



John W. Mast

December 29, 1948 - March 22, 2020

John W. Mast, age 71 of Mahomet, IL, passed away at 4:12 PM, Sunday, March 22, 2020 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

A private graveside service will take place at 2:00 PM, Friday, March 27, 2020 at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL; Reverend Jeremy Doughty will officiate. A visitation and funeral will take place at a later date at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

John was born on December 29, 1948 in Arthur, IL the son of the late Henry R. and Barbara (Plank) Mast. He married Krista J. McCleary on June 14, 1975. He is survived by his wife, Krista Mast of Mahomet, IL; two children, Brandon M. Mast of Mahomet, IL, Brandi M. Koziarz and husband Patrick of Rantoul; one brother, Melvin Mast and wife Ann of Sarasota, FL; four sisters, Mary Miller and husband Alvin of Sarasota, FL, Sarah Miller and husband Lloyd of Macon, MS, Carolyn Kauffman and husband Glen of Arthur, IL, Linda Weaver and husband David of Willow Street, PA; several nieces and nephews; one special nephew, Christopher McCleary of Mahomet, IL; one special great-niece, Logan McCleary of Mahomet, IL; and his beloved dog, Bella. He is preceded in death by one brother, Stanley Mast.

John retired from Mitsubishi Motors in Bloomington-Normal, IL and was a former employee of Maxwell House in Houston, TX, Amish Country Foods in

Arthur, IL, General Electric in Mattoon, IL, and Trail Mobile in Charleston, IL.

He was member of UAW Local 2488 in Bloomington, IL and former member of Mattoon Moose Lodge 803. His hobbies included golfing, fishing, and restoring his 1971 Dodge Demon. John was an avid Mopar man and was a talented and determined handyman who could build and fix anything. He took immense pride in his work. John enjoyed football and baseball and was a Fighting Illini, Chicago Bears and Cubs fan.

Memorials in his honor may be made to American Cancer Society, 675 E. Linton Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703.

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

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Mast*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences on the loss of your husband/father/etc. John was a wonderful human being. What a different place our world would be if everyone were like him. He was the best neighbor one could have. He was very friendly & always fun to talk to. But more important, John led a truly exemplary life: His praiseworthy values & attitudes were reflected in everything he did, from his workmanship to how he treated people. He was always cheerfully willing to help in any way he could, even when it was really time-consuming, like insisting on mowing my lawn for me while I recuperated from a broken ankle. His handyman skills were unsurpassed. If something was fixable, John could fix it. He was a kind, gentle soul who will be greatly missed.*

Elisa Mustari

EM - April 01, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Mast.*



March 26, 2020 at 07:46 PM

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“ After my daughter died and I would be having a bad day, John would stop what he was doing and just listen and sit with me. He was a dear dear friend.

He also had a wonderful sense of humor. He made me smile so many times. One of the funniest involved Bob Rice and Terry Jackson one early work morning. Dropped metal on a metal grate causing those two to jump and throw a cup of coffee all over themselves. He got a cut running from Bob...I'm sure he wore that scar proudly. We used to meet for breakfast after he retired, last time was just over a month ago. He ate enough for two that day. Everyone remember how he said the word “anyway”? It came out sounding like enna way. I love that. I have relatives that said it that way. Maybe that's one of the reasons we were friends. He felt like family. Who's gonna clean the garage now John...?

Kent Ferguson - March 25, 2020 at 10:36 PM