



## John E. Hancock

February 21, 1935 - September 24, 2024

John Edwin Hancock, 89 of Whitestown, Indiana was born on February 21, 1935, in a farmhouse built by his great grandfather. John moved back into the farmhouse later in life and it was his desire to pass in that same farmhouse when his time came. That time has come, and he passed peacefully at home surrounded by family on September 24, 2024.

John was preceded in death by his parents Joel Robert and Mary Louise (Laughner) Hancock, his wife of 60 years Susan Lucille Hancock (Belcher), and his brother Robert Joel Hancock.

John graduated from Whitestown High School in 1954 and was the class President.

John Hancock resided in Boone County his entire life and worked for Union Carbide Corporation as an electrician for 36 years before retiring in 1995. John served as a member of the Worth Township Volunteer Fire Department from 1953-1988 and was Fire Chief of that department from 1979-1986. John was also a farmer, having grown up on the family farm, he worked the land for many years. John generously volunteered his electrical expertise to Habitat for Humanity in his retirement years.

John Hancock was a 68-year member of the F&A Masons, a member of the

Whitestown Celestial Lodge #525 since 1956. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite, and a Murat Shriner who enjoyed riding his motorcycle in parades around the state with his group of performance riders. John was a member of Boy scout Troop 354 as a youngster and provided some of the leadership for Troop 382 when his boys were in Boy scouts. John was also a recipient of the Harold Anderson citizenship award in 2004 for his many years of dedicated service to Whitestown.

John enjoyed spending time in his 20-acre woods cutting and splitting firewood. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, camping, traveling, sports, tinkering and spending time with family and friends. He loved animals. John knew the value of church and was a dedicated member of the Lutheran faith. John loved life and his family.

John is survived by his children Richard Michael Hancock (Cheryl) and Mark Douglas Hancock. Additionally, his sister Suann Stoner (Hancock). Grandchildren Kyle Michael Hancock, Alexis Kay Lynn Smithes (Phil), Erika Rachelle Shepherd (Lane), Daphne Danielle Hancock, and Trinity Taylor Hancock. Great grandchildren are Landry Michael Shepherd (10), Dominic Kade Ottinger (10), Brooklyn Leeanna Jean Mueller (6), Laney Rae Shepherd (5), Freyja Courtney Susan Hancock (4), Ellie May Shepherd (4), Cayne Alan Mueller (8 months). There are several nieces and nephews as well.

Family and closest friends are invited to attend visitation from 3:00pm to 6:00pm on Monday, September 30, 2024, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Funeral services will follow visitation at 6:00pm. Dispersal of Mr. Hancock's ashes will take place at a later date on the family farm and will include Masonic Rites. Boone County Crematory has been entrusted with his cremation arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital,

PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394 or to the Boone County Historical Society,  
P.O. Box 141, Lebanon, Indiana 46052.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **30**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
1502 North Lebanon Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052  
(765) 482-0620  
office@myersmortuary.com  
<https://myersmortuary.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John E. Hancock.*



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September 30, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ *Hine and Walker Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Hancock.*

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**Hine and Walker Families** - September 29, 2024 at 07:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John E. Hancock.*



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September 29, 2024 at 07:44 PM

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“ I am sorry and deeply saddened by your family’s tremendous loss. John and my father, Dave Endres, were long-time colleagues at Union Carbide. I recall John visiting my dad's farm many times over the years. The world is a much better place because John was in it. He will be forever fondly remembered and sorely missed by everyone who loved him. Please know each of you is being held close in thought and prayer during this painfully difficult time. Sending my heartfelt condolences and many hugs for all.



Debra Jo Endres-Ard | Lizton, IN USA - September 29, 2024 at 06:30 PM

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“ Whitestown American Legion Auxiliary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Hancock.

Whitestown American Legion Auxiliary - September 26, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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“ Whitestown American Legion Auxiliary purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John E. Hancock.



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“ 1 file added to the album *Whitestown Fire Department's 90th Anniversary Interview*



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**Greg Lanham** - September 26, 2024 at 10:42 AM

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“ *Town of Whitestown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Hancock.*

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**Town of Whitestown** - September 26, 2024 at 07:48 AM



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