



John Douglas Wiles

August 1, 1948 - September 23, 2019

John Douglas Wiles passed away peacefully on September 23, 2019 at 10:15 P.M. at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL with his family by his side

A funeral service in his honor will be held at noon, Thursday, September 26, 2019 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Reverend Matthew Froeschle will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow in Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Mattoon, IL. Military Rites will be performed by Mattoon VFW Post 4325. A visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. until the time of service at the funeral home.

John was born on August 1, 1948 in Decatur Illinois. He married Debra Booker on November 3, 1972 and welcomed his beloved son, Douglas, in 1982.

John was a 1966 graduate of Macon High School and Decatur Memorial School of Radiology Technology. He proudly served in the US Army. During his career, he worked at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Kirby Hospital in Monticello, and Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

In retirement, John and Debbie traveled the Midwest selling their gourd art and winning numerous awards and made many special friends along the way. John loved to fly-fish, travel and carve gourds. His most favorite times were

with his family.

John was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Mattoon, IL

John is survived by his wife and soulmate of 47 years, Debbie Wiles of Mattoon; son, Douglas (Kayla) of Mattoon, IL; brother Chuck Wiles (Lynette) of Mt. Carmel, IL sister-in laws Donna Ricketts (John) of Mobile, AL, Linda Wiles of Macon, IL; mother-in-law, Jane Booker of Monticello, IL; several nieces and nephews and his beloved grand dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Mildred (Thornell) Wiles, father-in-law William Booker, brother James Wiles and nephew Chad Wiles.

John was a great husband, father and uncle and will be greatly missed by all his family and friends and those he met along the art circuit. John's family would like to sincerely thank the wonderful, caring nurses at Carle Oncology in Mattoon, Dr. James Egner and the nurses on the 6th floor at Carle Foundation Hospital. The simple words "thank you" cannot express our gratitude for all you said and did during this very difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in John's honor may be made to Carle Oncology Center, 2512 Hurst Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938 or Clay County Animal Rescue and Shelter, 14400 US-45, Louisville, IL 62858.

Please visit www.mitchelljerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfune ralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Rest Haven Memorial Gardens

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
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Service

SEP **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Douglas Wiles*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Such a great man and friend. Loved working with him with the high school band.*

Terry Leffler

Terry A Leffler - September 26, 2019 at 07:53 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I worked with John at Sarah Bush many years ago. I had great respect for John.*

Sally Leitch - September 26, 2019 at 06:24 AM



“ *Sending you our most sincere condolences and lots of loving hugs from all of us in this difficult time. We know you all loved him very much. 🥹*



Heather Theriault - September 25, 2019 at 06:28 AM



“ *I will always think of him as the gentle helpful soul at Sarah Bush Lincoln and of course as Doug's amazing father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and especially our niece Kayla and Doug.*

Barb Crowder & Larry Taliana - September 24, 2019 at 11:40 PM

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“ Our hearts and prayers go out to you Debbie and the family. John had such a gift for carving gourds and you for painting them. We always enjoyed visiting with you both at the art fairs. We will miss that! My God put his arms around you to comfort you all at this time.
Terry & Mary Kay Reeves



Mary Reeves - September 24, 2019 at 07:44 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. We can only imagine how very much you'll miss him. Draw your strength from one another, as he would have wanted you to do.
Marty Walker & Nancy Crowder Walker

Nancy Crowder - September 24, 2019 at 06:58 PM