



John Shoemaker

August 15, 1937 - October 23, 2025

John Wayne Shoemaker, 88, of Huntington, passed away at 1:51 pm Thursday, October 23, 2025, at Parkview Regional Medical Center.

John was born on August 15, 1937, in Huntington, IN, the son of Lloyd Shoemaker and Emma (Kahlenbeck) Shoemaker. He graduated from Huntington Township High School. John married Patty Lou Rader on July 3, 1960; together they shared 65 wonderful years. John served in the United States Marine Corp until 1958 as a Private. He retired from Teco as a material handler after many years of service. John enjoyed camping, fishing, boating, anything he could do to spend time outdoors and at the camp ground. He was an avid sports fan; he loved watching sports from little league to college to pro. He was a fan of the Indiana University Hoosiers, the Indianapolis Colts, and March Madness, but an even bigger fan of his grandchildren's and great grandchildren's activities. Over the years, John and his wife, Patty, loved taking their annual Florida vacation. John was a huge family man; he loved to entertain family and friends at his house. Most of all, he adored getting to spend time with his friends and family who all meant the world to him.

Survivors include his Wife, Patty Lou Shoemaker of Huntington, IN; Daughter, Vicki (Fred) Minniear of Huntington, IN; Daughter-In-Law, Laura Shoemaker of Huntington, IN; Two Sons, Dan (Chris) Shoemaker of Huntington, IN, Greg (Becky) Shoemaker of Kirkwood, MO; Nine Grandchildren, Nathana, Cory,

Seth, JoBeth, Jordan, Austin, Alexa, Taylor, and Drew; and Twelve Great Grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his Son, Steven "Steve" W Shoemaker, Father, Lloyd Shoemaker, Mother, Emma Shoemaker, Brothers, Robert "Bob" Shoemaker, and Carl "Jack" Shoemaker, Sisters, Margarie Griffith, June Nunamaker, and Anita "Rosie" Willig.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Thursday, October 30, 2025, at Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Jason Fields officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials to the Huntington County Humane Society, 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 Wayne Shoemaker.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Cemetery

1700 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Service

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

OCT **30** (ET)

Mt. Hope Cemetery
1700 West Park Drive
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Tribute Wall



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



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - October 28, 2025 at 10:16 AM

BF

Love the Memorial Video Tribute..

Bonnie and Dave Rodewald and Family - October 28, 2025 at 05:09 PM

HR

Beautiful memories! 🙏

Helen Dee Rader - October 29, 2025 at 06:12 PM

LG

Family, I just saw that you lost your husband and dad. I am so sorry for your loss. I got to know you Patty and John through the dental office.

Linda Griffith - December 24, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Shoemaker.* ”



October 29, 2025 at 03:51 PM

TE

“ *The Final Control HR Team at Emerson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Shoemaker.*

The Final Control HR Team at Emerson - October 29, 2025 at 03:51 PM

TP

“ *The Petris purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Shoemaker.*



The Petris - October 28, 2025 at 03:23 PM

JJ

“ *James and Merrit Jones purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Shoemaker.*



James and Merrit Jones - October 28, 2025 at 10:05 AM

JJ

“ *James and Merrit Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Shoemaker.*

James and Merrit Jones - October 28, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers and so sorry for your loss. John was such a kind and gentle person. He always had a smile and a kind word to say. He lived a wonderful life and will be remembered by many for his love and devotion to his family, his work and community. May he rest in peace.

Pamela Johnston (Rader) - October 27, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Shoemaker.



October 27, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Shoemaker.



October 27, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ Brad Kaufman & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Shoemaker.

Brad Kaufman & Family - October 27, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Shoemaker.



October 27, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Sympathy Gourmet Charcuterie Gift Basket was purchased for the family of John Shoemaker.



October 26, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Shoemaker.



October 26, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ John and Kathy Schaefer purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Shoemaker.



John and Kathy Schaefer - October 26, 2025 at 05:01 PM

JS

“ John and Kathy Schaefer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Shoemaker.

John and Kathy Schaefer - October 26, 2025 at 05:01 PM

AC

“ Art and Nancy Chenoweth lit a candle in memory of John Shoemaker



Art and Nancy Chenoweth - October 26, 2025 at 08:56 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Shoemaker.



October 25, 2025 at 09:06 PM

KA

“ Katie lit a candle in memory of John Shoemaker



Katie - October 25, 2025 at 12:34 PM

JT

“ *Joan Tardy lit a candle in memory of John Shoemaker*



Joan Tardy - October 25, 2025 at 11:31 AM

RB

“ *My deepest condolences to Vicki, Dan and the entire Shoemaker family for their loss.*

Randy Borskey - October 25, 2025 at 11:29 AM

KE

“ *Keefe/Lovelace purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of John Shoemaker.*



Keefe/Lovelace - October 25, 2025 at 09:42 AM

HR

“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathy and love to Vicki, Dan, and Greg on the loss of your dad. He was a great person and a great dad - and he loved you all very much. Wishing you peace and comfort at this difficult time. Hugs, Aunt Dee*

Helen Rader - October 25, 2025 at 12:46 AM

KH

“ *kathy harper lit a candle in memory of John Shoemaker*



kathy harper - October 24, 2025 at 10:59 PM

RW

“ *I worked with John at Wabash magnetics on swan st when I returned from the military; was a very friendly and great crew leader and always had time to stop and talk through the years, John will be missed: 1:. Prayers for family and friends. Bob weinley*

robert weinley - October 24, 2025 at 09:55 PM

HR

“ *Helen Dee Rader lit a candle in memory of John Shoemaker*



Helen Dee Rader - October 24, 2025 at 09:14 PM

JV

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Shoemaker was a wonderful Man and I had the pleasure of having many interesting conversations with him, years ago. I am keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers and I hope that you will find comfort and peace in the days ahead. With Deepest Sympathy, Jane Hale Varney*



Jane Hale Varney - October 24, 2025 at 07:56 PM

HR

“ I will always remember the many family get togethers we had at Pat and John’s house. Lots of good food, football for the guys, conversation “catch up” for the ladies, and grandkids playing in the background. Thanks for all the good memories John. You will be missed.

Helen Dee Rader - October 24, 2025 at 05:57 PM

BF

“ We loved spending time with John, Pat and the rest of our lake family. Pat and John hosted many camp fires at their campsite and were always welcoming to all of us. We have treasured memories of those days gone by. Sending our love, heartfelt condolences and prayers to all.
Our Love...Dave, Bonnie and Family.

Bonnie and Dave Rodewald and Family - October 24, 2025 at 05:07 PM

DE

“ Dee lit a candle in memory of John Shoemaker



Dee - October 24, 2025 at 04:23 PM