



John Michael Quinn

November 26, 1932 - May 9, 2025

U. S. Air Force Captain (Ret.) John Michael Quinn was born in Providence, Rhode Island on November 26, 1932, the son of John C. and Bridget (Kelly) Quinn. His mother was born in Roscommon, Ireland and his father's family was also from Ireland, so John was a proud 100% Irishman! John passed away at Witham Hospital in Lebanon, Indiana on May 9, 2025, as the result of a fall and breaking his hip.

At the age of 17 John joined the Rhode Island National Guard and then the United States Air Force. After basic training The Korean War broke out and he was sent to Korea. He spent 17 months manning a radar site in the mountains of South Korea. His 18th birthday was spent evacuating from Pyongyang, North Korea.

Upon returning to the United States, he was stationed at Westover Air Force Base in Western Massachusetts. He rose to the rank of Technical Sergeant and was recommended to attend the Officer Candidate School from which he graduated in 1958.

John married Lois Trudeau Holmes in 1955 (later divorced) and they raised her three children along with five of their own. As a newly commissioned Lieutenant John was stationed at the U2 Base in Del Rio, Texas for 3 years. Following that assignment he served in Boston and then back to Westover. He

also served a tour of duty in King Salmon, Alaska, and was there for the 9.1 earthquake that struck Anchorage on Good Friday, 1964.

John retired from the Air Force after a service of twenty years. For a few years he worked as an insurance representative and then decided to follow a career in his life-long interest of singing and songwriting. He produced several records and enjoyed performing on radio and television.

Following a business trip to Los Angeles he met his future wife, Arlene Crouch Landon, on a blind date. They married in 1996, settling in the San Fernando Valley and added her three children to their blended family. Over the years they enjoyed taking many trips around California and throughout the United States. John began his 20-year career in film and television production and on-screen talent and joined the Screen Actor's Guild (SAG/AFTRA).

In 2004 he retired from his SAG/AFTRA career. To be near family they moved from the San Fernando Valley in California and bought a home in Lebanon, Indiana and bought a condo in Venice, Florida. John was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lebanon and Our Lady of Lourdes in Venice. He had friends at both the First Presbyterian Church of Lebanon and the Venice Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Korea War Veterans Association, the National American Legion and the Military Officers Association of America. He was a regular contributor of articles to the Korea War Veteran's Magazine.

John enjoyed spending time with family, playing golf with his Lebanon buddies at the former Fairways Golf Course and with family in Florida. He enjoyed singing karaoke with family in Florida. He was active in life-story writing groups in California, Lebanon and Venice. His activities included those offered by the Boone County Senior Services, especially their annual Senior Olympics. He was the Torchbearer Captain for their 2016 Olympics and was

honored with a ride in the Lebanon Fourth of July Parade. John was a friend to many and dearly loved by his family.

He will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Arlene and his eleven children and stepchildren: Gregory Holmes, William Holmes (Gloria) and Cynthia Holmes, Joan (Daniel) Eastman, John M. Quinn, Jr., Edward (Lea) Quinn, Elizabeth (Eric Burt) Quinn, Mary Rachel Quinn, Catherine Felts, Carolyn (Lori White) Landon, and the Rev. Dr. Michael E. Landon; plus 26 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by a younger brother, Dennis (Diane) Quinn, niece Kelly Quinn and nephews James (Melissa) Quinn and Robert Quinn. He was predeceased by his parents and younger brother Jerome R. Quinn and step-daughter-in law Susan Holmes and step-son-in law Robert Felts.

Graveside services with Military Rites will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Lebanon. Myers Mortuary has been entrusted with his arrangements.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Boone County Senior Services, Inc. (BCSSI), 515 Crown Pointe Drive #8335, Lebanon, IN 46502.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

935 East Washington Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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935 E. Washington Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Tribute Wall



“ *My Grandpa Quinn (or "Grape" to his great-grandchildren) was a joyful man with a gentle spirit. He lived life to the fullest and never missed a chance to sing, dance or make his loved ones smile. He taught me to cherish all of life's blessings and never take a day for granted. I will miss his warmth, joy and playfulness. Love you forever, Grandpa!*



Elizabeth Winheld - May 15, 2025 at 11:13 AM

AQ

Thank you sweet Elizabeth! He loved you so much.

