



John T. Roark

January 25, 1938 - May 12, 2024

John Thomas Roark, age 86, of Whitestown, IN, passed away Sunday, May 12, 2024, surrounded by family at Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, IN. He was born in Scottsville, Kentucky, on January 25, 1938, the son of the late William Floyd Roark and Margie D. (Reynolds) Roark.

On June 23, 1958, John married Sandra Jean (Garrison) Roark of Montpelier, IN; she survives.

At the age of 4, his family moved to Indianapolis, IN, from Scottsville, KY; when John was 16, they settled in Zionsville, IN.

He attended St. Frances de Sales Catholic School in Indianapolis, IN and Herron School of Art in Indianapolis, IN.

John was a proud Union Member of the U.A. Local 440 Plumbers, Pipefitters, and HVACR Service Technicians for 60 years. He worked as a Journeyman at several locations, including Cook Brothers, Beaman Inc., J.A. House, and Downton & West. He mentored many apprentices in furthering their careers.

John enjoyed reading and learning, having a personal library of more than 2,400 books on every topic imaginable, including physics, automobile repair, trees, gardening and plant materials, human anatomy, firearms, PC repair,

foreign languages, poetry, King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, and many others almost too numerous to mention. He once acquired a book written in Russian, so he purchased another book and learned to read Russian. John also had an extreme passion for trees, planting several hundred on the 4-acre property where he and his wife raised their five children. Other hobbies included horseback riding, gardening, firearms, and repairing anything mechanical. He could build or fix anything.

John was a devoted husband and cherished father who embraced every moment spent with his family.

John is survived by his wife, Sandra J. "Jeany" Roark; children, John A. "Tony" (Pam) Roark of Lebanon, IN, Julie Lynn Minor of Carmel, IN, Jennifer Lee (Richard) Smith of Lebanon, IN, James Thomas (Barbara) Roark of Noblesville, IN, and Jonathan Tyler (Christy) Roark of Waveland, IN; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; and his brother, William Henry Roark of Ohio.

John was preceded in death by his parents, William and Margie Roark; brother, Floyd Daniel Roark; and a granddaughter, Cassie Keeler.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory have been entrusted with his cremation arrangements.

Memorials may be directed in his memory to Witham Rehabilitation Services at Lebanon, 2705 North Lebanon Street, North Pavilion, Suite 105, Lebanon, IN 46052.

Tribute Wall

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“ One other thing I remember about John. He would always bring home a baby bird he would find on the ground and Mom would feed it and eventually it would fly away. He just loved everything.

William roark - May 17, 2024 at 01:54 PM

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“ I will miss my brother John terribly. I love him very much. He was the best Big brother you could have. He used to take me on motorcycle rides which would scare the crap out of me. We went everywhere together. We would get on the bus and go downtown in the to a movie just by ourselves. John love nature animals trees just like myself and dad did. Don't even love spiders that's where I drew the line. When we were very young and I would see a spider I would yell Tas bug catcher and he would come and scare the spider away. John could fix literally anything mechanical which I couldn't do very well. I would always have parts left over. But John was great and he'll be missed so much by me and everyone who knew him. But he is in heaven now with Mom and Dad's and Dan. This leaves me the last one standing.

William roark - May 17, 2024 at 01:36 PM

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“ William Roark lit a candle in memory of John T. Roark



William roark - May 17, 2024 at 01:24 PM

 Linda
Locke

“ All of my love, thoughts and prayers for all during this time of need. I, Linda "Sissy" and our Locke family traveling from Indianapolis to Zionsville to visit for the day. There are 5 of us (Locke) kids and 5 of them. We loved playing and seeing all of the pets. I always enjoyed visiting and the road trip. You all are always in my memories. Linda Locke

Linda Locke - May 15, 2024 at 06:12 PM

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“ Tyler and Family. So sorry for your loss. My mom just passed May 1st so I know what you are going through. If you need my, my brother I am here for you. Sincerely, Ernie Rivers and Family

Ernie Rivers - May 15, 2024 at 02:01 PM