



## John Leroy Heitzman

April 19, 1945 - October 29, 2024

John Heitzman, 79, passed away at his home. His loving wife, Trudy, and sister-in-law, Donna, were with him during his passing.

He was born in Peoria to Al and Bessie Heitzman. He married Trudy McCullough in Mapleton. They have enjoyed 57 years of marriage. She survives.

John is also survived by one son, John Heitzman (Lisa Reubin), one daughter, Lora Schaer (Steve Wiebler), grandson Cory Whittaker, granddaughter Sarah Heitzman, granddaughter Brook Whittaker (Nick Price), grandson Adam Heitzman (Jilli Saathoff), grandson Blake Heitzman, grandson Brad Howe, grandson Brett (Taylor) Miller, and great granddaughter Lilly Whittaker.

John was employed at Keystone Steel and Wire for over 25 years. He began training horses in high school and was a member of the Pekin Riding Club for 30 years. Not only did he enjoy riding horses, but he also loved riding his motorcycle with friends. He was an avid fisherman and loved the outdoors and camping.

John's family and friends will remember him as a humble, thoughtful, caring, loving, and funny man. He valued hard work and honesty. He was a man of faith and was a member of Mapleton Church for several years.

Cremation rites have been accorded at Schmidt and Haller Burial and Cremation. Services will be held at Mapleton Church on Saturday, November 9th, 2024. Visitation service will begin at 10 a.m. and a funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. A fellowship meal will immediately follow the services. Mapleton Church is located at 9409 S. Powell Rd., Peoria, IL 61607.

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I am so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!!

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**Dawn Harrison** - November 08, 2024 at 12:30 PM

AN

“ John will be missed by many! I'm sure Uncle Shorty \"goosed\" him when he got heaven! Love: Troy, Tammy, Maddie, Jordie, Carson Stear

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**Anonymous** - November 08, 2024 at 11:46 AM

DS

“ With deepest sympathy,

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**Darrell & Deb Stear** - November 08, 2024 at 11:40 AM

AN

“ John will always be remembered for all our family such a wonderful man Carl Doubet family

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**Anonymous** - November 04, 2024 at 01:43 PM

WP

“ I am so sorry to hear of this loss, but at the same time heaven gained a good man. \nI know some won't understand that however to us believers it's a good thing . We cry with those left behind here on earth our hearts break for their loss but at the same time all of heaven is receiving John and and rejoicing for his arrival home. \n I wish it could be like a bon voyage party here where tears don't have fall and hearts break. \nI remember my losses , but I think it's a reminder to us , a symbolic reminder of what it's felt like when Adam fell from Grace and sinned in the garden. The day he ate the fruit and brought sin into the world Dying spiritually we now have to die physically. I believe it is a reminder to us of what separation from God really is and the grieving process is so hard. Because we struggle with our selves, not the deceased. He's home and Happy. But that old sin nature that we have in this body of death. We are reminded of the need For Christ and if we cleve to him during this time of Sorrow we experience God's Grace and Love and mercy beyond understanding.\n My love for my dear friend Trudy and Donna and all of the Family , prayers Hugs\n I'll try to make it next weekend but I'm only a prayer away.

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Wendy palazzo - November 04, 2024 at 12:49 PM

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“ My heart is broken in this time of missing John. I would like to thank all friends and family for support, food and pray. John loved people and tried to be a friend to all. Think of this, friends and family are the flowers in the garden of life. He was blessed with all. He was the best husband, I thank the Lord for 57 years to know and love him. Mrs. John Leroy Heitzman.

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Trudy Heitzman - November 04, 2024 at 11:33 AM

HW

“ John was a wonderful family friend of ours and we will miss him terribly. His sense of humor and his laugh, I'll always remember. John was my dad's best friend for many years. They enjoyed so many laughs, fishing and chopping wood for business. The friendship they shared was by far one of the best you could have. I imagine the two of them fishing together in heaven as we speak. ❤️  
🙏🕊️ Our heart felt condolences to Trudy and family.

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**Heather Williams** - November 04, 2024 at 10:18 AM

MG

“ John Leroy Heitzman

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**Misty Green** - November 01, 2024 at 11:27 AM