



John Michael Wilhelm

April 26, 1945 - May 26, 2019

John Michael Wilhelm was born April 26, 1945, in Humansville, Missouri, to Adam and Rosie Mae Myers Wilhelm. He died Sunday, May 26, 2019, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 74 years. John was a veteran of the armed forces having proudly served his country with the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He served aboard the USS Ranger and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. He worked several jobs throughout his life including working on the wheat harvest crew and as a welder, but most recently was the receiving department supervisor with Home Depot in Owasso. He was a lifetime member of the Owasso VFW Post #7180. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes, especially traveling. He was a very talented woodworker and loved working on different projects and works of art. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife; Wanda

Daughter; Shelley Shorey

His brother and sister in-law; Wendel and Mary Wilhelm, of Dodge City, Kansas

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Barbara Shorb.

Private family services will be held at a later date. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Owasso VFW Post #7180, P.O. Box 1482, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ TRIBUTE TO
JOHN WILHELM

ONCE IN A LIFE TIME WE ARE SOMETIMES BLESSED WITH A FRIEND THAT GOD SENDS OUR WAY. JOHN WAS VERY PRIVATE AND THUS HAD A SMALL CIRCLE OF GOOD AQUAINTENCES AND AN EVEN SMALLER CIRCLE OF CLOSE FRIENDS. I WAS VERY FORTUNATE TO BE ONE OF HIS CLOSE FRIENDS.

JOHN'S DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THOSE AROUND HIM WAS NOT SOMETHING HE SPOKE ABOUT BUT RATHER SHOWED THROUGH HIS ACTIONS.

JOHN WAS A VERY CONSIDERATE, CARING, COMPASSIONATE AND GIVING PERSON. HE WAS NOT A MAN OF MANY WORDS FOR HE CHOSE TO LISTEN AND LEARN INSTEAD.

JOHN HAD MANY TALENTS BUT AGAIN HE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT THEM. NO HE JUST WENT ABOUT HIS LIFE CREATING THINGS WITH HIS HANDS AND SHARING HIS TALENTS WITH HIS FRIENDS.

I DON'T KNOW THAT HE OFTEN ASKED FOR ANYTHING FOR HIMSELF BUT RATHER HE HAD A KEEN SENSE OF THE NEEDS OF OTHERS AND HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO HELP OTHERS WITH THOSE NEEDS.

HE WAS SCARED BY HIS MILATERY EXPERIENCES OF THE VIET NAM WAR. BUT HE TRIED TO FIGHT THROUTH THOSE DEMONS. HE WAS A FIERCE DEFENDER OF ALL VETERANS AND IN HIS LAST FEW YEARS GAVE OF HIS TIME AND TALENT TO HIS LOCAL VFW.

LASTLY, I HAVE TO MENTION HIS LOVE OF THE GAME OF GOLF. WE WERE BROTHERS WHEN IT CAME TO THIS GAME.

WE WOULD TEXT OR CALL EACH OTHER AND RECALL OUR DAILY ROUND OF GOLF.

JOHN WILHELM, YOU WILL BE MISSED IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. MAY OUR DEAR LORD KEEP YOU AND GIVE YOU REST AND PEACE AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.

Joe Rodriguez - June 06, 2019 at 08:48 AM

RC

Thank you Joe. That was extremely well written and much appreciated. I am one of his nieces and that meant the world to me. Thank you!

Ronda Covey - June 14, 2019 at 03:57 PM

RC

“ *Fair winds and following seas, Unkie John. How very blessed I was to have you as my uncle.*
Love, Ronda

Ronda Covey - June 04, 2019 at 11:42 PM



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Mowery Funeral Service - May 29, 2019 at 10:49 AM

JA

This is how John looked when he took me to my senior prom in Alameda. I remember him and his kindness with the enduring affection that he inspired.

Jean Allen - January 02, 2021 at 04:59 PM