



Mr. John Randall Keyes

June 4, 1942 - October 27, 2020

John Randall Keyes of Jonesboro, AR passed away October 27, 2020 at the Flo & Phil Jones Hospice House. John made us laugh, introduced us to adventure, and modeled solid values. He was a loving and generous man, sensitive, and loyal to family and friends.

Born in Frostburg, Maryland to Richard and Mary Keyes, after high school John enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country for four years as a missile mechanic. Prior to his tour ending he was visiting Walcott when he met a beautiful young lady that stole his heart. Two years later they were married in Jonesboro at Fisher Street Baptist Church.

John studied Engineering at Christian Brothers University in Memphis while Lana became a Registered Pharmacist. He retired after 22 years as the Facilities Manager at Sara Lee PYA Warehouses.

Very humble, very wise, yet very competitive John was known for his rapier wit, great storytelling and wicked sense of humor. He enjoyed traveling the world with his best friend and soul mate Lana. They toured Australia, New Zealand, China, Taiwan, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Germany, Austria, France, England, Scotland, Panama Canal, Hawaii 3 times, Central America, and for their 50th wedding anniversary the World War II Memorial Tour.

He was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Mary (Sirbaugh) Keyes and his sister Mary Elizabeth Montoya.

John leaves behind his wife of 54 years Lana Sue Keyes of Jonesboro, AR, his brother Gerald (Mary Lee) Keyes of Detroit, MI, his brother in law Jim (Becky) Hardin of Jonesboro, AR and several nieces, nephews and long time friends.

The celebration of John's life will be on November 10, 2020 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles located at 2912 Gilmore Drive #7327 in Jonesboro followed by a committal service with full honors at the Arkansas Veterans Cemetery at Birdeye in Cherry Valley. The family has requested in lieu of flowers please consider a charitable contribution to the American Cancer Association, St. Jude or Helping Hands Food Bank.

Tri-City LLC Crematory Funeral Home is honored and privileged to serve the Keyes family. Online condolences may be expressed at www.Tri-CityLLC.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering of Family & Friends

NOV 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fraternal Order of Eagles
2912 Gilmore Drive
7327
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Graveside Service

NOV 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery at Birdeye
3600 Highway 163
Cherry Valley, AR 72324
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/grants/state.asp?STATE=AR>

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Lana,

I was so very sorry to hear of John's passing. I always enjoyed talking about genealogy with him and it was so nice to be connected to someone from home. He was a blessing in this world and I will miss our conversations. Take care of yourself and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Fondly,

*Shawn McGreevy
Wilmington, North Carolina
originally from Barton, Maryland*

Shawn - March 13, 2021 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Memories of John from my early days growing up. For some reason he liked to refer to me as Sally from the Alley. Lana, I'm very sorry for your loss. You were blessed to share a long life with John. Best wishes to you in the journey. Sally Steiding McCalla*

Sally McCalla - November 07, 2020 at 09:07 AM

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“ *From first to twelfth grades we were friends & most enjoyed when you, Lana and John came to visit us in Mariposa, Ca. We really bonded over those days—hopefully, we will see you soon in Arkansas! Prayers & Love...❤️
Jim & Marion*

Marion & Jim Chappell - November 06, 2020 at 11:31 PM