



John W. Bischoff

March 11, 1952 - September 24, 2025

John W. Bischoff, 73, of Fort Wayne, passed away at 11:20am Wednesday morning, September 24, 2025, at Lutheran Life Villages of Pine Valley in Fort Wayne.

John was born the son of Paul and Austa Mae (Riggers) Bischoff on March 11, 1952, in Huntington, IN. He graduated from Huntington North High School with the Class of 1970. After high school, John started work in the printing industry at Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington and became a journeyman cutter. Through the years he worked for several other printing companies including R. R. Donnelly, Renaissance, and EP Graphics. He was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Huntington, IN.

John loved bowling, military history, military movies, and watching sports. He bowled his entire life starting in youth leagues at the former Hotel Lafontaine Lanes in Huntington, then for many years in the Rainbow Lanes Monday Pastime league, Tuesday night Twi-Light league and many other leagues and tournaments in Huntington and Fort Wayne through the years. He did not have a good relationship with the 10-pin and might show a little emotion if he left it or missed it. Many years ago, he also played church and industrial league basketball, golf and softball. He loved Indiana University basketball, the New York Yankees, Boston Celtics and Chicago Bears. He was an expert at military history facts and information. John could be a little gruff at times but

had the heart of a big teddy bear. John enjoyed seeing family and loved his nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and hearing about them, seeing their pictures and videos.

Survivors include his brother James (Stacey) Bischoff of Fort Wayne, IN, nephews Adam (Jennifer) Kasmier of Fort Wayne, IN, Connor Brown, of Fort Wayne, IN, and niece Elizabeth (Wade) Finicle of Huntington, IN and several great-nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Paul J Bischoff, mother Austa Mae (Riggers) Bischoff, and sister Susan Lynn Bischoff.

Burial will be at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in Huntington, IN. A memorial service may be planned at a later time.

Preferred memorials for John may be made in memory of the American Heart Association and St. Peter Lutheran Church in care of Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of John W Bischoff.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrims Rest Cemetery

4945 N. Jefferson St
Huntington, IN

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Sorry to hear about John's passing. We grew up together playing golf, basketball at Kaylors and bowling at the many bowling centers around town

Roger Miller - October 04, 2025 at 06:19 AM

MB

“ Jim... So sorry to hear of John's passing. ALWAYS enjoyed John's sense of humor (comments) when we'd spend a rainy day inside playing APBA baseball. This always seemed to make him laugh and shake his head. He will be missed! May God Bless you and those closest to you!

mark buzzard - October 02, 2025 at 08:52 PM

JM

“ I had the privilege of playing baseball on the same team with John as a kid. I remember he and his dad Paul as always the nicest guys. I often saw John in high school as we grew up and he remained just as friendly and kind. Rest in Peace my friend.

john maples - October 02, 2025 at 08:31 PM

TS

“ To John's family and friends my thoughts and prayers are with you.
I remember John when we was kids, he was always a good guy!
Terry



Terry E Scher - October 01, 2025 at 09:20 PM

RL

“ Sorry to hear about John's passing. We were neighborhood buddies growing up in Huntington and was always playing some type of seasonal sport such as basketball, wiffleball and football. Unfortunately we never kept in touch after High School. All the best to the family...Bob

Robert Leier - September 30, 2025 at 03:17 PM

LL

“ So sorry to hear about John. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace 🙏.
Dan and Laura Lacey

Laura Lacey - September 30, 2025 at 09:07 AM

LS

“ Lisa Schoppman lit a candle in memory of John Bischoff



Lisa Schoppman - September 29, 2025 at 02:49 PM