



John W. Beyke

December 24, 1949 - November 12, 2024

John W. Beyke, age 74, of Celestine, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 1:10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at St. Vincent Heart Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

John was born in Jasper, Indiana, on December 24, 1949, to Alois and Gertrude (Brames) Beyke. He married Helen Verkamp on May 8, 1976, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Schnellville, Indiana.

He was a 1967 graduate of Dubois High School.

He was a United States Army Veteran.

John retired from UB Klem where he had worked for over 30 years. He was a lifetime farmer, and after retirement he continued to work part time while also farming.

He enjoyed working in the garden, woodworking to make items for his grandchildren, reminiscing about old stories and spending time with family and friends.

He was a member of St. Celestine Catholic Church – St. Isidore Parish, St. Anthony American Legion #493, the Schnellville Conservation Club, Celestine

Community Club, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Surviving are his wife Helen Beyke, Celestine, IN, four children, Gina Beyke (Chris Book), Jasper, IN, Rachel (Tracy) Lampert, Jasper, IN, Aaron Beyke, Jasper, IN, Jan (Aaron) Schmitt, Jasper, IN, six grandchildren, Jack, Sam, and Charlotte Lampert and Jake, Jewel, and Kase Beyke, seven sisters, Betty Koch, Hamilton, OH, Lucy (David) Harrison, Dubois, IN, Jane (Felix) Kryzanowski, of Canada, Mary Brinkman, Huntingburg, IN, Margaret (Jim) Sander, Celestine, IN, Elaine (Harold) Betz, Celestine, IN, and Annie (Tony) Bettag, St. Peters, MO, a sister-in-law, Melinda Beyke, Celestine, IN, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are two brothers, Larry Beyke and Francis Beyke, who died in childhood, and two brothers-in-law, Tony Koch and Francis Brinkman.

A Mass of Christian Burial for John W. Beyke will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at St. Celestine Catholic Church in Celestine, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The American Legion Post #493 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 2:00 -8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana. The parish will pray a rosary at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you do an act of kindness in John's name.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, the St. Anthony American Legion Post #493 or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made to www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Celestine Cemetery

6864 Indiana 164
Celestine, IN 47521

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Celestine Church
6864 Indiana 64
Celestine, IN

Tribute Wall

SR

“ I worked with John years ago at UBKlem. Sorry for your loss.
Prayers

SRodgers - November 14, 2024 at 10:49 PM

JK

“ Dear Helen, Gina, Rachel, Aaron, Jan, and families,
Words cannot express the empathy we feel for you at this time.
We hold you in great love as you grieve the death of your beloved husband, dad, grandpa.
Though things are now changed, find comfort in knowing that John has gone no further from us than to God,
And God is every near.
With you in spirit though we can't be there in person.
Jane and Felix



Jane and Felix Kryzanowski - November 14, 2024 at 09:36 PM

BK

“ RIP John. Yoy will be missed Love you



Betty Koch - November 14, 2024 at 10:55 AM

JW

“ *Joann Wood lit a candle in memory of John W. Beyke*



Joann Wood - November 14, 2024 at 10:05 AM

AH

“ *Mary so sorry to hear of your brother passing. Prayers for all*

Ann Hostetter - November 14, 2024 at 06:17 AM

MB

“ *So proud to say you are my brother. Rest in peace dear John. Love always, Mary.*



Mary Brinkman - November 13, 2024 at 11:25 PM

JK

“ *Jennifer Koch lit a candle in memory of John W. Beyke*



Jennifer Koch - November 13, 2024 at 08:23 PM

JK

“Helen and family I am so sorry for your loss. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May all your cherished memories bring you comfort at this time.

Jennifer Koch - November 13, 2024 at 08:22 PM

JK

“Dear Helen and family, please know you are in our hearts and prayers as you gather to celebrate John's life and grieve together. May happy memories bring comfort. John was a beloved uncle who will be always remembered.

Julie Kryzanowski - November 13, 2024 at 08:05 PM

MB

“My deepest sympathies. I have many fond memories visiting the family farm in my childhood and experiencing family and farm life. Thank you John and Helen for always making me feel welcome.

Marguerite Bissonnette - November 13, 2024 at 11:40 AM

JS

“Helen, so sorry for your loss of John. I know what it is to lose someone you loved very much. He was a very good guy. He was loved by everyone he knew.



Jane Schroeder - November 13, 2024 at 11:22 AM

DR

Helen & all the family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will remember John at Fatima and Lourdes this week. May he rest in peace.

Dorothy Rasche - November 14, 2024 at 06:25 PM