



John Joseph Mullen

April 11, 1949 - October 28, 2022

John Joseph Mullen, 73, of Bowling Green, passed away Friday, October 28, 2022, at Hannibal Regional Hospital, surrounded by his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Clement Catholic Church with Fr. Henry Ussher officiating. Burial will be in St. Clement Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, November 1, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory.

John was born April 11, 1949, in Louisiana, Missouri, to Joseph Raymond Mullen and Iva Jane Carr. He was united in marriage to Norma Jean Purk on November 23, 1973. She survives. They were married for 48 years.

Also, surviving are children, Beth Mullen and Clint Mullen, both of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Alivia and Addison Mullen; brother, Bubby Mullen; sister, Teresa (Jeff) Graddy; sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn (Richard) Pilger; and brother-in-law, Gary Purk.

John was preceded in death by his parents; and his mother and father-in-law, Herman (Shorty) and Dorothy Purk.

John grew up and lived in Pike County his entire life, graduating from Bowling Green High School in 1969, where he excelled in track and cross country. He

started working at an early age delivering newspapers and performing other miscellaneous jobs about town. Many community members will remember John best as a dedicated employee of both LaCrosse and Bowling Green Lumber Companies. At the age of 21, John became the manager of LaCrosse Lumber. He later moved to Bowling Green Lumber. In 1978 he began farming with Shorty and Gary. He loved farming. After farming for 20 years, he went to work at Jennings's Implement (John Deere) in Curryville. Shortly thereafter, he returned to Bowling Green Lumber Company, retiring in 2016. John spent over 25 years working with customers and contractors.

John was a faithful member of St. Clement Catholic Church, where he served in many roles, including the Finance Committee, St. Clement Charities, Parish Council, Religious Education, and Eucharistic Minister.

John was also devoted to the Knights of Columbus, serving as Grand Knight and District Deputy. In addition, he was a member of the 4th Degree, serving as the Faithful Navigator for many years.

Pallbearers will be Ken Pilger, Eddie Purk, Joe Bruch, Jeff Grady, Pat Luebrecht, and Paul Luebrecht.

Memorials may be made to the St. Clement Knights of Columbus or St. Clement Church.

Online condolences may be made at www.bibbveach.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Clement Cemetery

St. Clement, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green
606 West Main Street
Bowling Green, MO 63334
(573) 324-2211
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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Clement Catholic Church
21509 Hwy 161
Bowling Green, MO 63334
<http://www.stclementmo.org>

Burial

NOV 2 (CT)

St. Clement Cemetery
St. Clement, MO

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Dear Norma Jean and family, I was sorry to learn that John has passed away. May his memory be a blessing. Perry Mudd Smith

Perry Mudd Smith - November 04, 2022 at 01:54 PM

ST

“ Sincerely, the Athene Risk Team purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of John Joseph Mullen.



Sincerely, the Athene Risk Team - November 01, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Joseph Mullen.



November 01, 2022 at 02:27 PM

MM

“ Mark Cohea and Carla Mills lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Mullen



Mark Cohea and Carla Mills - November 01, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - November 01, 2022 at 10:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Joseph Mullen.



November 01, 2022 at 09:41 AM



“ I am a colleague of Beth Mullen, John's daughter. She would often share personal stories of the fun and laughs she would have with her dad. I always imagined them as best friends. I did not know the family, but it was clear they were close to each other and to the broader community. We are blessed to have the John Mullen's of this world. May he rest in peace.

Mike Dolan - November 01, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Joseph Mullen.*



October 31, 2022 at 11:02 PM



“ *Tom And Margaret Dunn sent a virtual gift in memory of John Joseph Mullen*



Tom and Margaret Dunn - October 31, 2022 at 08:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Joseph Mullen.*



October 31, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *John was a very good man. I have known him for many years. My sympathy goes out to the family*



Deanie Ebers - October 31, 2022 at 05:02 PM

FF

“ He was a great man always so kind and polite. He will be missed.
Thinking of you all!

Fred and Crystal Graver and family - October 31, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for
the family of John Joseph Mullen.



October 31, 2022 at 03:53 PM

TD

“ *Tom & Jean Dempsey* sent a virtual gift in
memory of John Joseph Mullen



Tom & Jean Dempsey - October 31, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the
family of John Joseph Mullen.



October 31, 2022 at 07:44 AM

MR

“ *Mr & Mrs Jack Reid lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Mullen*



Mr & Mrs Jack Reid - October 31, 2022 at 12:19 AM

MR

Our deepest condolences to John's family! He was such a good man! He will be missed!

Mr & Mrs Jack Reid - October 31, 2022 at 12:21 AM

MA

“ *He was a very good man. He will be missed.*

Michael Adams - October 30, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“ *Donna Korte Wiss lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Mullen*



Donna Korte Wiss - October 30, 2022 at 07:07 PM

CB

“ *Cathy Bibb lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Mullen*



Cathy Bibb - October 30, 2022 at 06:30 PM

PC

“ Pam Cole lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Mullen



Pam Cole - October 30, 2022 at 11:49 AM

KU

“ I never had the opportunity to meet Mr. Mullen. I am a colleague and friend of Beth. I adore Beth and so many of her qualities like drive, passion, and the love and dedication she holds for her friends and family. Through Beth, I am sure I knew Mr. Mullen. John Joseph Mullen, may his memory be a blessing. All my love to the family and friends of Mr. Mullen.

Kupe - October 30, 2022 at 08:02 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John Joseph Mullen.



October 29, 2022 at 10:16 PM

BN

“ Beth was my roommate during most of college. She is also one of my best friends. My favorite memory of Mr Mullen was when I joined Beth for weekend trip home, Mr Mullen let this city girl take her first ride in a combine!

Bonnie Noce - October 29, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Joseph Mullen.*



October 29, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Joseph Mullen.*



October 29, 2022 at 05:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Joseph Mullen.*



October 29, 2022 at 05:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Joseph Mullen.*



October 29, 2022 at 03:16 PM