



John B. Deering

November 10, 1935 - October 10, 2022

John B. Deering, 86 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away Monday, October 10, 2022, at Diamond Willow Assisted Living in Little Falls, MN. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Pastor Blaine MacNeil officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the chapel. Burial will take place in Oakland Cemetery in Little Falls. Caring for John and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Little Falls.

John Bernard Deering was born on November 10, 1935 in Little Falls, MN, to the late Paul and Emma (Larson) Deering. John had a special love for farming, nature, and animals. He liked tinkering with old tractors, including his 1937 John Deere B, which the Deering family purchased new. The steel wheels were later changed to rubber tires. "Uncle John" will be remembered for his one-of-a-kind smile, a great sense of humor, and having a trusted canine companion at his side.

John is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Phil Robbins of Happy Valley, OR; sister, Mary Jane Deering of Los Angeles, CA; nieces, Suzanne Goddyn and Jill Robbins of Portland, OR; nephew, John Robbins of Little Falls, MN; grandniece, Sophie Goddyn of New York, NY; grandnephew, Charles Goddyn of Happy Valley, OR; and many relatives in the Little Falls area as well as throughout the state of Minnesota.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Emma Deering; sister, Lorraine Deering Brown; and brother, Paul "Bud" Deering.

A special thank you to the nursing personnel at St. Gabriel's Hospital and Diamond Willow Assisted Living, for the wonderful care that was given to John prior to his demise. Thank you also to the thousands of friends that came to see "Uncle John" daily over the years, and to Burdette Pederson, Deb Deering Collis, and Jim Perleberg for all the help and support they have given to John's family.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

14820 138TH ST
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Memorial Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Keith Maxson lit a candle in memory of John B. Deering*



Keith Maxson - May 10, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ *John B. Deering*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *John Thoma purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John B. Deering.*



John Thoma - October 24, 2022 at 03:41 PM

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“ Johnny had a smile and a charm whose warmth lasted far beyond my occasional visits to his friendly farm. When times get rough I sometimes think on the days in my childhood when my father would stop by John's farm and talk for what seemed like hours - John had a sharp mind and was tuned into world events. He shared perspectives on everything from crop-farming to tractors to politics, and lent a nod of appreciation to the animals with whom he shared his days on the farm. I always felt that John had a love for his life there that could have lasted forever - he seemed to appreciate the quiet life because I think he knew what a troubled world this can be for so many, as he read the news regularly and kept up with headlines. Far be it for me to say, no one donned a farmer's cap with greater pride & honest humility than John. He will always represent in my mind that which is good about the farm life: he cared for his dogs as much as they did for him - I never knew him to forego them in conversation when I stopped by for a visit, and John appreciated the character of the old-fashioned farm equipment that graced his yard, including an ever-familiar farm truck with a broad-brimmed hood that I recall from my years in childhood. And John too, in some ways that are intangible, helped us as a family deal with the loss of our own father when we were kids. Just knowing Johnny Deering was still around with his mile-high smile and authentic country charm and personable demeanor could help us maintain some sense of normalcy in the face of that loss, while we were growing up. In the later years we would pay a visit around Thanksgiving to check in with John and offer a holiday dinner to see how he & his dogs (& the occasional cats) were doing. I admired John for his fondness of animals and his appreciation of nature. I think he took a look at the world around him on a given day and always saw the beauty in it - the trees in the various seasons, the crops, and the ever-present need to tend to them, along with any animals on which he relied for his livelihood over the years, and at the end of each day I think he was grateful for the life he lived in the country. It's my prayer that he will find rest in a similar place - one where he will continue to marvel at nature in its



beauty and find solace in the warmth of others, the kind of which he shared so meaningfully here in this world.

My most sincere condolences go out to family and friends. Please know that he will be fondly remembered and his warm and honest smile will continue to bring comfort in the memories of those who were fortunate to be able to spend some time in the country with John.

May his spirit find peace in a place of even greater affection than his little country farm, and may God bless and keep a humble and affectionate soul.

John Thoma - October 16, 2022 at 11:24 PM

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“*RIP “Jonny D”, as my family would call you. I didn’t know you well personally. But thank you for the kind words of liking me on the radio. Also for being such a kind friend to my parents, and uncles. They will miss you. 😊*



Kathy Marshik - October 13, 2022 at 11:28 PM