



## John R. Wonderly Jr.

December 24, 1955 - November 20, 2025

John Richardson Wonderly Jr., 69, of Huntington, passed away at 3:11 pm Thursday, November 20, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

John was born December 24, 1955 in Huntington, Indiana son of John R. Wonderly Sr. and Patricia J (Millner) Wonderly. He graduated in 1974 from Huntington Catholic High School. John began his career by going to work in 1975 for his Grandfather Scoop Millner with the City of Huntington. He then worked for the City of Wabash and Container Corporation, before retiring in December 2020 from Huntington Aluminum Incorporated. John married the love of his life Shirley Kay Elston on September 15, 1979, in Huntington. He was a member of SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Huntington.

Survivors include his loving Wife, Shirley Wonderly of Huntington, IN; Two Daughters, Kathryn (Mathew) Pearson of Huntington, IN, Barbra (Andrew) Sprinkle of Huntington, IN; Two Step-Sons, Paul (Stacey) Galo of Huntington, IN, Jeff Galo of Huntington, IN; Five Grandchildren, Owen John Pearson, Amber, Sarah, Heather, Amy; Five Great Grandchildren; Two Sisters, Chris Long of Huntington, IN, Tami (Ben) Reust of Huntington, IN; Brother, Doug (Karen) Wonderly of Auburn, IN and Two Nieces & Four Nephews

Thanks to the late-breaking ancestry websites mic drop – John also has Six Half Siblings, Sandy, Debbie, Gary, Jeff, Craig and Lucy who has passed

away. He is preceded in death by his Biological Dad William DeMaio who he never met but always kind of sensed was out there, probably chuckling at the cosmic irony from the great beyond.

John is also preceded in death by his Father, John R. Wonderly, Sr., Mother, Patricia J. Wonderly, Grandfather, Fred "Scoop" Millner, Grandmother, Lucille Millner, Grandfather, Robert Wonderly, Grandmother, Doris Wonderly-Pabst, Father-In-Law, Ernest Elston, Mother-In-Law, Annabelle Elston, Step-Son, Frank Galo.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Rosary Service will follow at 7:00 pm

Mass of Christian Burial will be 1:00 pm Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry Street, Huntington, IN, with Fr. Tony Steinacker presiding.

Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Huntington, IN.

Preferred memorials to SS. Peter and Paul Catholic 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](http://www.baileylove.com).

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of John Richardson Wonderly Jr.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **25**. 3:00 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>

## Rosary Service

NOV **25**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
860 Cherry St  
Huntington, IN 46750

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## Burial

NOV **26** (ET)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery  
5025 N. Goshen Rd  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - November 24, 2025 at 01:38 PM

CE

*Thanks for sharing. Very sweet!  
John was in our 1975 wedding as my husbands groomsman. We will all miss him.*

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**Chris Ellet** - November 27, 2025 at 08:44 PM

RB

“ *One of the finest bosses I ever had at Container Corporation (Paperworks). Got his point across by being just a good person. Wasn't aware of his passing until this moment.*

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**Ron Branham** - February 06 at 09:00 PM

TS

“ *To John's family and friends our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
We remember John and his family being neighbors on Grayston Av. back in the day.  
Terry and Sue*



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**Terry E Scher** - November 30, 2025 at 05:45 AM

SE

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Shirley and her family. I didn't know John until high school but he sure was a blast and soon became a very good friend. We and others enjoyed hijinks in his basement, at the cemetery, and ultimately on the stage during the best high school play ever. John continued his shenanigans when John, Larry Reust, and I lived in a house just blocks from the high school. Wow! We all had so much fun. You'll be missed John.

Steve Ellet - November 25, 2025 at 04:48 PM

TZ

“ Though we never met in person and were simply "facebook friends" I sure enjoyed our "conversations" and friendship. It was such fun to read your posts and watch Owen growing up so fast in the many pictures and events you shared. May The Good Lord Bless You And Keep You Always.

Tim Zank

Tim Zank - November 25, 2025 at 04:08 PM

SG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. The NC Gibble Family

Susan Gibble - November 25, 2025 at 08:34 AM

BG

“ Billie Garwood lit a candle in memory of John Wonderly



Billie Garwood - November 24, 2025 at 02:28 PM

DF

“ John and I had a lot of laughs together when he was my neighbor on Guilford St. He was the one making me laugh mostly. My heartfelt condolences.

*Dave Foster*

**Dave Foster** - November 24, 2025 at 11:58 AM

LS

“ Lisa and Brad Schoppman lit a candle in memory of John Wonderly



**Lisa and Brad Schoppman** - November 24, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John R. Wonderly Jr..



November 24, 2025 at 10:01 AM

WF

“ With love, the Gibson Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John R. Wonderly Jr..



**With love, the Gibson Family** - November 23, 2025 at 06:22 PM

TF

“ *The DeMaio family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John R. Wonderly Jr..*



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**The DeMaio family** - November 22, 2025 at 07:58 AM

SN

“ *John was a classmate and a friend. We grew up in the same neighborhood. He was a St. Mary's guy and I was a Saints Peter and Paul guy and we got along famously. John and I were coworkers for his grandfather, Scoop Milner, at Mount Calvary Cemetery, where John will soon be laid to rest. I feel very fortunate to have had the chance to reunite with John at our class reunion last summer. My family and I are praying for John's soul and thinking of his family. Respectfully, Steve Nix.*

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**Steve Nix** - November 22, 2025 at 02:38 AM

RS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Shirley and the family. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Robin Shaffer** - November 21, 2025 at 06:31 PM