



# John Snook

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## **John Snook**

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**J**ohn Snook, 88 of Corydon passed away, Monday, November 18, 2019, at Corydon Specialty Care. John was born to Kay & Amy (Mundell) Snook on the family farm near Cambria on February 6, 1931. John attended McMains Country School, Derby School and graduated from Cambria High School in 1949 as the class valedictorian. He proudly served his country during the Korean War from 1951-1953 as Company Clerk in the Signal Battalion of the United States Army. During his service he received the Korean Service Medal with bronze stars, United Nations Service Medal, and a Combat Infantry Badge. In 2001 John received a special honor from the Korean Nation in a ceremony in Des Moines, Iowa. Upon his return from service, he joined his brothers with the farming operation and together they formed Snook Brothers Farm- focusing on grain and Angus cattle. In later years he enjoyed exploring his interest in antiques and collecting treasures. Service to his country and community was very important to John. He was a member of the American Legion, Wayne County Genealogical Society and served as an officer of the Wayne County Angus Association for several years. John was an elected trustee for Washington Township for more than 30 years. John had a love of learning and sharing his knowledge. He spent countless hours doing research on local history and was a contributor to several historical publications. John was also widely known as an expert on many other topics, such as writing poetry, baking and politics. John enjoyed people and was always available for good conversation and a cup of coffee. He had a wide variety of friends. He would help whomever he could, often those who were downtrodden. In his later years he very much appreciated people who took time to visit him, care for him, and listen to his stories, especially Damon Stubbe, old friends, and the many care providers. John's nieces and their families remember fondly his love of animals, sense of humor and willingness to share his expertise. He was always delighted to hear about their latest adventures with their quirky children



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and dogs. Survivors include his brother, Francis Snook (Beverly), nieces: Kathy Snook-Storm (Dennis), Jennifer Snook-Hall (Kevin), Megan Snook-Lautner (Travis), Ashley Snook-Downs (Chris), sister-in-law, Virginia Snook, great nephews; Token Hall, Traejen John Hall, Trevor Storm and Kayne Lautner, great nieces; Taylor Storm and Kaylyn Lautner, special friend, Joy Loney and numerous extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Billy Snook and half-brother, Bernard Johnson. Funeral service will be 11:00 am, Saturday, November 23, 2019 at Thomas Funeral Home in Corydon. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 10-11 am. Interment will be privately held at Cambria Cemetery at a later time. Memorials may be given to Cambria Cemetery or Prairie Trails Museum and condolences may be shared at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome). John was looking forward to voting in the 2020 election. He would encourage everyone to exercise their civil duty and vote in his honor. He would vote Democrat. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of John Snook please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Cambria Cemetery Hwy S23 & Hwy J22

Corydon, IA 50060 Visitation NOV 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CST) Thomas Funeral Homes - Corydon 303 E. JeffersonCorydon, IA 50060[[emailprotected](mailto:)] Funeral Service NOV 23. 11:00 AM (CST) Thomas Funeral Homes - Corydon 303 E. JeffersonCorydon, IA 50060[[emailprotected](mailto:)]



## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 12:31 PM



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



October 13 at 12:40 PM



**Scott Jones** posted:

John was the most greatest guy in the world! The father of my 2 children, Scott Jones loved John like a dad. I always said that John was Scotts guardian angel and he was sent by God to look after Scott and help him with his life. Scott had a mental illness and had a lot of problems in his life. Scott was very lucky to meet John years ago at the courthouse in Corydon, Iowa while he was doing community service. John stood by Scott and never got discouraged about any issue no matter what it was. Scott was lucky to have John in his life for over 20 years. My 2 children called John Grandpa John and they loved him a lot!! I remember when my daughter turned 4 years old. It was her Birthday and John made her a poem and all the words in the poem rhymed. It was a really cute poem about my daughter Emily turning 4 years old! John typed out the poem on a blank white peice of paper and he put the poem in a picture frame . John also had a stuffed teddy bear along with the framed poem for my daughter Emily for her Birthday that year! John was the person that gave my daughter a name we use to call her. It was short for her name. He gave her the name Miss Em for Emily. My daughter has a picture quilt that her grandma made for her and on her picture quilt it says: Grandpa John's "Miss Em". It was a pretty neat quilt. On the quilt it tells u all the names everyone calls my daughter Emily. And Grandpa John called her " Miss Em. "

September 10 at 7:00 PM



**Wallace Paul Gilbert** posted:

John, you helped me tremendously with the Tilford family history. You shared information and photos. We did get to visit each other twice, both times in Iowa. John, you will be missed. Paul Gilbert in Mt. Vernon, WA

May 1 at 7:00 PM



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**Donovan H Ellis** posted:

What wonderful memories I have of John and the entire Snook Family. John, Billy and Francis were like brothers to me, especially after my father passed away. The entire Snook Family was a second family to me and I spent many ours in the Snook home. John was a truely gifted man and I don't think there was anything he could not do. What great memories I will always cherish. My prayers, thoughts and sympathies to the entire family. Donovan & Barb Ellis

November 20 at 7:00 PM

GS

**Gaylene Sherwood** posted:

John was a grandpa to my daughter Jessica. He put her Christmas toys together. He took special interest in her growing up and always cared about my grandchildren too. He will be truly missed by us. RIP John

November 18 at 7:00 PM



# Media

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