



## John Ridge

February 15, 1943 - February 20, 2024

John Ridge, age 81, passed away suddenly on February 20, 2024. John was a longtime resident of the Kankakee area.

He practiced law here for 30 years. He was born in Chicago, February 15, 1943 to Mary & Peter Ridge. He was preceded in death by Peter, Thomas, Barbara and his twin, Michael. He is survived by his sister, Mary Thavis of Park Ridge. He leaves many nephews and nieces.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a graduate of De Paul University.

A memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 12:00 noon memorial service on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

John will be missed by his family, friends, and fellow attorneys.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
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# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Sorry to hear of his passing. My mother and her brothers (the Borings) were childhood neighbors and friends, and my father loved him and stayed in touch with John until he he died last year. RIP

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**Stephanie Pont** - August 18, 2024 at 10:48 PM

JK

“ I was shocked, indeed devastated, to hear of John's death. I have known John since 1971. We were both in the Marine Corps and later, we worked together at Peat, Markwick as CPAs. We remained friends throughout the years, getting together to share drinks, laughs, and stories and frequently calling each other exchanging comments on legal matters. John was a good friend and I will miss John and all of the good times we had together. As a fellow Marine, I'm sure John would appreciate my remembrance by wishing him the following salute: Semper Fi !  
Jerry Kinnan

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**Jerry W. Kinnan** - July 23, 2024 at 02:39 PM

MP

“ John a good man! He will be remembered as such a good lawyer helpful and always listened to help you out of whatever situation you thought couldn't be fixed!! He took care of it! We enjoyed our lunch meetings together. We always enjoyed our conversations together. You'll be missed. We were so appreciative of everything you've done for us. We thank you for your service. Until we meet again friend! Praying for the repose of your soul. God bless you, Michael and Tracy Plein

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**Michael E. & T Plein** - April 05, 2024 at 11:16 AM

BS

“ *Such a great man he was always there for me and helped me out a lot gonna miss him*



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**becky shabazz** - March 06, 2024 at 08:45 PM

MS

“ *Uncle Johnny I have found memories of you when I was 16 and in your wedding with my cousin, Norine. We were giggling girls and you put up with us by using your Irish wit and sarcasm to tame us by telling your tall tales.*

*I admire all the hard work you did in helping your clients, not only in the courtroom, but outside in real life by being a strong guiding mentor helping others to secure good jobs and pursue a better life. Your love of people and service to others were admirable by all those who knew you.*

*Bill and I will be praying for the repose of your soul. We love you and rest in peace Uncle Johnny.*

*Mary and Bill Sweeney*

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**Mary Sweeney** - March 03, 2024 at 12:04 PM

ER

“ *I was always running into John at the courthouse when I worked there. He was interesting at times with his arguments in cases. We always talked motorcycles but i never saw him ride. He would raz me about riding mine in the winter always a little envious . Sorry I missed your memorial but next time I ride I will think of you.*

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**Ernie Richardson** - March 02, 2024 at 06:06 PM

AH

“ I worked for John for many years. So many memories! Being an attorney, he loved to argue, but so do I, so never a dull moment with him! He was a kind soul, and always willing to help, whether they could pay him or not! I'll always look fondly on those years and hope that he can finally rest!

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**Allison Hogan** - March 01, 2024 at 02:39 PM

KK

Hi Allison, I like your comment -- it's very true! -- and I think John would have would have gotten a chuckle out of it. You kept his office humming for a long time. Hope all is well with you.

Kathleen

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**Kathleen Konicki** - March 02, 2024 at 02:25 AM

KK

“ . . . 'til death do us part” is permissive, not mandatory, so stay close – yes, please, stay close – and, if anyone at the Pearly Gates gives you any guff, have them talk to me. Things were difficult from your perspective in ways I didn't understand but came to understand, and those Pearly Gates need to understand it, too. Who better to put in a good word for you? And maybe when I get there, you can help me, too.

Btw, I not only came to understand the problems we faced, but I also kept a careful list of everything kind and loving you did for me. In fact, to borrow a now-famous phrase, you were “my strength and my stay” over the years, even afterwards and in ways you didn't know, and my road will be harder without you . . . and the world colder. Semper fi, and may God bless you and love you as much as I do.

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**Kathleen Konicki** - February 29, 2024 at 09:54 PM

LB

“ John was *The Best !! Always there for me and my family when we needed him. He will be greatly missed. ❤️ thanks John for all your service. ❤️❤️❤️*

**lisa Bertrand** - February 28, 2024 at 11:18 AM

NM

“ *My Uncle, my godfather, hero for his Country. You will be missed. ❤️*  
*Norine O'Neill Moulis*

**norine Moulis** - February 26, 2024 at 09:33 PM

PO

“ *“Uncle John Ridge“ was a great brother to my mother, Barbara O'Neill/Ridge, in a pinch you could always call uncle John for advisement,*  
*Thank you for serving our country as well! Rest in peace, uncle John.*

**Pete O'Neill** - February 26, 2024 at 07:26 AM

MM

“ *Wonderful neighbor for over 20 years!*  
*Amazing man we're so blessed to call him*  
*friend....miss him already!*



**Michael & Nicolette Mathews** - February 25, 2024 at 09:19 PM

MT

“ *I am grateful for Johnny, my brother and hero, for 81 years. He will forever be in my memories and heart. Mary (Aggie) Thavis*

**Mary Aggie Thavis** - February 25, 2024 at 05:18 PM

TB

“ John Ridge a wonderful person who helped so many people serving his country and being a attorney and he was a great friend to my family.

Rest in Peace 🙏



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**Teresa Bruen** - February 25, 2024 at 07:20 AM

DS

“ Rest easy John...thanks for being there for my brother and son when they needed you..see ya when I see ya ❤️

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**Dennis W Dunlavey Sr** - February 24, 2024 at 02:01 PM

DS

“ Dennis W Dunlavey Sr lit a candle in memory of John Ridge



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**Dennis W Dunlavey Sr** - February 24, 2024 at 01:54 PM