



John Timothy Riddick

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John Timothy Riddick, age 72, originally of Centerville, passed away Sunday, December 19, 2021 at his home in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

He was born in Centerville, Iowa on July 4, 1949, the son of Thomas B. and Alice (Peck) Riddick. John graduated from Centerville High School in 1967. He was united in marriage to Barbara Buchanan at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Centerville on October 28, 1967.

John enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on July 24, 1967. During his career, one of his many military duties included operating as an aircraft mechanic. He served his country faithfully during the Vietnam War, earning numerous military honors, including the National Service Defense Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/ device, Vietnam Service Medal, and the RVNAFMUCGC w/ palm. Following a distinguished military career, John was honorably discharged on July 21, 1982, achieving the rank of Sergeant.

John spent many years serving in law enforcement. From 1973-1980, he was a deputy with the Appanoose County Sheriffs Office. In 1982 John served as the Centerville Chief of Police. In 1989 he became a correctional officer at the Rock Island, Illinois County Jail. He later became the chief of police in LeClaire, Iowa in 1991. In 1994 John relocated to southern Iowa when he became the chief deputy of the Monroe County, Iowa Sheriffs Office. John became an investigator with the D.O.T. Motor Vehicle Enforcement in 1997, a position he maintained until his retirement in 2010. Throughout his lifetime, John enjoyed many hobbies, including hunting, fishing, and gardening.

Left to cherish his memory includes his wife of 54 years, Barbara Riddick of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; two children, Tim and Troy Riddick; seven grandchildren, Levi Riddick, Macie Riddick, Victoria Riddick, Charles Lovelace, Matthew Lovelace, James Lovelace, and Zachary Lovelace; two sisters, Pam (Richard) Winegarden of Seymour,



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Indiana and Theresa (Cecil) Samuel of Melrose, Iowa.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas B. and Alice Riddick; a son, Master Sergeant Travis Riddick; a brother, Thomas Edward Riddick; sister, Patricia Clarke; and a niece, Jennifer Robinson.

According to John's wishes, cremation has been accorded. Due to the holidays, there are no scheduled services at the present time. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to Barbara Riddick, to be determined at a later date, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com or on our Facebook page.

No services will be held at this time



Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 3:01 PM



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



October 13 at 2:59 PM



Renee White And Family lit a candle in honor of John.

Lit a candle in memory of John Timothy Riddick

January 27 at 7:00 PM



Jessica Williams (Nurse At Mercy) posted:

I was so sad to hear the news of John's passing! Barbara and Troy, you are in my thoughts and prayers and I'm sending so many hugs your way! What a fantastic guy to have the pleasure of knowing for so many years! Love always!

December 29 at 7:00 PM



Skip And Linda Campbell posted:

very Sorry to hear of the passing of John. Went to school with him in 60s. he graduated year ahead of me, i think. Condolences to Barb and the whole family. R.I.P. John.

December 27 at 7:00 PM



Char posted:

Rest in piece John, I will miss you so very much! Thank you for being such a great friend. With lots of love, Your pepstop sweetpea (char)

December 21 at 7:00 PM



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MS

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DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

Dear Barb & Family, Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your loving memories bring you peace.

December 20 at 7:00 PM

PT

Patricia S. Timmens posted:

I am so very sorry to learn that John has died. Wishing peace and comfort for all of John's loved ones.

December 20 at 7:00 PM

JK

John Kauzlarich posted:

Sorry to hear about John .My thought are with Barb and Family .Had some real good times with John. R.I.P. JT

December 20 at 7:00 PM



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SM

Shirley Morlan posted:

So sorry, prayers for his family.

December 20 at 7:00 PM

JP

Jerry Power posted:

Our condolences to Barb and all of John's Family. He was a true Gentleman who served us all! May he Rest in Peace. Judy and I will never forget the Wedding present from John and JJ Baker. They textured the living room ceiling covering up the ceiling blocks at our home at 1009 E Walden!! It looked great!! May they both be having a conversation today!

December 20 at 7:00 PM

MC

Max Cox posted:

i am so sorry to hear of my good friend from Mystic passed away. RIP BROTHER.

December 20 at 7:00 PM

TW

Twyla posted:

worked at union carbide with john. teased him about his skinny legs!

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CB

Chris Van Blaricome lit a candle in honor of John.

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NT

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