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John Eldon Murphy, 87, of Seymour, passed away on December 3, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center in Centerville.

John was born on October 26, 1930 to the late Vess and Edna Mae (Young) Murphy in Powersville, Missouri. On July 26, 1953, John married Rilla Cornmesser at the Seymour United Methodist Church and to this union, six children were born.

John proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He was a life-long farmer in rural Putnam County and Wayne County. He was employed by the Milwaukee Railroad until his retirement in 1992. In his spare time, John enjoyed playing cards, gardening (especially growing watermelons and pumpkins), white cows, dum dum suckers, reading, drinking strawberry pop, fireworks, attending the Iowa State Fair and spending time with his family.

John never met a stranger and thoroughly got a kick out of teasing everyone. He was a member of the Seymour American Legion.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Rilla; children: Susan Henderson, Patti Thompson, Debbie (Donald) Bennett, Mike (Carmela) Murphy, Nancy Murphy and Shari (Ken) Sylvester; grandchildren: Erin (Jim) Montgomery, Wade (Laura) Henderson, Lindsay Thompson, Molly Thompson, Megan Bennett, Ryan (Sarah) Bennett, Lauren (Michael) Sanchez, Tara (Bud) Trimble, Michol Murphy, Alex Murphy, 9 great grandchildren: Harley, Ori, Maysen Trimble; Dylan, Karter, Jolene Murphy; Cohen, Miles Henderson; Desmond Bennett and four siblings. He was preceded in death by two sons-in-law: Steven Henderson and Scott Thompson, six siblings and several other extended family members.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Thomas Funeral Home in Seymour. Interment will immediately follow at Southlawn Cemetery.



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Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at Thomas Funeral Home in Seymour.

Memorials may be made to Seymour Schools and online condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of John Murphy please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Southlawn Cemetery Visitation DEC 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST) Thomas Funeral Homes - Seymour 307 W. Wall StSeymour, IA 52590[(#)] Funeral Service DEC 7. 10:30 AM (CST) Thomas Funeral Homes - Seymour 307 W. Wall StSeymour, IA 52590[(#)]



Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 12:09 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:18 PM



James & Melinda Mcelvain posted:

So sorry for your loss. He was a great man.

December 12 at 7:00 PM



Jodi A Brown posted:

Rilla, I just saw this in the paper. You and your family are in my prayers. I remember John coming in to the cafe in Lucerne when he worked on the railroad before I ever even knew you or your family.

December 7 at 7:00 PM



Karla (Banks) James posted:

Karla (Banks) James lit a candle in memory of John Murphy

December 6 at 7:00 PM



Linda Moore posted:

Linda Moore lit a candle in memory of John Murphy

December 5 at 7:00 PM



Peaceful White Lilies Basket posted:

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

December 5 at 7:00 PM



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RW

Roberta Weeks posted:

Rilla and family, there was only one Murph, he was one of a kind and a very sociable, friendly person, I don't believe he ever met a stranger. He will be missed and our condolences to the family. Dale and Roberta

December 4 at 7:00 PM

JN

Jo Anne Nugent posted:

I remember Mr. Murphy, He n my dad were friends,dad of course being the older of the two, Mr Murphy use to give us quarters to 'just let the grown ups talk' lol always gentle n kind but thought it disrespectful for a child to 'back talk'. But yet took time to ask kids how they were doin,or comment to get their feet movin so as not to be late for school

December 4 at 7:00 PM

JN

Jo Anne Nugent posted:

Jo Anne Nugent lit a candle in memory of John Murphy

December 4 at 7:00 PM

MG

Medium Dish Garden posted:

Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Murphy.

December 4 at 7:00 PM

MM

Mike & Aleta Mckelvy posted:

Mike & Aleta McKelvy lit a candle in memory of John Murphy

December 4 at 7:00 PM

RR

Roberta Rowland posted:

It just seems so unreal to think he has passed. Who will pass out candy to little kids or show up with a baby lamb He loved children, loved family and he will be missed.

December 4 at 7:00 PM



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FB

Florist Choice Bouquet posted:

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Murphy.

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KM

Karen Mattly posted:

Karen Mattly lit a candle in memory of John Murphy

December 4 at 7:00 PM

JH

Jane & Doran Hayes,Bev Jewett,Becky & Phil Hinkle posted:

Jane & Doran Hayes,Bev Jewett,Becky & Phil Hinkle purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of John Murphy.

December 4 at 7:00 PM

JD

Janet Demry posted:

Janet Demry lit a candle in memory of John Murphy

December 4 at 7:00 PM

JD

Janet Demry posted:

I wasn't very old when my sister Rilla married John. He has always been a special person in all of our lives. Loved 'Murph'.....Rilla and family , my love to all of you..

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Jane Hayes posted:

Rilla & family So sorry for your loss. John was such a fun person! We both enjoyed visiting with him and loved his sense of humor! He will be missed by many. Thinking of you. Jane and Doran Hayes

December 3 at 7:00 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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