



John "JT" Slaughter

November 19, 1936 - December 19, 2014

Mattoon, IL-John 'J.T.', age 77, of Mattoon passed away on Friday December 19, 2014 at 9:10 p.m. at Odd-Fellow Rebekah Home. Graveside services will be held at a later date at Old Stonington Cemetery. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be held on Saturday January 3, 2014 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Born November 19, 1936 in Taylorville, IL Mr. Slaughter was the son of Thomas and Helen (Mckormic) Slaughter. He married Linda Gano on October 20, 1962 in Mattoon, IL; they shared 47 years of marriage together. She preceded him in death on October 27, 2009. He is survived by his two sons Thomas 'T.K.' Slaughter of Charleston, IL and Patrick Slaughter and wife Jane of Charleston, IL. He is also survived by his five brothers and one sister, Frank Slaughter of Springfield, IL, James Slaughter of Hinesdale, IL, Phillip Slaughter of Mattoon, IL, Pat Slaughter of Sullivan, IL, Mark Slaughter of Mattoon, IL and Connie Kimery of Mendota, IL. In addition he is survived by five grandchildren Sarah Slaughter of Ft Collins, CO, Matthew Slaughter of Fort Collins, CO, Jenna Slaughter of Columbia, MO, Levi Slaughter of Charleston, IL and Frank Slaughter of Charleston, IL. J.T. will also be missed by his many nieces and nephews and their children. J.T. proudly served his country in the National Guard. He graduated from St. Joseph grade school and Mattoon High School, class of 1955. He was a member of the I.B.E.W. Local 489-146. He served on the Mid-Eastern Illinois Labor Council and enjoyed helping organize the annual picnic. He had a strong passion for serving his community through his eight years as a member of the Coles County Board, volunteering with local community projects and assisting at the local food bank. J.T. was a cross country runner during high school and later was proud to have worked on the Saint Lawrence Seaway. He loved politics, his community and his family very much and to those who knew him well will remember J.T. as an energetic advocate of unions. He was an engaged, earnest, wise and compassionate person who was a highly capable story teller and philosopher, drawing on his vast knowledge and personal experience, family and national history, politics and American Culture. He will be missed by all. Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.

Comments



“ I worked with Tom many years ago so I've known him a long time. I am sorry to hear of his passing. My dad was a welder and got his supplies from Gano. My sympathies to his family.

Gary Groff - January 05, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ I had the pleasure and privilege to work with JT as an apprentice and as a JW. I learned so much from him - things I still carry with me today. I will never forget his stories - the ones we've heard ten times if we've heard them once - but every time exactly the same. You could never ask for anyone to be in your corner to fight with you or have your back that would dig in more than JT would. I am so glad that he came up to a couple of my projects with Andrew just to visit and catch up - it meant the world to me. You taught me a little about a lot of things - and I respect the hell out of you. I will miss you my friend.

Mike Brummitt - January 03, 2015 at 04:39 PM



“ My sympathies to JT's family. I was friends with "tom" as he was known to me and other co workers in Cortland and Harrisburg in the late 60's and early 70,s. we reconnected a few years ago and i was honored to spend time with him exploring Florida the last couple of years. I pray that he gives Linda a big hug for me. larry

Larry Pfister - December 30, 2014 at 06:39 PM