



John A. Cowles

October 20, 1919 - July 5, 2010

John A. Cowles, age, 90 formerly of Georgetown, died July 5, 2010 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston.

He was born October 20, 1919 in Woodhull, IL to Dr. George H. and Myrtle (Tilden) Cowles. He married Catherine E. Mahoney on June 26, 1954 in Georgetown. He worked at the V.A. Hospital in Knoxville and farmed up until 1998, when he moved to Benton Apartments in Albia. He left Albia in 2004 and resided at Martina Place in Johnston until he recently became ill.

Though a man of few words, his smile, humor, and quick-witted comebacks warmed the hearts of everyone around him. Things were simpler for him in his final years of life, despite having Alzheimer's disease. He always understood the importance of family and friends, while possessing a powerful faith in the Lord.

He is survived by his children, Geralyn Cowles, of Atlanta, GA, Jim (Patty) Cowles of Troy, IL, Pat Cowles of Des Moines, and Mary (Tim) James of Des Moines; five grandchildren, Lisa, Lauren, and John R. Cowles of Troy, IL, Sara James (Todd) Kurovski of Pleasant Hill, and Jessica James of Des Moines.

Also surviving is one sister, Mary Ann Sacco of Rock Hill, SC, a sister-in-law, Loretto Cowles of Columbia, MO; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine, his parents, five brothers, and two sisters.

Tribute Wall



“ *John A. Cowles*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *John A. Cowles*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *In 1967 when I was in the 8th grade your father and I were in the Monroe Co. hospital at the same time. He and Leo Flattery were in the room next to me. Afer my Dad would go home of an evening they would come over and watch TV with me just to keep me company. I was very blessed to spend time with them and hear their laughter & funny stories. Even in the years to follow, whenever I would see them around in Albia they would always stop and ask me how I was. I will never forget your father's kindness. Be Blessed, Lela*

Lela Shepard Griffin - July 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mary and family,
I agree with Barb, we loved visiting you all at the farm & getting to go fishing with Uncle John. He greatly blessed our family. We'll be lifting you all up in our prayers and know that the Lord will bring you comfort knowing that John is now resting at the Father's feet in heaven. Lovingly,
Elizabeth*

Elizabeth (Smith) Rice - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'll never forget my namesake; what a great uncle. All the fun times we had on the farm and the huge gift of his wonderful family he has left to us all.*

Love to all!

John S. - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *John's work on earth is finished. God has a greater need for him in heaven. Keep your memories of John and be happy for John knowing that the Lord needed a good man in his kingdom.*

Charles Allen - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Mary and family,
We always loved visiting with John as youngsters and appreciated his wisdom in adulthood, so I know how much we will all miss his gentle spirit. Our prayers are for comfort and sharing special memories as you celebrate his life today and in the days ahead with family and friends. We love you,
Barb & George*

Barb Rountree - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM