



John Stokes

November 18, 1940 - February 16, 2007

John Stokes -- Manteno John R. Stokes, 66, of Manteno, died Friday (Feb. 16, 2007) at his residence. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Manteno. A 10 a.m. funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday at St. George Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. George Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the family. Mr. Stokes was a retired truck driver for Melco Transfer. He was born Nov. 18, 1940, in Pontiac, Mich., the son of John Jay and Rosadella LeBeau Stokes. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a hunter and enjoyed going to Wisconsin every year. Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, John Jay II and Katie Stokes of Valparaiso, Ind.; one daughter, Jamie Stokes of Louisiana; two grandchildren; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Betty and Bill Simanikas of El Paso, Texas, Connie and Larry Mullen of Cypress, Texas, Janet and Jim Leichtnam of Parker, Colo., Debbie Stokes; and one brother, Gary Stokes of Wilmington. Deceased are his parents; one sister, Rose; and one brother, Richard.

Tribute Wall



“ Uncle John was a man who was a hard worker and loyal to his family. ĩ½Even though the road was tough over the last several years, his will was very strong. I will never forget all the family gatherings that we had, and I don't think he ever missed a one. ĩ½I will always remember when we were young, he used to show off his strength by letting us hang from his bicep.##imported-begin##Brian Mullen & Family##imported-end##

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“ Uncle John always seemed to enjoyed life. I will always remember you smile and laughter. ĩ½You always brightened up a room. May you find eternal peace.

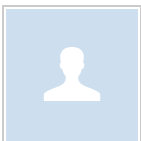
##imported-begin##Shaun, Jan, Ryan, and Kyle Mullen##imported-end##

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“ I met and got to know John through Melco Transfer. ĩ½I will never forget when he found a lady's wallet some where on one of his trips. ĩ½He made sure she got it back with everything as he found it. ĩ½That was just a small testament of who John was. He walked this earth as an honorable man. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.##imported-begin##Jason & Briana Grove##imported-end##

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“ May he finally rest in peace##imported-begin##Jim and Louise McLaren##imported-end##

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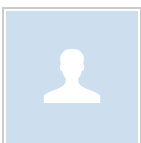
“ Uncle John could always be counted on to provide a good sound dose of Middle America. People like him made this country strong, rooted in values and hard work. I remember the great times, years ago at family gatherings, he was always a larger than life figure rooted in self confidence. I will miss him much.##imported-begin##Greg and Margaret Genotte##imported-end##

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“ I met John years ago at my Dad's (Jim Farrell's) gas station. I believe my dad thought of John as a good friend. My husband, Darrell and I felt very sorry for John at the time of his accident and the unfortunate events that followed. We pray that he now has the peace and forgiveness that he has not had these past few years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family now. Rest in peace, John.##imported-begin##Darrell and Kay Bertrand##imported-end##

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“ I will always remember Uncle John for his gregarious laugh and big bear hugs. He had a special way of causing those around him to feel accepted.##imported-begin##Ann Barber##imported-end##

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John, Gary and I were the three male grandchildren of George and Delia LeBeau. ĩ½Since we were greatly out numbered by the female grandchildren, the three of us had an immediate reason to bond together. ĩ½After moving to Indiana our contact lessened but I always remember that at family functions John and my dad John (Jack) would always end up sitting together and enjoying each others stories ĩ½My thoughts have been with John frequently the past few years. I admire how he handled himself in unusually trying times and hope that I will do as well should the circumstances arise. ĩ½May he rest in peace.

##imported-begin##Jeff OBrien##imported-end##

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“ John will be missed by my father, Mel and my sons, from Alaska. When we come to Manteno he has always been there with a bright smile and a good leg pulling for all. The boys and I will sorely miss his quick wit and sense of humor. He could always bring a bit of laughter and a smile to everyone.##imported-begin##Kathleen (Link) Gagnon##imported-end##

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“ My father wasn't always the easiest to get along with, being his child. I know now that I am older that he just wanted more for me than I did myself. I had not kept in touch with him for a few years, but that changed, and I couldn't talk to him enough after that. I truly felt the devastation of the accident when it happened to him, for you see it happened on the day of my birthday that year. I know there have been times and situations that we all wish we could take back and do over again, but as they say 'hindsight is twenty-twenty', I just know I will always have the memories of his booming voice and the way he called me re-re. I love you dad, and will truly miss you. I hope you have found honest peace finally, and I know you are with the Lord. Love you!###imported-begin##Jamie Stokes###imported-end##

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 i ĩ ½ĩ ĩ ½John Ralph you will be are missed,I am so Blessed to have you for a Brother. John you suffered from birth until now but you should @ peace with Mom'Dad Rose Marie and "Dickie". John you got to meet our Brother before me.I had so much fun growing up with you, and growing older with you. Thanks for the many times and trips to Houston spent in Mom's and my home. So sorry for the Mental emotional physical angious you"ve had since March 15 1999. WE know it was the fault of the railroad and possibly the the conductor and will have to answer for their guilt for the pain it caused you. I forgive them and hope God will forgive them to. John I was Blessed to be with you @ your Surgery in Jan.12th. Good bye Big Teddy Bear, hope I'll join you in Heaven.

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“ I know these last many years were difficult ones for you and hope you are now at peace. ¶½Although I have not had much contact with you over the more recent years, I will always remember you as a kind and loving uncle who never had an unkind word for anyone and would have given the shirt off your back. ¶½I will also always remember your nickname for me, "Kim Kim". ¶½My thoughts are with your family and friends and hope that they can find comfort in all of their memories with you.##imported-begin##Kim Genotte##imported-end##

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