



## John F. Lawson

April 9, 1934 - September 11, 2022

John F. Lawson, age 88 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 7:35 AM, Sunday, September 11, 2022, at Mattoon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral Mass in his memory will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, September 16, 2022, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 320 N. 21st Street, Mattoon, IL 61938. A committal service will immediately follow at Calvary Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thursday, September 15, 2022, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

John was born on April 9, 1934, to the late Grant W. Lawson and Adeline C. (Bergfeld) Lawson. He married Carol Ann Hardiek on June 14, 1958, in Teutopolis, IL; she preceded him in death on January 3, 2005. He is survived by three children, Diane K. Hall and significant other, Tony Nicholson of Mattoon, IL, Doug A. Lawson and wife Darla of Mattoon, IL, Donna K. Lawson and wife Jill Miller of Champaign, IL; one brother, Donald Lawson and wife Carol of Windsor, IL; four grandchildren: Clayton A. Hall and wife Madison of Le Roy, IL, Teah L. Lawson and husband Charles Spivey of Mattoon, IL, Drew A. B. Lawson and wife Lavera of Arthur, IL, Zane D.B. Lawson of Mattoon, IL; special friends, Donna Meaker of Mattoon, IL and Laverne Schaal of Mattoon, IL.

John was a proud veteran of the United States Marines. He retired from ANAMET Electrical Inc. in Mattoon, IL where he served as a machinist for

many years. He was a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon IL., and also held a membership at the Exchange Club of Mattoon, IL.

Being outdoors was always a pleasure for John, he enjoyed playing golf at the Rogala Public Links golf course in Mattoon, IL, fishing with his wife, Carol, and in his younger years, hunting. Reading history books, and especially those pertaining to the Civil War and World War II was always time well spent for John. He was avid about sports and a loyal Illini basketball, and St. Louis Cardinal fan.

John will be fondly remembered as a loving and dedicated father, grandfather, and friend.

Memorials in his honor may be made to Mattoon Community Food Center, 600 Moultrie Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
contact@mitchelljerdan.com  
<https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/>

## Service

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Tribute Wall



“ *John F. Lawson*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *I did not have the pleasure of meeting my Great Uncle John until much later in my life. I am grateful that I did. In him I found a fellow historian and I marveled at the amazing family tree that he uncovered. He generously shared it with me as well as precious stories about my grandfather Jack Grigg. John spoke of him like a young man who looked up to a real life hero. The same way I always knew my grandfather. I will treasure the family tree that my great Uncle John gave me and hope to share it with future generations. I think he would like that.*

**Jeremy Grigg** - September 19, 2022 at 05:24 PM

DL

*Jeremy I'm glad dad shared the family information he was able to accumulate. Donna Lawson*

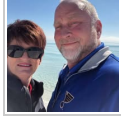
**Donna Lawson** - September 21, 2022 at 11:38 PM



“ *Jeff Meyers lit a candle in memory of John F. Lawson*



**Jeff Meyers** - September 16, 2022 at 10:49 PM



*RIP to an amazing man and my uncle*

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**Jeff Meyers** - September 16, 2022 at 10:50 PM

DL

*Thanks Jeff!!*

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**Donna Lawson** - September 21, 2022 at 11:36 PM

CL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort. Carla Lundy-Wheaton*

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**Carla Lundy-Wheaton** - September 14, 2022 at 07:30 PM

SL

“ *Diane , Clayton and family. So sorry for the loss of your father and grandpa. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word. Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Sally & Bryan Leitch*

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**Sally Leitch** - September 14, 2022 at 07:48 AM

TP

“ *Dear Teah and Drew, I walked at the same time as your grandfather at the Mall. He was a delightful man. He always had a funny joke to share. I will always carry fond memories of him. My prayers are with you. I was also your Third Grade teacher. Terrie Pelham*

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**Terrie Pelham** - September 13, 2022 at 11:14 AM

MW

“ John was a very special friend and classmate. We spent part of our early childhood as neighbors playing games outdoors. He was kind, compassionate and loved his friends. Later on, he never missed a class reunion and enjoyed visiting and knowing about our classmates. We will remember him and greatly miss him at our NHS Class of '54 gatherings. Martha Kraft Wilson

Martha Wilson - September 12, 2022 at 04:47 PM

SJ

“ Sylvia Jerdan lit a candle in memory of John F. Lawson



Sylvia Jerdan - September 12, 2022 at 04:22 PM

SM

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. One of the nicest individuals anyone would ever meet. Always had a great time with John on the golf course. All of us are going to miss John.

Steve Matheny - September 12, 2022 at 04:05 PM

CS

We enjoyed many weekends at his home enjoying his fish fries. We all loved to play cards and spent time at their home. What a great guy.

Clyde Self - September 13, 2022 at 09:31 PM

DL

Thanks Clyde. He and mom really enjoyed those fish fries.

Donna Lawson - September 15, 2022 at 12:13 AM