



John W. Graves

January 19, 1950 - January 22, 2018

John W. Graves, 68, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away January 22, 2018. He was born in Ottumwa, Iowa on January 19, 1950, the son of Roy L. and Blanche Stookesberry Graves.

He graduated from Davis County High School in 1968 and was a graduate on Northeast Missouri Teacher's College in Kirksville.

John married Charlene Schlotter on September 5, 1980 in Lake Ozark, Missouri.

He had worked as a substitute teacher at Ottumwa High School, Petefish Scale Yards, Kirksville Livestock Market, American Images Aerial Photography, and owned John's Auction House in Downing, Missouri. Many times John said "All I ever wanted to do was farm." He was passionate about good stewardship of the land.

John enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing cards with his friends in Downing. Most of all, he enjoyed his family; daughter, Patricia (Scott) Murdock and grandson, Mack, of Las Vegas, Nevada, who looked forward to trips to the farm to fish and ride the ATV; son, George (Melanie Shaw) Graves, and grandson, Bryer, who truly gets excited about fireworks, and Isaac and Drew Cramer of Bloomfield, Iowa.

John is survived by his wife, Charlene; children, Patricia and George and their families; mother, Blanche Graves; sisters, Mary (Gerald) Bragg, Bonnie O. (Wayne) Glosser; brothers-in-law, Robert, Richard, and Rodney Schlotter; as-well-as many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Graves; infant brother Jimmie Carl; step-sister, Helen L. Aeschliman; step-brother, Lewis Graves; mother and father-in-law, Eloise Fry and Harold Schlotter; and sister-in-law, Shirley Schlotter.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Burial will be at the Inskeep Cemetery in Davis County.

Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday with the family present to greet friends from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorials have been established to the Bloomfield Avenue of Flags and to his grandchildren's college education.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Graves*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM

JK

“ *John Kline lit a candle in memory of John W. Graves*



john kline - February 16, 2018 at 03:04 PM

JK

So sorry for your loss. Prayers to family

john kline - February 16, 2018 at 03:05 PM

SP

“ *John and I met through my father Steve Petersen. He welcomed us like family into his home. My sincere condolences to his nearest and dearest. God bless.*

Scott Petersen - January 27, 2018 at 01:50 AM

JT

“ *Jan Townsend lit a candle in memory of John W. Graves*



Jan Townsend - January 27, 2018 at 12:55 AM

JT

So sorry for your loss! Thoughts and prayers to you all during this difficult time!

Jan Townsend - January 27, 2018 at 12:56 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John W. Graves.*



January 25, 2018 at 10:21 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John W. Graves.*



January 25, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of John W. Graves.*



January 25, 2018 at 12:41 PM

SS

“ *So sorry to learn of John's passing. Wish there was some way to make it all go away. Charlene, Patricia, George, you will be in my thoughts for days to come. May your memories help you through.*

Sue Spilman

Sue Spilman - January 25, 2018 at 11:52 AM

DH

“ *So very sorry to hear of John's passing. My deepest sympathy to you, Charles, and the entire family.*

Doug Hockersmith

Doug Hockersmith - January 24, 2018 at 06:51 PM

GB

“ Indeed, I and my dad played cards with John and Charlene at The Cheese Post in Downing, and we sat nearby quite often when he and Charlene had the lunch special there on Wednesdays. John was a classmate of my cousin Steve Bruner and John and I surely crossed paths in college in Kirksville or in the hallways of Ottumwa High School where both of us were substitute teachers at one time ... all this discovered over not a little talk at The Cheese Post. We shared a lot about the Nuthatch-Davis County route. Small world. Please know our shock following John's passing and our sincere expressions of sympathy now. Your family are in our thoughts.

Gene Bruner
Bob "Bert" Bruner

Gene Bruner - January 24, 2018 at 03:13 PM

JM

“ So very sorry to hear about John. Great childhood memories. My mother was John's half sister. Janey Martin

Janey & Gary Martin - January 24, 2018 at 12:40 PM

LH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Kevin and Lisa Hastings

Lisa Hastings - January 24, 2018 at 09:20 AM

DJ

“ Sorry for your loss. Debbie [Townsend] Jacobsmeier

Deborah Townsend Jacobsmeier - January 24, 2018 at 07:44 AM

SD

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. John was a friend of our for years, when we lived in Iowa. May the family remember the wonderful times and rejoice in his entry to our heaven.

Suzanne & Tom Dean - January 23, 2018 at 07:08 PM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss. Ron & Sandy Barker

Ron/Sandy Barker - January 23, 2018 at 06:20 PM

MG

*HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED
SEE YOU WHEN I GET THERE JOHN*

MIKE GRAVES - January 24, 2018 at 10:07 AM

BD

My heart is breaking. John and I were classmates from Pulaski to graduation in 1968. He was a ton of fun, and always treated me with kindness. A true gentleman. Sure going to miss him.

Barb (Hartzler) Daubenmier

Barbara Daubenmier - January 24, 2018 at 11:41 AM

LH

We Know John by the wedding of his Daughter Patricia to my son Scott Murdock, we always enjoyed visiting John who would graciously take us out to the pond fishing and just enjoying The Life on the farm! Charlene hosted the annual fireworks with John and George... since 2006 all the grandkids would love the occasion ..MISS YOU JOHN...See you again in Heaven, Love to all the family, Laura and Loren

Laura Murdock Hetzer - January 24, 2018 at 01:34 PM

CH

I was very shocked to hear of your loss, Charlene. May you know that God will comfort you and give you strength and peace. My continued prayers will be for you and your family. God be with you all.

Carlene Horn - January 25, 2018 at 09:09 AM

JB

So sorry to hear about John. We were classmates in Pulaski Elementary through 8th grade, continued in the graduating class of '68 at Davis County High, and on to Northeast Missouri State in Kirksville, MO. RIP my friend, Janice Giles Berge

Jan Berge - January 26, 2018 at 11:30 PM