



John Golden

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John Golden, age 98, of Exline, passed away Monday, September 11, 2023 at his home surrounded by family.

John was born on January 3, 1925 in Tiperary, Missouri, the son of Antoni and Anna (Markowski) Golden. He grew up in Mystic, Iowa. Following high school graduation, John enlisted in the United States Navy on August 13, 1943. He completed service schools training in California and in Hawaii before serving at the United States Navy Training Station in Farragut, Idaho, the NTSch (Radar Operations) at Point Loma in San Diego, and lastly serving in the United States Navy Pacific Fleet in Radar for 2 ½ years on the USS Patterson during WWII.

John served his country faithfully, earning the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Area, and the Asiatic Pacific Area Victory Ribbon, totaling in eight bronze stars, before being honorably discharged as a Radarman 2nd Class on December 13, 1945. John was united in marriage to Joy Kerby on October 4, 1947.

The couple lived in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area for forty-four years before returning to Iowa. In Minneapolis, he worked in electronics and computers, retiring from Unisys in 1989. In his free time, John enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, beekeeping, reading, traveling, ship reunions, and spending time with his family.

He was a member of the Exline Church of Christ, American Legion Post #340, and the VFW Post #526. Left to honor John's memory are his wife of over 75 years, Joy Golden; his children, Jerry Golden and Jill (Brian) Leager; his grandchildren, Shandi (Travis) Spring and Jasmine Fernandez; his great-grandchildren, Ryland Elliott and Kaelyn Elliott; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Antoni and Anna Golden; his brothers, Toney and Albert; and his sisters, Josephine, Elizabeth, Helen and Rose. Graveside services will be held at



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11:00AM, Thursday, September 14, 2023 at Exline Cemetery with military honors conducted following the service.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials have been established to the Exline Church of Christ, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Golden family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or on our funeral home Facebook page, www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.



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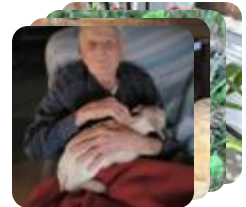


Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 5:16 PM



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



September 11 at 7:00 PM



Twyla lit a candle in honor of John.



July 13 at 7:00 PM



Mary Beth Decook posted:

Sorry for your loss

September 16 at 7:00 PM



Charlotte Dixon posted:

So sorry for your loss Joy!

September 15 at 7:00 PM



Nellie Thomas posted:

Sorry for your loss.

September 14 at 7:00 PM



Etta Smith posted:

Sorry for family and friends loss!

September 14 at 7:00 PM



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CM

Carol Jean Daniels Mcclurg posted:

So sorry for your family's loss! Thinking of you with my deepest sympathy!

September 13 at 7:00 PM

TB

Tina Cool Bauman posted:

So sorry for your loss, Joy. 💜🙏

September 13 at 7:00 PM

KS

Karen Sibley posted:

So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to your entire family. 🙏❤️🙏

September 13 at 7:00 PM

PH

Patricia Huebner posted:

Prayers are with you today and the difficult days ahead

September 12 at 7:00 PM

DR

David & Debi Roberts posted:

So sorry for your loss, Joy. May God be with you, to help you through this time. Sending prayers to you and your family.

September 12 at 7:00 PM

PD

Patricia Devore posted:

So sorry for your loss Joy you were a great caregiver to him

September 12 at 7:00 PM



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BS

Barb Sanders posted:

Joy you are an amazing lady, so great knowing you! You've been a trooper caring for your love, John. I remember him taking all kinds of mushrooms to Denny! A great guy, God gave him a wonderful lady. Joy I'll pray that God helps you with this tremendous loss.

September 12 at 7:00 PM

LR

Lois Reynolds posted:

Sending caring thoughts and prayers

September 12 at 7:00 PM

HS

Helen Seddon posted:

Sorry for your loss, prayers

September 12 at 7:00 PM

DR

David & Debi Roberts lit a candle in honor of John.

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ST

Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of John.

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DA

Debbie Atkinson lit a candle in honor of John.

Jill I am so sorry to hear that your Daddy passed away ❤️😭 prayers for you and your mom and family 🙏

September 12 at 7:00 PM





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JL

Jill Leager posted:

In the gentle ripple of a Minnesota lake and the quiet hum of the bee garden, your spirit endures, Dad. Your love and courage gave me life itself; your wisdom guided my journey. The chance you afforded me is my most revered memory. You shared with me a loving world filled with generous adventures in fishing, hunting, even nurturing bees. I forever carry your teachings and our shared passions close to heart. Thank you for every sweet gift; until we meet again, you remain deeply loved and missed. Can't forget the Goats. PS: Dad you always knew how to grow anything. The chickens remember Homer the Rooster you had as a pet this rooster reminded me of Homer. The baby goat I would always tell you and show pictures of new babies. But this time I brought a kid goat to you.♥️

Love you (Dad)Jill

September 12 at 7:00 PM

DK

Danny, Shari, Shandi, Travis, Ryland, Kaelyn posted:

Our Hearts are with you

September 11 at 7:00 PM

KC

Karee Cochran posted:

SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS!!

September 11 at 7:00 PM

AH

Anthony Hogg posted:

Sorry for your loss

September 11 at 7:00 PM

SG

Susan Godden posted:

Rest In Peace, John. You will be greatly missed.

September 11 at 7:00 PM

NM

Nicole Mathes posted:

Pam Mathes

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Tammie Starr Clupny posted:

So sorry for your loss Joy

September 11 at 7:00 PM



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October 13 at 4:15 PM



In the gentle ripple of a Minnesota lake and the quiet hum of the bee garden, your spirit...



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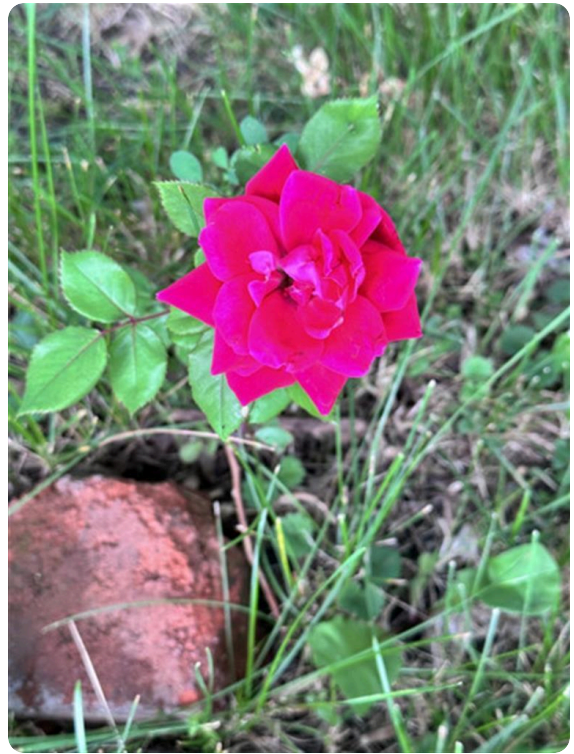
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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