Arlene Quinn - May 16, 2025 at 09:46 AM

BM

1 memory we used to wander Topanga mall in calif .we waited for the piano player to begin as he/she enteratined J Q sang and he would do his “ diddies Lots smiles and hand clapping love Man bob

bob matlosz - May 18, 2025 at 02:52 PM

CI

“ Cindy lit a candle in memory of John Michael Quinn



Cindy - May 14, 2025 at 09:33 PM

CI

“ Dad always had a great smile and introduced all of us to music. I remember several times standing on his feet so I could dance with him. Music and dancing was his life and I'll always be thankful for him bringing it into our lives.

I miss him so much and I wish I could have said goodbye to him.

I love you Dad. I know you are happy where ever you are and you are smiling and dancing 🕺

Cindy - May 14, 2025 at 09:32 PM



So true and so cute. Love you, Sis ❤️

Joan Eastman - May 15, 2025 at 11:14 AM

AQ

Thank you Cindy! He loved you so much.

Arlene Quinn - May 16, 2025 at 09:48 AM

JE

“ Jason E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Michael Quinn.

Jason E. - May 14, 2025 at 06:53 PM



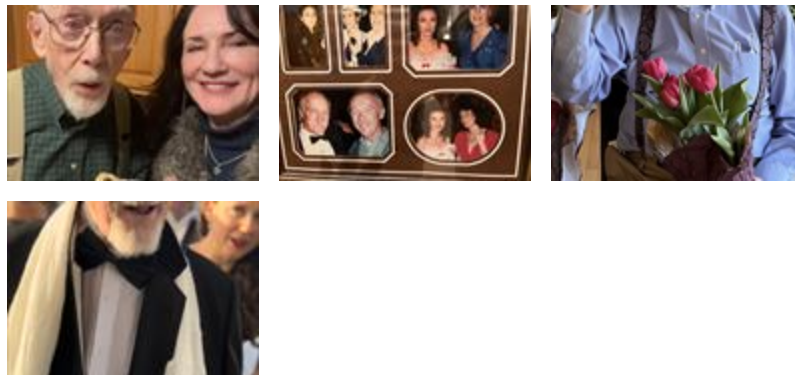
“ Our Dad, John Michael Quinn, was a wonderful, loving, caring, engaged, father of eight children, and three step children. He was a true patriarch, and a true patriot, active and vital until the fall that broke his hip. He was always there to listen, comfort, support, guide and his favorite, cheer us on!

He made the most of every one of his 92 1/2 years of life. He began singing at a very young age and never stopped. He performed at every opportunity that presented itself, and often times spontaneously as well, even throughout his military career.

He made everything so much fun for everyone all the time.

I am so deeply grateful for the life, the love, and the laughter that we shared every chance we got, and believe me, it was a lot! I was blessed to have remained very close to my father until the end.

*He will always be with me, cherished in my heart forever. 🤍🙏🤍
Love you to the moon and back, Daddy, and I always will. 🙏❤🙏*



Joan Eastman - May 14, 2025 at 06:46 PM

AQ

You were a blessing to him! He loved you to the moon and back.

Arlene Quinn - May 16, 2025 at 09:49 AM

AG

“ all the grandkids purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Michael Quinn.



all the grandkids - May 14, 2025 at 05:48 PM

BQ

“ Bruce Q. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Michael Quinn.

Bruce Q. - May 14, 2025 at 05:28 PM

BQ

“ Bruce Q. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John Michael Quinn.



Bruce Q. - May 14, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Michael Quinn.

May 13, 2025 at 11:25 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Michael Quinn.



May 13, 2025 at 11:25 PM



“ Bill and Gloria Holmes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Michael Quinn.

Bill and Gloria Holmes - May 13, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ Bill and Gloria Holmes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Michael Quinn.



Bill and Gloria Holmes - May 13, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ With Love, Ed and Lea Quinn and Family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Michael Quinn.

With Love, Ed and Lea Quinn and Family - May 13, 2025 at 02:28 PM

WL

“ With love, Rob and Kim Luzarraga planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Michael Quinn.

With love, Rob and Kim Luzarraga - May 13, 2025 at 09:38 AM

WL

“ With love, Rob and Kim Luzarraga purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of John Michael Quinn.



With love, Rob and Kim Luzarraga - May 13, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LQ

“ Love, Mark, Morgan, and Mara Quinn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Michael Quinn.



Love, Mark, Morgan, and Mara Quinn - May 12, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Michael Quinn.



May 12, 2025 at 11:04 AM