



John S. Surprenant

September 18, 1924 - December 4, 2020

John S. Surprenant, age 96, of Chebanse passed away Friday, December 4, 2020 at Ascension Village Heritage Village in Kankakee. He was born September 18, 1924 in St. George, the son of Edmond & Eva (Regnier) Surprenant. John married Gertrude M. “Tootie” Fortin on November 17, 1945 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on December 10, 2017.

John was a Chebanse area farmer. He was a member of the Kankakee V.F.W., the American Legion, and Disabled American Veterans. John was a board member for the Kankakee County Veteran’s Assistance Commission and a member of the Kankakee County Corn Growers Association. He was also the Minnie Creek Drainage District Commissioner. John enjoyed playing cards.

John was a veteran of the United States Army having served in the 96th Infantry Division and the Pacific Theatre in Okinawa during World War II. He was a parishioner of St. John Paul II Catholic Church.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Bill Surprenant of Chebanse and Larry & Jackie Surprenant of Denison, IA; ten grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Evelyn Surprenant of Momence. In addition to his wife, Gertrude Surprenant, John is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Lynn Daniels; two sisters, Margaret and Christabelle; and six brothers, Marcel, Lionel, Tony, Paul, Roland, and Thomas.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020

at St. John Paul II- West Campus. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Beaverville.

Memorials may be made to the Otto Township Fire Protection District or for masses.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

KS

“ John was a wonderful person. His presence on our Board will be missed. His smiles and hugs will be too.
--Karen - Veterans Assistance Commission

Karen Smietansk - December 11, 2020 at 02:37 PM

JF

“ Jeff Fortin lit a candle in memory of John S. Surprenant



Jeff Fortin - December 10, 2020 at 05:41 PM

JF

“ Uncle John was one of the most kind, most generous, most loving person I've had the pleasure of calling family. From his brave service to our nation, to being a farmer to a wonderful family man, he will be dearly missed. Felt blessed to be a part of his life for the past couple years after moving back to Kankakee. I love you Uncle John, don't ever forget that. 🧐❤️🙏

Jeff Fortin - December 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM

MF

I will miss our visits, when I came back to K3 I always made it a point to go see Uncle John. Always loved seeing him & Aunt Tootie. I will miss him terribly. Thank you for your service to this great country. I know you're happy to join the love of your life. Til we meet again Uncle John! RIP Warrior!!!

Mike Fortin - December 10, 2020 at 10:51 PM

KR

“ Keeping the Surprenant family in my prayers.
Our love to you all.



Kristine - December 09, 2020 at 10:54 PM

SE

“ Stephanie Eyman lit a candle in memory of
John S. Surprenant



Stephanie Eyman - December 09, 2020 at 08:25 PM

SG

“ John and Gertrude were patients at Dr. Lacoste for years. I was the
receptionist. There were the nicest patients, always happy and a joy
to see. Sallie

Sallie Gall - December 09, 2020 at 09:19 AM

LN

“ Les & Greta Naese lit a candle in memory of
John S. Surprenant



Les & Greta Naese - December 08, 2020 at 11:04 PM

JF

“ Janet Fortin lit a candle in memory of John S. Surprenant



Janet Fortin - December 08, 2020 at 05:11 PM

GH

“ Gina Hendricks lit a candle in memory of John S. Surprenant



Gina Hendricks - December 08, 2020 at 05:06 PM

JH

“ Jeff & Christina Hanson lit a candle in memory of John S. Surprenant



Jeff & Christina Hanson - December 08, 2020 at 05:04 PM

MF

“ Michael Hanson Family lit a candle in memory of John S. Surprenant



michael hanson family - December 08, 2020 at 02:51 PM

JS

“ Jody Surprenant lit a candle in memory of John S. Surprenant



Jody Surprenant - December 08, 2020 at 01:58 PM

RO

“ I liked Mr. Surprenant. He, like myself, was a bit like George Patton and would tell you what he thought, I admire that in a man. I would go there with Kenny Jensen from time to time and would also weld things for him when he farmed. He was VERY proud to be a veteran. He was always good to me and I'll miss him. I will remember him as ornery with a BIG smile :)
Thank You for being part of my life Mr. Surprenant.
Randy O'Connor :)

randy oconnor - December 08, 2020 at 12:07 PM

MF

“ Mike Fortin lit a candle in memory of John S. Surprenant



Mike Fortin - December 08, 2020 at 11:26 AM

LW

“ *Lorraine Watson lit a candle in memory of John S. Surprenant*



lorraine watson - December 08, 2020 at 11:24 AM

RF

“ *Rick Hanson Family lit a candle in memory of John S. Surprenant*



Rick Hanson Family - December 07, 2020 at 02:14 PM