



John William Plank JR

September 26, 1938 - April 11, 2017

John William Plank JR of Cook Station, Missouri passed away Tuesday, April 11, 2017 peacefully at home. John was born in St. Louis, Missouri on September 26, 1938 to the late John William Plank SR and Juanita (McBride) Plank.

John enjoyed life to the fullest, he was a proud Mason and Past Master. He enjoyed dancing, especially square dancing. John really loved living a farm life, he had goats, cattle, and honey bees, and if he really liked you he would give you his last jar of honey, if he didn't, he wouldn't even sell you a half of a pint. He was most happy spending time with his family and friends. In his younger years John worked for 7-up Bottling in St. Louis, he then ran his own plumbing shop. He went to work in the oil fields of Wyoming, drove all over the country in the Trucking Industry before coming back to Missouri where he spent the rest of his working career installing land lines for United Telephone.

John William Plank JR is survived by his children, Bill Plank and wife Carol, of Eugene, MO, Tommy Plank SR. and friend Sue of Cook Station, MO, and Terry Mears and husband TJ, of Henley, MO; brothers, Tom Plank and wife Bonnie, of Park Hills, MO, and Robert Plank and wife Judy, of Steelville, MO; sisters, Alberta Plank, of Summersville, MO, Linda Hanger, of Salem, MO, and Susan Hackmann and husband Brian, of Barnhart, MO; grandchildren, Bill Plank JR, Tommy Dale Plank JR, Marietta Mears, Zach

Plank, and Jason Mears; six great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents John William Plank SR and Juanita McBride Plank; brother Ronald Ervin and sister Patricia Henrietta; uncles Carl and Bill McBride, and Ervin Plank; aunts, Betty McBride, and Madeline Plank.

Funeral services for John William Plank SR will be held on Friday, April 14, 2017 at 1:00PM in the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Terry Geiler officiating. Masonic service will be held at 12:00PM. Visitation for John will be held prior to the services from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's hospital, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Masonic Service

APR 14. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John William Plank JR*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *John William Plank JR*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of John William Plank JR.*



April 13, 2017 at 06:07 PM



“ *Our deepest heartfelt sympathy to The Plank Family. We have enjoyed a friendship with Jr. and Tommy for many years. Will remember Jr. with much fondness, he was a good man and a good friend. Prayers for comfort for your aching hearts. The Mendenhall Family*

Terri Mendenhall - April 13, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John William Plank JR.



April 13, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of John William Plank JR.



April 13, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of John William Plank JR.



April 13, 2017 at 12:44 PM

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“ Junior invited me and my identical twin grandsons to his place to pick up walnuts. The boys were two years old and had so much fun. More often than not, the babies were throwing walnuts at each other but between the three of us, we were able to fill a bucket and a half.

I started to put the buckets in the car and Junior asked me how I planned to de-shell the nuts. I told him I had a nut cracker at home. He looked at me and smiled and said, “I bet I can get those shells cracked faster than you can with your nut cracker.”

I took him up on his bet. He fired up his cement mixer, helped the twins fill it with water and large rocks. He told the boys to pour the walnuts in the mixer.

He plugged it in, and after it ran for around 10 minutes or so, all the shells floated to the top, the nuts stayed under water with the large rocks.

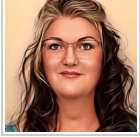
Never have I ever heard of anyone using a cement mixer to de-shell nuts but from that day on, picking walnuts and removing the shells using Junior’s cement mixer was a simple and fun thing to do.

John was a great man. He loved people. His zest for life was remarkable. And the way he treated people, children in particular, set an example that we can all aspire to.

Our family will miss him but I know that the angels are right now, at this moment, laughing as Junior tells stories of how wonderful life can be.

Cindy Lou Gildig

Tom and Cindy Lou Gildig - April 13, 2017 at 06:04 AM



“ Tommy so sorry to hear about your dad. He was an awesome person. He's going to be missed by a lot of people, I want you to know , you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers . Kenny and PamParsons

Pamela Parsons - April 12, 2017 at 05:44 PM