



John Boatright

July 26, 1936 - August 20, 2022

John Boatright, age 86, of St. Anne, passed away Saturday, August 20, 2022 at Citadel of Kankakee.

He was born July 26, 1936 in Big Stone Gap, VA, the son of Patton & Margaret Bishop Boatright.

John married Elizabeth "Betty" Heinze on April 12, 1960 in Georgia.

He was a laborer. John retired from General Foods.

John was an avid fisherman and owned his own bait shop. He hand made his own fishing poles and bait. John participated in amateur Bass fishing tournaments. He played in his company's bowling league.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Boatright from St. Anne; one son, Damien & Carla Boatright of Bourbonnais; two daughters, Madonna & Steve Barry of Ohio and Melissa & Andrew DeLong of Herscher; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister and four brothers, all of Virginia.

John is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and one sister.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no public services.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss! I remember coming into to John’s store with my Dad Larry Devors. They were good friends. Now they can continue sharing their stories together!
Laura Devors Hoover

Laura Hoover - August 27, 2022 at 10:42 PM



Thank you Laura. I didn’t think anyone but the family remembered Dads bait shop. He used to let me “work” with him occasionally. I was in charge of dipping the dead minnows out - lol. The last day I was able to have a conversation with him, I asked if he missed the shop. He said no! Haha! I know he loved the company, the stories and the perk of being able to fish while on the job. He didn’t miss the business end of it which I understand. Yes, he and all his fishing buddies, that he dearly missed, are together telling fish tales again! Melissa DeLong, Johns youngest daughter.

Melissa DeLong - November 03, 2022 at 02:19 PM