



## John Thompson

July 18, 1927 - May 16, 2022

John Thompson, 94, of Huntington, IN, passed away peacefully at Parkview Huntington Hospital May 16, 2022, while receiving the excellent care of Parkview Hospice. During the last 24 hours of his life, he was blessed to talk with his family: daughter, sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in person or on video phone calling; saying goodbyes, poking a little fun as needed, while sharing talk about experiences that brought meaning to life.

John was a Christian, trusting in Jesus as his Savior and Lord and believing that his new life is in Heaven as his life on earth faded. He was a lifelong member of the United Brethren Church, attending in Blissfield, MI, Lake Havasu AZ, and most recently in Huntington IN.

John was born on July 18, 1927, to Norman Nicholas and Genevieve "Jennie" Thompson at their home in Riga Township, MI. John graduated from Blissfield High School in the class of 1945. John was an Army Veteran, serving from 1946 to 1949 in the WWII occupation, reconstruction, and training force in Italy. Returning stateside, John courted and married Mary Jane Miller, daughter of James Elmer and Venna Miller on November 4, 1950.

While living in rural Palmyra, MI and raising a family of five children alongside Mary Jane, John built and sold 57 houses in the Blissfield-Adrian area, and later built and sold 1 house in Sydney Australia, 30 houses in Lake Havasu, Arizona and 2 houses in Huntington, IN.

And he played tennis. He learned something of the sport at Virginia Beach in 1974, and persisted to swat balls with many including his grandchildren, playing past the age of 90.

John is survived by five children, Janet (Jay) Ballard, James (Margaret) Thompson, David (Rosi) Thompson, Richard (Elizabeth) Thompson, and Michael (Mary) Thompson, fourteen grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren with 4 more expected this year. John was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Mary Jane and grandson Jake

Thompson.

Visitation in Huntington, IN will take place on Tuesday, May 24 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. A graveside service for the burial of the remains of both John and Mary Jane Thompson at the Riga, MI cemetery is planned for Saturday, May 28, 2022

Preferred memorials to the Parkview Hospice or By the Book/Weekday Religious Education, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of John Thompson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **24**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
[wecare@baileylove.com](mailto:wecare@baileylove.com)  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of John Thompson.*



**Bailey-Love Mortuary** - May 23 at 10:43 AM

JM

“ *My uncle John was a nice man who raised a fine family. Didn't realize he built so many houses. I helped a couple summers on some. I remember finding out I was not built to carry two cement blocks on scaffolding planks for very long. Lawson worked with me for John summer. John appeared a somewhat serious guy so when I saw him take up church league bowling I thought... wow , not so serious ... then when visiting his family at his house and seeing play pool on their new table I thought ... wow.. again. It's great to to see though the outcome of my uncle John and aunt Mary Janes honest efforts to raise a family. Great legacy. Cousin jeff.*

**jeff miller** - June 14 at 09:14 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Thompson.*



May 24 at 12:43 PM



“ John my buddy, what can I say about you. There’s just not enough words. You’re like the Grandpa I’ve never had. I’m going to miss your sarcasm and encouragement you gave me. Our talks about life and the way you made me laugh. It was an honor to serve you everyday. It made my day. You knew I was sucker for veterans. You were one of the coolest humans, I’ve ever known. I’m so thankful, to have met you. Definitely looking forward to Heaven. Our Burger King family will miss you so much. You truly left an impact on our lives forever. I love you and will miss you always.

-Your buddy and adopted granddaughter Tara ❤️  
-Love always Burger King family

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**Tara Hicks** - May 24 at 11:02 AM

DL

“ Dear Janet, Jim, David, Richard & Michael & families,  
What a wonderful obituary for your dad. I have many nice memories of get togethers at your house in Palmyra. Uncle John always had something funny to say. I’m sure he will be greatly missed by you all, but glad he & Aunt Mary Jane will be together again. Glad so many of you got to see him or talk to him before he passed. Will be thinking of you and praying you have wonderful memories of your life with him.  
God bless you all, Cousin Dorothy

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**DOROTHY LABERT** - May 21 at 05:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Thompson.



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May 19 at 07:07 PM

MW

“ Always such a pleasant and gentle man! Enjoyed learning more about his life in the tribute. I will miss seeing and talking with him at church. A great life and legacy.

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**Matt Wilcox** - May 19 at 01:54 PM