025 at 06:54 PM

PE

“ Tina, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Peoria ENT - July 03, 2025 at 06:47 PM

AN

“ Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Anonymous - July 03, 2025 at 06:21 PM

LD

“ *In Memory of John Anderson a tree planted as a tribute that continues to inspire, as Johns spirit endures and his legacy lives on.*
The Ekstams

Linda Durkee - July 03, 2025 at 04:47 PM

LD

“ **In Loving Memory** This Photo Says it All \n\nWe're Planting a tree with love in honor of John, a man whose spirit never stopped swinging—on the course, on the lanes, and in life. \n\nHe pitched laughter, bowled over hearts, and played every round with joy and generosity. As this tree grows, may its shade remind us of the shelter he gave, and its roots mirror the foundation he built as a cherished father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. \n\nI know how much my daughter in law Tina, loved, adored, revered him and often was called his double. My son also thought the world of him and deeply loved Linda too. \n\nWith deepest sympathy and warmest love to his family ... we know how much he will be missed and we know his legacy will live on. \n—Love You More Linda, Tina and Family. Linda. Bruce , and all the Ekstam Family*

Linda Durkee - July 03, 2025 at 04:31 PM

YG

“ *With heartfelt sympathy*

Your friends at Chem Gro - July 03, 2025 at 02:59 PM

JD

“ *With condolences from the Gulf Shores golf buddies .*

Jeff , Randy , Mike, Alex, Rick & Dave - July 03, 2025 at 02:24 PM

AA

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Schmidt Haller Burial and
Cremation Services

**A Memorial Tree was planted for John Keith Anderson - July 03, 2025 at 12:40
PM**