



John R. Dotas

January 31, 1936 - February 10, 2016

Mr. John R. Dotas, 80, passed away Wednesday night, February 10, 2016, at his home in Lebanon, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on January 31, 1936, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a son of the late Charles and Virginia (Faith) Dotas.

John was raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota and enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. following school. He served his country honorably for eight years during the Korean War.

On August 22, 1960, he was married to Helen J. (Schacherer) Dotas in Minneapolis, Minnesota; she survives.

John studied radio broadcasting at Brown Institute in Minneapolis. He moved to Indiana in 1985 and for twelve years, John owned and operated WBCI which later became known as RadioMom WIRE-FM.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. In addition to his family, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and traveling in his RV.

A Private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory have been entrusted with the arrangements.

Survivors:

Wife:

Helen J. Dotas – Lebanon, Indiana

Four Sons:

Charles J. Dotas and wife, Annette Federico – Harrisonburg, Virginia

Scott A. Dotas and wife, Laura – Cincinnati, Ohio

Paul R. Dotas and wife, Laurie – West Lafayette, Indiana

Michael E. Dotas – Fishers, Indiana

Twelve Grandchildren

One Great Grandchild

Brother:

Larry Dotas – Bloomington, Minnesota

Deceased: In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Janice Dotas and a niece, Lori Dotas.

Memorials may be made in John's memory to:

Boone County Senior Services

515 Crown Pointe Drive

Lebanon, Indiana 46052

Tribute Wall



“ *John R. Dotas*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Helen, I've been in Florida for the winter and just now saw that John passed. My thoughts and prayers are with your and your family. RIP John.*

Kay Geisler - March 11, 2016 at 07:34 AM



“ *I had the privilege of working with John (George Young) Dotas at WDGY in the Twin Cities beginning in late 1966. He became a good friend and we shared some great times together. Ironically, I began bowling with two of his high school buddies - Jack Northrop and Don Olson. Please accept my sincere condolences to friends and family.*

Johnny Canton


Johnny Canton - February 16, 2016 at 03:54 PM

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“ I will always appreciate the opportunity that John & Helen gave me at their station. They no doubt had second thoughts on more than one occasion as to the wisdom of their decision! John was a great guy, and we could always rib each other, even after he sold the station and I would sometimes run into him around town, usually Walmart. My life is much richer for having known him.

Ric LaFollette

Ric LaFollette - February 16, 2016 at 11:49 AM

 Brad Bevington

“ John gave me my very first radio job at WBCI when I was just a junior in high school. I will always appreciate his faith in me and teaching me so much. My condolences to his friends and family.

Brad Bevington - February 14, 2016 at 07:36 PM