



## John A. Weidenbenner

March 12, 1930 - October 6, 2021

Dateline Ireland, Indiana

John A. Weidenbenner, age 91, of Ireland, Indiana, passed away at 5:42 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, in Brookside Village in Jasper, Indiana.

John was born at home in Ireland, Indiana, on March 12, 1930, to Andrew and Olevia (Durcholz) Weidenbenner. He married the love of his life, Esther Tretter, on July 21, 1951, in St. Ferdinand Catholic in Ferdinand, Indiana, and they enjoyed a 64-year marriage. She preceded him in death on December 27, 2015

John was a 1948 graduate of Ireland High School. He was a poultry farmer and also a co-owner with his wife and son of Weidenbenner Eggs, Inc. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland and was chosen as a member of the Brute Society. He was a past member of the German Club. He was also a great storyteller of life in the past.

John enjoyed dancing waltzes and polkas with Esther and attending dances with their friends. He and his wife had a large circle of friends who dined out together and played card games. His passion was tractor-pulling with Denny, his "favorite son", as John called him.

He is survived by four daughters, Jane Howard, Gilroy, CA, Debbie (Mike) Schwenk, Ireland, IN, Karen (Ken) Streicher, Washington, IN, Donna (Ken) Schroering, Evansville, IN, one son, Dennis (Clare) Weidenbenner, Ireland, IN, 11 grandchildren, six step grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, 16 step great grandchildren, three sisters, Virginia Mehringer and Frances (Jim) Waddell, both of Jasper, IN, Marilyn Eckerle, Greenwood, IN, one brother, Bernie (Dorothy) Weidenbenner, Jasper, IN, and one sister-in-law, Helena Weidenbenner, Ireland, IN.

Preceding him in death besides his wife are one son-in-law, Al Howard, two brothers, Morris and Jerome Weidenbenner, and two brothers-in-law, Alvin Mehringer and Maurice Eckerle.

A Mass of Christian Burial for John A. Weidenbenner will be held at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 12:00 p.m. (noon) service time on Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland.

Memorial contributions may be made to a St. Mary's Catholic Church, Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation or to a favorite charity.

Condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery

2829 North 500 West  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4071

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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Ireland, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *John A. Weidenbenner*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *John & Donna Wendholt lit a candle in memory of John A. Weidenbenner*



**John & Donna Wendholt** - October 12, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *I knew Johnnie thru my Dad, Hinzie, when I was little and he would be at the tractor pulls all the time. He did have some of the best stories to tell. Prayers for all of the family...*

**Jill Ziegler** - October 12, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Johnnie has been a very good friend to us for many years. We always enjoyed talking about local history and the good old days. Our condolences to all the family.*

*Tom and Esther Kellams*

**cheryl Sermersheim** - October 12, 2021 at 09:37 AM

LB

“ *Linda And Steve Balbach lit a candle in memory of John A. Weidenbenner*



**Linda and Steve Balbach** - October 11, 2021 at 05:28 PM

DP

“ *Sorry to hear of Johnnies passing. Always enjoyed visiting as a kid especially the softball games as well listening to Johnnies stories he had a great personality,always fun,even in the nursing home, admired his love of Ester he always talked of how he missed her,well they' re together now!*

**David Pund** - October 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

JW

“ *Debbie, Dennis and Family  
So sorry to hear of Johnnies passing. A great story teller he was!! In is now in heaven with his beloved Esther dancing the night away.  
Tom and Jane Werner*



**Jane Werner** - October 09, 2021 at 07:40 AM

CE

“ *Kenny & Cathy Egler*



**Cathy Egler** - October 08, 2021 at 11:07 PM

BU

“ *Beth And Carl Underwood lit a candle in memory of John A. Weidenbenner*



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**Beth and Carl Underwood** - October 08, 2021 at 10:36 PM

BK

“ *Donna and Ken,  
Rich and I are so very sorry for the loss of Donna's Dad. You and your families will be in our prayers so that God sees you through your grieving.*

*God bless.  
Barb and Rich Klein*

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**Barbara klein** - October 08, 2021 at 08:31 PM

JH

“ *Donna and family:  
So sorry to hear of your father's passing. He sounds like a wonderful man, and I know you will miss him dearly. I'm thinking of you during this difficult time.*  
*Jaimie Humbert*

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**Jaimie Humbert** - October 08, 2021 at 04:16 PM

JB

“ Sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. I am sure he is dancing with Esther in heaven.

*They were great neighbors. We will miss visiting him. Prayers for the family. We know he is so happy now.*

*Love and sympathy,*

*Tim and Judy Baer and family*

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**Judy Baer** - October 08, 2021 at 01:08 PM