



# John Thomas Lovell

December 23, 1936 - October 8, 2024

John Thomas Lovell, 87, of Silex, passed away Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at his home in Fenton, Missouri.

Funeral services for John will be held Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Silex at 11:00 a.m. with Pat Sorrentino officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16th at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes in Silex.

John was born December 23, 1936, in Silex, Missouri to Orva Zenus and Lilian (Beall) Lovell. He was united in marriage to Carol B. Fitzsimmons on February 15, 1959, at the Second Baptist Church in Bowling Green. To this union of 65 years, they were blessed with four daughters.

John grew up in Silex and was a 1955 graduate of Silex High School where he played multiple sports and was the valedictorian of his class. In February 1956, John enlisted in the Marine Corps where he served until February 1958. The couple resided in Bowling Green and St. Joseph, Missouri before settling in Silex in 1966 where they remained for the rest of John's life. John began working at the Silex Banking Company as an assistant cashier in April of 1966. In August 1972, John was promoted to CEO and President of the bank upon the passing of his father. He was later named Chairman of the Board, a title he held until his retirement in 2017 after 51 years. John loved working at the bank and visiting with all the customers when they came in especially on his favorite day of the year, Santa at the Bank.

In his free time, John enjoyed watching and participating in sports, hunting, fishing, and maintaining his vegetable garden. John's passion was sports including the St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Browns and the Phoenix Suns, but his real passion was teaching his girls the sports and activities he loved. He instilled in his family an impressive work ethic and passion for the things they love; especially sports which was passed down to his

grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife, Carol B. Lovell of Silex; children, Nancy Arnold (Dave) of Wildwood, Lisa Law of Iberia, Joni Lovell of Fenton, and Vonda Sorrentino (Pat) of St. Louis; grandchildren: Jack Thomas Sorrentino, Nicholas Beall Sorrentino (Ally), Michael Caesar Sorrentino, Rachel Arnold Roth (Max), Marley Law Simpson (Cory), and Kelbey Law York (Dalton); great grandchildren: Clara York, Quinn Simpson, Lilian Roth and Henry "Hank" Sorrentino; brother, Paul Lovell (Lucy) of Silex; sisters-in-law, Barbara Fitzsimmons of Bedford, Texas and Joann Fitzsimmons of Scottsdale, Arizona; cousin, Gene Hall (Frances) of Troy; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

John was preceded in death by his parents; brothers-in-law, Orland Fitzsimmons, Lowell "Cotton" Fitzsimmons and Fred Johnson; sister-in-law Joanne Johnson; and his uncle, Gibson Beall.

Pallbearers will be Jack Sorrentino, Nicho Sorrentino, Caesar Sorrentino, Max Roth, Cory Simpson, and Dalton York. Honorary pallbearers will be Rachel Roth, Marley Simpson, Kelbey York, Ally Sorrentino, Pat Sorrentino, Dave Arnold, Gene Hall and Kent Hufty.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Silex High School athletic department or an organization of the donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

St. Louis

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC -Silex  
11 South First Street  
Silex, MO 63377  
(573) 384-5555  
<https://www.bibbveach.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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11 South First Street  
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## Burial

OCT 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery  
St. Louis

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love , The Wachter Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John Thomas Lovell.



Love , The Wachter Family - October 16, 2024 at 08:01 AM



“ 206 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - October 15, 2024 at 04:05 PM

BS

“ Bank of Iberia Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Thomas Lovell.

Bank of Iberia Staff - October 15, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Thomas Lovell.



October 15, 2024 at 12:14 PM

DL

“ Dale & Susan Law planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Thomas Lovell.

Dale & Susan Law - October 15, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Thomas Lovell.*



October 15, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Thomas Lovell.*



October 15, 2024 at 09:01 AM

TH

“ *The Sandweg's, Czajkowski's and Hanson's purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Thomas Lovell.*



**The Sandweg's, Czajkowski's and Hanson's** - October 14, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Thomas Lovell.*



October 14, 2024 at 12:44 PM

FJ

“ *Freddy , Larry & Terry Johnson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Thomas Lovell.*



**Freddy , Larry & Terry Johnson** - October 13, 2024 at 05:20 PM

FJ

“ Freddy , Larry & Terry Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Thomas Lovell.

Freddy , Larry & Terry Johnson - October 13, 2024 at 05:20 PM

DB

“ Donna Buehne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Thomas Lovell.



Donna Buehne - October 13, 2024 at 01:06 PM

JF

“ JoAnn Fitzsimmons purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John Thomas Lovell.



JoAnn Fitzsimmons - October 11, 2024 at 06:23 PM

SA

“ Sharon A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Thomas Lovell.

Sharon A. - October 11, 2024 at 02:04 PM

PS

“ John was a dear friend of the Mudd Family. Sending a hug to Carol B, the girls, and the extended family. May his memory be a blessing. Perry and Ernie Smith

Perry Mudd Smith - October 10, 2024 at 04:17 PM

BW

Praying for Carol and the Girls. I know what you are going through, but take piece in knowing he is not in pain anymore. Your family has been so so good to the Shramek's through the years. The family gave me jobs to earn money and John gave me lots of advice in all my sports through Highschool. I was and will always be very much appreciative !! 🙏 Brenda Welch

Brenda Welch - October 11, 2024 at 07:46 PM