



# John Allen Fry, Sr.

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**J**ohn Allen Fry Sr., age 71, of Centerville, passed away Monday, July 28, 2025 at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines.

John was born on August 27, 1953 in Centerville, Iowa, the son of William "Bill" Ross Fry and Geneva Avenell "Tootsie" (Stevens) Fry. John was a jack of all trades. He enjoyed tinkering with things. John loved riding horses and his Harley. He was also fond of hunting and fishing at the river, but most of all, he cherished the time he spent with his family and friends.

Left to honor John's memory are his wife, Cheryl Fry; his children, John (Sonya) Fry Jr., Nicole (Jeffery) McBride, Kenneth Fry, Travis Fry and Christopher (Jennifer) Fry; his daughter-in-law, Jennifer Fry; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and a brother, Mike Stevens.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Geneva "Tootsie" Fry; his son, Matthew Ryan Fry; his grandson, Gaitling Fry; and his best friends, Harold Hayes. Graveside services for John will be held at 1:00 PM, Thursday, July 31, 2025 at Hilltown Cemetery, near Moulton.

Memorials have been established to Nicole McBride, to be used towards final expenses, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Fry Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome).



# Tribute Wall

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**Addison Fry** posted:

I always remember going down to see grandpa. And him always have a smile on his face and was so happy to see me, my brothers, and my aunt Nikki and uncle Jef. He will be very missed but for sure wont be forgotten.

November 14 at 9:17 AM



**Joycejoyce Vote** posted:

Oh so sorry to hear of John's passing. Such a great guy. We all loved John he was my brothers best friend. John's boys always called my brother Hayes. My heart goes out to the family. I had planned on attending the service today but health isn't the best. And I just lost my husband on June 8th. Hugs to you all and our thoughts are with you all. Hugs.

July 30 at 7:00 PM



**Nicole McBride** October 27 at 10:09 PM

Hayes was like our second dad! I don't remember many childhood memories without him there! Both great guys and the best of friends. Thanks for your kind words!



**Amy Swank Everett Harper** lit a candle in honor of John.

John was a kind soul , a good man. He will be missed. My condolences to the family. Rest In Peace john. You and Harold Hayes, give em hell up there.

July 30 at 7:00 PM



**Nicole McBride** October 27 at 10:11 PM

Thanks for the kind words Amy!



**Jenny Fry** posted:

I remember all the good things you Matt and I at the house drinking and us all dancing and Matt singing dad would forget he couldn't stand when he had a few well more then a few lol

July 29 at 7:00 PM



**Nicole McBride** October 27 at 10:17 PM

I'm sure lots of folks have lots of great memories of my dad and Matt! They were definitely the life of the party when they were in the room! Love you Jenny!



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**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For John Allen Fry Sr.** posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

July 29 at 7:00 PM



**Mike Devilbiss (Malcom)** posted:

John was always there for me like a dad. Just like matt was always there for me like my brother. You will always be in my heart and all the good memories and time we shared together.

July 29 at 7:00 PM



**Nicole McBride** October 27 at 10:15 PM

Thank you, Mike. This one hits hard. Just like losing Matt. The one comfort I'm holding onto is knowing they're together again, no more pain, just peace. He was a dad to so many kids over the years, the same way Matt was like a brother. One BIG family!



**Samantha** posted:

John fry was a good man. He love to spend time with his family

July 29 at 7:00 PM



**Nicole McBride** October 27 at 10:15 PM

He sure did!



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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