



John D. "Opa" Fox

March 29, 1930 - March 9, 2018

John D. "Opa" Fox, age 87, of Manteno passed away Friday March 9, 2018 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. He was born March 29, 1930 in Manteno, the son of Lawrence J. & Mary Ellen Clemons Fox. John married Ester Barrett on November 8, 1952 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno. John was a retired steelworker. He was past Commander of the Manteno American Legion and former County Commander of the VFW in Manteno. He enjoyed golfing and traveling after retirement. He loved spending time with his family. John was a proud member of the Republican Party. He was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno.

John was a veteran of the United States Navy.

Surviving is his wife, Ester Fox of Manteno; three sons and three daughters-in-law, Jeff & Ivory Fox of Ave Maria, FL, Tim & Kim Fox of Washington, IN, and Pat & Margie Fox of Hebron, IN; nine grandchildren, Gretchen, Heather, Jake, P.J., Sean, Liz, Logan, Ian, and Xavier; six great-grandchildren, Haylee, Luke, Kyle, Gunnar, Emma, and Anna; one sister, Helen Benoit of Kankakee; one brother and sister-in-law, Bernie & Marlene Fox of Grant Park; and many nieces and nephews. John is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Paul Fox, Phil Fox, and Joe Fox; and two sisters, Theresa Reddick and Anita Iravedra.

Visitation will be held from 4- 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno. Rev.

Al Heidecke will celebrate the Mass. Burial will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to the Manteno American Legion.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Tribute Wall

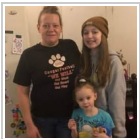
AF

“ Dear Ester, Jeff, Tim, Pat and families,
I will always have good memories about John.
He was one of Clem's **VERY SPECIAL**
friends and Clem had so many good things to
say about him during the extensive time they
spent together serving in the Navy on the Destroyer ship USS Soley
during the Korean War. They kept in touch for all those years since
then and enjoyed several Soley ship reunions together in various
parts of the country. That is where I met you and John and it was
always such a delightful time sharing time with both of you!!!! I know
what a sad and difficult time this is for all of you because ironically
God took Clem from this earth to live with Him just 6 months before
John went to be with them. I can envision them together now
repeating all the 'sea stories' they shared whenever they could here
on earth. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this
challenging time.



*With My Love and Sympathy,
Arlys*

ARLYS FOWLER - March 28, 2018 at 07:57 PM



“ Gretchen Harbison lit a candle in memory of
John D. "Opa" Fox



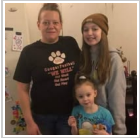
Gretchen Harbison - March 13, 2018 at 04:10 PM

PH

“ Patricia Barrett Hall lit a candle in memory of John D. "Opa" Fox



Patricia Barrett Hall - March 13, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ I will always cherish the memories of staying the summer with oma and opa and going swimming, playing cards. Those were the best times in my life
I love you Opa until we meet again

Gretchen Harbison - March 13, 2018 at 04:09 PM

MK

“ Marvin Ketchum lit a candle in memory of John D. "Opa" Fox



Marvin Ketchum - March 13, 2018 at 01:42 PM

VH

“ Vickie Hammond lit a candle in memory of John D. "Opa" Fox



Vickie Hammond - March 12, 2018 at 10:12 AM

BR

“ *Barb Riesebeck lit a candle in memory of John D. "Opa" Fox*



Barb Riesebeck - March 11, 2018 at 01:14 PM

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“ *John will be missed by both of us. He was a truly wonderful man and we had many memories with him and Ester*

arb and Clarence Riesebeck

Barb Riesebeck - March 11, 2018 at 01:13 PM

 Patrick Fox

“ *Patrick Fox lit a candle in memory of John D. "Opa" Fox*



Patrick Fox - March 10, 2018 at 09:03 PM

RH

“ *Renee Hoots lit a candle in memory of John D. "Opa" Fox*



Renee Hoots - March 10, 2018 at 08:43 PM

MF

“ *Michael Favors lit a candle in memory of John D. "Opa" Fox*



michael favors - March 10, 2018 at 07:48 PM

MP

“ *Monica Posing lit a candle in memory of John D. "Opa" Fox*



Monica Posing - March 10, 2018 at 03:32 PM