



## John W. Ziliak Jr.

April 2, 1946 - January 4, 2024

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

John W. Ziliak, Jr., age 77, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana.

John was born in Evansville, Indiana, to John and Dora (Mattingly) Ziliak on April 2, 1946. He married Kathleen Beckman on August 15, 1971, in St. Raphael Catholic Church in Dubois, Indiana.

John was a 1964 graduate of Rex Mundi High School in Evansville and a graduate of Purdue University, with degrees in Industrial Management and Mechanical Engineering. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran with tours served on the USS Ticonderoga off the coast of Vietnam and Korea where he performed electronic maintenance on A7 aircraft in squadron VA-87. John worked in Quality Assurance at CTS of Berne, Indiana; CTS of Paducah, Kentucky; Potter & Brumfield; and Hansen Corporation in Princeton, Indiana. He rebuilt and refurbished an 1870s era country home for his family in Paducah, Kentucky. An industrious gardener, John enjoyed playing cards, especially Bridge. His kids assumed all dads could “fix anything” because theirs could.

John was a member of the Jasper Knights of Columbus, the Purdue Club of Dubois County, the Purdue Reamer Club, and the American Legion Post

#147, and was an officer in The American Society of Quality. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, and he served as a Eucharistic minister and a lector for several other parishes.

John is survived by his wife, Kathleen Ziliak, Jasper, IN; his sons, Zach (Lisa) Ziliak, Chicago, IL; Zeke (Karen) Ziliak, Houston, TX; his daughter Zoe (Dan) Ziliak Michel, Silver Spring, MD; one granddaughter, Jillian Wren Ziliak, Chicago, IL; his brother, Bob (Cindy) Ziliak, Niles, MI; sisters, Dorothy Martin, Columbia, MO; Shirley Ankenbrand, Evansville, IN; and Kathy (Ron) Hollander, North Ft. Myers, FL.

Preceding him in death are his parents and two sisters, Jackie Schenk and Wanda Colvin.

A Mass of Christian Burial for John W. Ziliak, Jr. will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana. The committal service will be held after Mass in church. Burial will take place later at St. Raphael Catholic Church Cemetery in Dubois, Indiana.

A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. Mass time at St. Mary Catholic Church on Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family or to a favorite charity. Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Raphael Church Cemetery

5564 E. St. Raphael Street  
Dubois, IN 47527

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
2829 N 500 W  
Ireland, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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2829 N 500 W  
Ireland, IN

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Sympathy & Prayers to family & friends! Respect 🙏

James Birkle - January 15, 2024 at 04:24 PM

DH

“ Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. It is always too soon, isn't it? My husband Stan also sends his sympathy.  
Diane Bilskie Hohl

Diane Hohl - January 11, 2024 at 01:07 PM

DM

“ Aunt Kathy and family,

*Sending my love and condolences. I am sorry I cannot be there today. Uncle Jay will be greatly missed!*

Darlene Martin - January 10, 2024 at 11:17 AM

LH

“ Kathy, so sorry to hear about Jay. John and I shared those first years at Purdue after graduating from Rex Mundi and he was a great friend. We crossed paths through the engineering community occasionally over the years and he was always a gentleman. I know he is missed. God bless you and your family.

Larry Head

Larry Head - January 10, 2024 at 09:11 AM

MA

“ Kathy, so sorry to hear about your loss. You have very intelligent and wonderful children to help you through this hard time. Know that I always appreciated you! Sending love and hugs as I am subbing at the Elementary.

Maureen - January 10, 2024 at 08:46 AM

DL

“ Kathy and family, our deepest sympathy for John's passing.



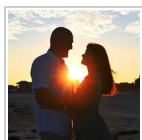
Donna and Mike Linette - January 09, 2024 at 08:07 PM

CH

“ What a very kind and sweet gentleman. I got to know John in the last few years at the bridge table. So glad I was privileged to know him.

Carrie Houchin

Carrie Houchin - January 09, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ On behalf of the Purdue Club of Dubois County, we wish to extend our condolences and deepest sympathies to Kathleen and the entire family. We always enjoyed seeing John & Kathleen at our club activities and appreciated all his support for our club and Purdue! Boiler Up!!

KurtMalana Hedinger - January 08, 2024 at 08:18 PM



“ *Our condolences and deepest sympathies to Kathleen and the family! I always enjoyed talking with John. A very kind soul! Prayers!*

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**KurtMalana Hedinger** - January 08, 2024 at 08:15 PM

BB

“ *Prayers for the family*



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**Brian Bachman** - January 08, 2024 at 09:42 AM

AS

“ *Ann And Mark Schulte lit a candle in memory of John W. Ziliak Jr.*



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**Ann and Mark Schulte** - January 07, 2024 at 08:45 PM

JR

“ *Sorry I can't be there!! Coming to Evansville for the weekend to celebrate John's mom 90th. So many great memories with the Ziliak clan on Christmas days!!! Love my wedding blessing from Uncle Jay!!*

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**Joyce Rexing** - January 07, 2024 at 07:48 PM

LK

*Prayers for the family from linda Kaiser family 🙏*

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**linda Kaiser** - January 09, 2024 at 06:47 AM