



John Wayne Jinkerson Jr.

May 27, 1965 - January 24, 2022

John Wayne Jinkerson Jr, 56, of Peoria passed away on January 24, 2022 at his residence. He was born on May 27, 1965 to John Jinkerson and Mary Breitenbach in Rockford.

He is survived by his two daughters, Amber Taylor and Brandi (Henry) Jinkerson; mom, Mary (Jerry) Stark; three grandkids, Raigan Taylor, Luka and Enzo Andino; brother, Bob (Terri) Jinkerson; step siblings, DeeAnna Potendyk and Dan (Ann) Stark; and many aunts and uncles.

John was a proud Marine, he worked on helicopters for president Regan and Bush Sr. He loved to go to his granddaughter Raigan's cross country meets.

A celebration of life will held on February 11, 2022 at 2 PM at Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Services with visitation an hour prior. The family request that masks be worn at all times.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services
1625 W Candletree Drive Suite D
Peoria, IL 61614
(309) 699-7208

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Served with Jinx at HMX, used to talk to him on messenger. Did not know he passed. RIP Brother, if I knew I would have been to your funeral. God Bless.

James Gorski - November 01, 2025 at 08:23 PM

DS

“ I worked with him at HMX-1, one top notch Marine. I wish I heard of his passing earlier. RIP Marine we have the watch.



Dave Stewart - May 13, 2022 at 09:35 PM

BF

“ Breitenbach family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Wayne Jinkerson Jr..



Breitenbach family - February 11, 2022 at 12:05 PM

DF

“ John was a good person. I served with him in the Marines and he was a good friend. He was very talented and quickly was promoted and assigned to the Presidential Helicopter Squadron. He loved being a Marine and the picture you posted of him in the dress blues is the perfect way to remember him!

Dave Fox - February 10, 2022 at 11:58 PM

SH

“ *John was the best. He had a great sense of humor and was quick witted. We went to multiple Packer games together. We made tons of memories. He was always there to talk to. He will be greatly missed.*

Sandy Hart - January 28, 2022 at 03:01 PM