



## John Joseph Carmody

July 3, 1946 - June 27, 2015

John Joseph Carmody, age 68, of Melrose, passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at his home.

John was born July 3, 1946, to Matt F. and Catherine A. (O'Brien) Carmody in Ottumwa, Iowa. He attended Melrose schools and graduated from Albia High School, class of 1964. John attended Centerville Junior College and graduated in 1966 before entering the United States Army and serving his country in Vietnam. He was a decorated soldier.

John was employed at the John Deere Des Moines Works and the Iowa Department of Transportation.

John moved back to Melrose after retirement. He was very active in St. Patrick's Church and the American Legion Post 685 Melrose, Iowa. John had a strong Irish heritage and was a huge Notre Dame fan. He accomplished much in life and his family was proud of him.

John is survived by his brothers, Patrick (Kathy) Carmody of Solon, and Michael (Linda) Carmody of Ankeny; a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Carmody of Tucson, AZ; an aunt, Betty McCormick; 6 nieces and nephews; 12 great nieces and nephews; and 1 great-great niece. He is also survived by numerous cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Matt and Catherine; and his brother, Donald Carmody.

John will be missed by all.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday June 30, 2015, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Father Patrick Lumsden officiating. Burial will follow services at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose, with military rites provided by the American Legion, of Melrose, Albia and Lovilia.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Monday, June 29, 2015 at John's home in Melrose (2370 520th Ave.) with his family present throughout. A Christian Wake Service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Melrose Veterans Memorial Fund (John Parkins)

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Joseph Carmody*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *John Joseph Carmody*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Very sad to hear about John. I heard just the other day. He talked about the house before retirement. It was fun working with him. I know some of the guys he plowed snow with. He was very diligent. Most of the drivers had kegs of beer in their garages. They often gathered at John's place to wind down . The hours of pushing snow in tough conditions took a toll on them. Listening to their close calls with near accidents resembled fishermen telling about how big that fish was that got away. I helped him build his garage in Nevada. That was his pride & joy, his hideaway you might say. After his two truck accidents where people rear-ended his truck pushing into the ditch, he worked for driver's services. He hated wearing those starched uniforms. Probably reminded of the Army. He was more comfortable working for the warehouse. He was more relaxed. He could joke around with the best of them. He was very effecient. His grin could put a smile on your face in a flash. His picture was still above his desk this winter as a reminder to the others that just let the bad days roll on by & that things would get better. Many of us missed his wit when he retired. Being a Nam vet as well, we swapped a few stories but mostly he kept his memories private. He was very respected. He will be missed . His grin & his wit will always be remembered.*

richard schnormeier - Ames, IA - Friend at IDOT - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I just want to say what a GREAT man John was. He stepped into my life and my brothers, and I am so thankful that he took on the role to be my stepfather. I valued him as a father figure. What a kind, caring and giving man he was. I have never forgot all of the times that we spent together-talks, teaching me how to drive a manual transmission, and just showing that he cared beyond what he needed to do! For that I am grateful that I was able to share part of my life knowing him! To the rest of the Carmody family, I am truly sorry to hear of your loss, and you will be in my prayers. Take care and THANK YOU John!!!!

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**Annette Fagen Sage - Ankeny, IA - Stepfather/Dad - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM**

LI

“ Pat, Mike and family so sorry for your loss. Robyn and I couldn't believe it when I say it in the paper wish we would of stayed in contact he was one of the good guys that you meet in your life and will never forget! Sorry we couldn't stick around after the service had to get back. Thinking of all of you Leroy and Robyn

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**LeRoy Lutjen - IA - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM**

LI

“ So very sorry for your loss, John was a good man and will be missed.

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**Linda Lancaster (Coleman) - Prole, IA - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM**

CF

“ I will never forget John Carmody! He was the nicest man I've ever met! He was an angel on earth to my family in the last year. Anything we needed and he was there. Visits that they looked so forward to when they were both still in Melrose. Rides to Albia for my Mom to see Dad when he was hospitalized and then to Monroe Care. Helped me so much, then she could ride back home with me after work. When we were trying to get them together at Homestead, he insisted upon helping, bringing his trailer and helping us load and unload at Homestead. And all this with a back that I know was hurting him. Never a complaint, just what else can I do for you guys? We never got them back together, Mom moved in the day before Christmas Eve. Dad was getting weaker and he passed away on Christmas night at Monroe Care. But we tried hard and couldn't have done it without John. All the while he was still visiting them both and taking them Communion every Sunday. Our Angel on earth for sure! He will make a wonderful angel in heaven also! Just wished that there was something we could have done for him. To the Carmody Family you have our very deepest sympathy and our prayers for John. I hate that Mike or I cannot attend his service, as we are in Chicago. My very grateful Mother will be there with friends to honor this wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers will be there with you all.

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**Carol Hannam Cosgrove - albia, IA - Friend** - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I am very Thankful that I had the chance to get to know and work beside John every day at the la D.O.T. . A very wonderful person and friend. He will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy to he's family, and so sorry for your loss.

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**Bonnie Cooklin - Jefferson , IA - Co-worker** - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Mike, Pat, and families; I am so sorry for the loss of John. He was a very good friend of mine and my family. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Sally

Sally Ripperger See - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ God's Irish, God bless John and Notre Dame, thoughts and prayers to the family

Sean Conway - Windsor Heights, IA - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Pat, Mike and families...so sorry to get the news. I am glad to have spent some time with John last year when in Melrose. God Bless from me and my wife Marilyn as well as my daughters Karen, Kristen and Allison.

Larry O'Brien - Crete (Chicago), IL - Cousin - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So sorry to hear of Johns passing. He was a wonderful person and a great friend. We will miss him terribly. He touched so many lives in such a positive way,Prayers with your family.

Mike and Donna Judge - Albia, IA - Classmate and friend - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ With deepest sympathy and many kind thoughts and prayers to the Carmody family, especially to Patrick, Mike, Mary Lou & Shawn & families..

John &Gloria Gardner - Chariton, IA - Aunt&Uncle of Mary Lou Carmody - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Carmody family in this time of sorrow. Where answers fail, we turn to prayer to find peace.

John J. and Agnes O'Brien - Albion, IA - Cousin - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. Enjoyed working with him on his soldier projects and considered him a good friend. He kept such a nice home and was so proud of it. I will miss him and so will Melrose! There aren't enough like him left.

dave johnson - albia, IA - friend - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Such a tragedy to hear of this. I've been to his house many times while at mom's mowing for one thing or another. He will be greatly missed as a neighbor and to have him handy to help out in a time of need. I know Mom will miss just seeing him out and about and bringing his surplus of garden produce over in the summertime. Always a good neighbor and always pleasant to carry on a conversation with.

Susan Conway Dinsmore - Fremont, IA - lifelong neighbor - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Leave a condolence or a memory.

Kit Dinneen Crane - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. My thoughts are with you.

Linda Shelbur - Classmate - June 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM