



John Raymond McCombs

June 12, 1939 - August 15, 2023

John Raymond McCombs, age 84, of Albia, IA, passed away on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

John was born on June 12, 1939, in Albia, IA, to Sydney “Blackie” and Ann (Sereg) McCombs. He grew up attending school and graduated from the Albia High School with the class of 1957. On July 12, 1957, he was united in marriage to Marlene VanPelt in Lake Manawa, Iowa, and to this union, 2 sons were born, Jim and Mark. John and Marlene were blessed with 66 years of marriage prior to his passing.

John worked with Custom Drywall in San Jose, CA, for 50 years as a supervisor. He enjoyed raising horses, especially Keno, who he had for over 45 years. He was a car enthusiast and owned a Jaguar XKE and 2 Corvettes. John loved to visit with others and went to the Highway Restaurant in town every evening to do so and have coffee.

John is survived by his wife, Marlene McCombs; 2 grandsons, Josh and Kenny McCombs; a granddaughter, Crystal (Matt Wilt) McCombs; 4 great grandchildren, Mitchell and Katelin Vaughn and Wyatt and Johnathan Wilt; 2 sisters, Ruth Larson and Lucille Volkamer; and a brother, Ronnie McCombs. John is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews,

He was preceded in death by his sons, Jim and Mark McCombs; his parents, Sydney and Anna McCombs; 2 sisters, Dorothy Shaw and Gertrude Ahn; and a brother, Bob McCombs.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with John's family present throughout the day and evening to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Lynda Carlson officiating. Burial will follow services at Cuba Cemetery in Monroe County.

A memorial has been established to the Heartland Humane Society in Ottumwa.

Cemetery Details

Cuba Cemetery

Avery, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was so sorry to hear about John's passing. I have memories of John going back to 1961 when I was only 6. He packed up his wife, his two young boys and moved From Iowa to California with my parents. He worked for Custom Drywall as a Taper and Consttuction Superintendent for 40 years. I knew John well and had many different types of relationships with him. He was always an Uncle and close friend. During our working years we shared an office, then I worked for him as Drywall Taper. He recommended to my father and his partner that I would make a good estimator, he was right. We worked many years together with me as an estimator and him as Superintendent running the people in the field. Eventually my Dad retired and I took over Custom Drywall. He was a great person and friendly to everyone. When I took flying lessons he proclaimed that he would be my first passenger when I got my license. The next day he met me at the airport and we flew together to Hollister for lunch and a trip down the Coast He told me he was my Uncle Gene's first passenger as a pilot and he wanted to my first passengfer too. No matte what the relationship we had, John was always a pleasure to be around. I will always miss him.

Gene Cox

Gene Cox - August 17, 2023 at 01:25 PM

GH

“ It was an honor to know him

Gerald Haas - August 16, 2023 at 09:16 PM

JA

“ I will miss my uncle John. He holds a special place in my heart. I will miss him and know that he is in heaven. May you rest in peace in God's arms uncle john

Judy ahn - August 16, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ Kim Church lit a candle in memory of John Raymond McCombs



Kim Church - August 16, 2023 at 04:01 PM

BT

“ Such a sweet and caring man. Wonderful neighbor always stopping by for a chat. You will be greatly missed.

Benji, betty Thompson - August 16, 2023 at 03:54 PM