



John Matthew Sauerbier

September 26, 1944 - June 20, 2025

John Matthew “Dad” “Papa” Sauerbier, age 80, of Manteno passed away Friday, June 20, 2025 in Manteno. He was born September 26, 1944 in Evergreen Park, the son of John & Lorraine (Bossi) Sauerbier. John married Diane Ginardi on June 3, 1995 in Worth.

John was a Firefighter, Police Officer, and a Locksmith. He enjoyed fishing, cars, woodworking, model trains, and golfing. Most of all, John loved his family and his dog.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served from August 1965 to July 1967.

John was a member of the Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Diane Sauerbier of Manteno; his children, Tabitha (Dave) of Frankfort, John (Courtney) of Momence, Amanda (De Carlo) of Midlothian, John of Manteno, James, and Anthony of Tinley Park; two siblings, Kay (Norman) of Lockport and Raymond (Mary Ann) of Orland Park; twelve grandchildren, Jenna Johnson, Kaitlyn Hahn, Beau Pittman, John Sauerbier, Delana Sauerbier, Tieran Lavelle, Riley Lavelle, Morgan Farlie, Michael Spedale, Brian Spedale, Lauren O’Brien, and Christian Pittman; four great-grandchildren, Camden Edborg, Wyatt Johnson, Mason Hahn, and Eleanor Johnson; and many nieces and nephews. John is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on

Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at the Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Manteno.
Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Risen Savior Lutheran
Church or the Chicago Honor Flight.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Risen Savior Lutheran Church
1881 West Division Street
Manteno, IL 60950

Tribute Wall

JM

“ John I heard wonderful great things about you, a wonderful husband, grandfather, and a great dad. My heart goes out to those that lost you Rest in Peace John we will always treasure the great times we had with you. We will Miss You and Love You.



Jennifer Murray - June 30, 2025 at 04:05 PM

RR

“ Rich will miss his church Lawn partner more than words can say, rest in peace good friend.

Richard Rauch - June 25, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Matthew Sauerbier.

June 24, 2025 at 11:20 AM

MC

“ It's difficult to think about our neighborhood in Manteno without John. He entertained us with his outdoor holiday decor year round and in the summertime, our neighborhood always looked extra nice thanks to his beautiful lawn and flowers. He was kind and giving and so helpful.. always! He will be greatly missed!

M.J. Cleeland - June 23, 2025 at 04:04 PM

MP

John was the sweetest, kindest man I have ever met! He was a wonderful husband to my friend Diane! He treated her like a Queen! You will be forever missed and loved John!

Mary Pate - June 23, 2025 at 04:57 PM

LP

Rest in Peace, John. It was a pleasure working with you.

Lisa Piatanesi - June 24, 2025 at 05:51 PM

JB

We will miss you John. We have known you for a long time and have had lots of adventures. You have been great to Diane! Rest in peace our friend. 🙏

Jim & Bernie Bilder - July 01, 2025 at 01:52 PM

RP

John You were a wonderful friend and Rob truly enjoyed all the good old days (sorry for the tires - NOT). Diane, I am so sorry we could not make the services but please know you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. John, may the angels welcome you to paradise! Rest in Peace dear friend!

Robert Pyznarski - July 05, 2025 at 11:09 AM