



John F. Opel

July 31, 1963 - September 6, 2022

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

John F. Opel, age 59, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at home.

John was born in Jasper, Indiana, on July 31, 1963, to Virgil and Margaret (Stratman) Opel.

John is a graduate of Jasper High School and was a long-time employee of Jasper Engines and Transmissions.

He volunteered at the French Lick West Baden Hotel as a docent and the Dubois County Museum.

He was an active member of Precious Blood Catholic Church.

He is survived by two brothers; Stephen (Lynne) Opel, Redondo Beach, CA, Joseph (Jennifer) Opel, Groveland, IL, one sister; Mary (Richard Faris) Opel, Dana Point, CA, three nieces and four nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother; Jeffrey Opel.

A Mass of Christian Burial for John F. Opel will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022, in Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, and one hour before the service at Precious Blood Catholic Church from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 12th.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Dubois County Museum.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

SEP 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church
1385 W 6th St
Jasper, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *John F. Opel*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of John Opel. Working with John at the West Baden Springs Hotel has always been a pleasure and one I'll never forget. Also receiving his Christmas cards which were personally photographed from him will be treasured. Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant. Rest In Peace, John!*

Jeff Lane - September 12, 2022 at 08:06 AM



“ *I met John through his volunteer work with Indiana Landmarks. He was such a kind and gentle person. Always smiling and spreading joy. His photography was fascinating as well. A wonderful man.*
~Dan Frotscher

Dan Frotscher - September 10, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *John was my neighbor, but I never really got to know him. The couple of times I did talk to him, he was really nice. Reading these remembrances makes me wish I had gotten to know him more!*



Stephen - September 09, 2022 at 12:00 PM

CS

“ John was always generous and kind to my husband and I and our 3 kids. He brought cool geodes and rocks for the kids to enjoy. He brought us old pictures of our house and told us stories of when he used to mow at our house and the neighbors when he was younger. We will miss him. He was so gentle and kind!

Chrissy and Jason Schmitt - September 09, 2022 at 09:21 AM

CH

“ John was a wonderful person , so kind and caring. May he enjoy eternal rest. My sympathy and prayers.



Chris Bohnert Hinkle - September 09, 2022 at 07:48 AM

LT

“ So shocked and sad to receive this news...such a kind & friendly gentleman! He always had a smile and friendly greeting when we volunteered together at West Baden Springs for years together. Nothing but happy memories of his time there...so sorry. Larry Taylor

Larry Taylor - September 08, 2022 at 09:18 PM

BB

“ Always a smile and a friendly word from John, a fellow Landmarks volunteer. We will miss him! Sincerest sympathy to John's family and friends.

Barbra Bowling - September 08, 2022 at 05:52 PM

MS

“ I met John through Indiana Landmarks - John's always present smile will be missed. He was always such fun, took such beautiful pictures and was such a joy to visit with. Godspeed

Megan Singleton - September 08, 2022 at 03:58 PM

MG

This is pretty hard to take! We to met and got to know John thru our both being volunteers for Indiana landmarks at West Baden and French lick. He and I played a part together for our Twilight tours that we do during the summer so Nurse Bedel is really going to miss Colonel Bliss 🤔 Rest in peace John and prayers for all of his family!

Mary Lou Garrett - September 08, 2022 at 04:24 PM

SS

“ We are grateful for all that John did for Indiana Landmarks' volunteer program and will miss him very much. Our thoughts are with his family.

Suzanne Stanis - September 08, 2022 at 03:03 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sandi Woodward - September 08, 2022 at 02:30 PM

SW

“ Saddened to hear this news. John was always a kind and thoughtful volunteer whose dedication was unwavering. He will be missed. Sending prayers of comfort to his family.

Sandi Woodward - September 08, 2022 at 02:26 PM

KB

“ *John was always so kind and I really enjoyed his company when I worked for Indiana Landmarks at the West Baden Springs Hotel.*

Karen Brosmer - September 08, 2022 at 01:54 PM

CS

“ *Sorry for the family's loss. He was a great guy. May his memories be always held close. God bless.*

Carol schroering - September 08, 2022 at 11:16 AM

BB

*John was a classmate and always so friendly. We will miss chatting with him at church. Eternal peace to you John.
Brent and Kathy Buschkoetter*

Brent and Kathy Buschkoetter - September 08, 2022 at 06:37 PM

BA

John has been a fellow docent and dear friend for 20 years. How sad that he is gone. I will miss him. Barb Thompson

barbthompson - September 08, 2022 at 08:48 PM