



John W. Hanenberg

June 30, 1930 - January 29, 2017

John W. Hanenberg, 86 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Sunday, January 29, 2017 at the Little Falls Care Center in Little Falls, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Friday, February 3, 2017 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Matthew Langager officiating. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery on Monday, February 6 at 10:00 A.M. A visitation will be held from 10-11:30 A.M. on Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

John William Hanenberg, aka Dad, Grandpa, Papa, Big John and Papa Bear was the oldest of four children and grew up on the family farm in Valley City, North Dakota, born to the late Henry and Anna (Bonen) Hanenberg. He enlisted in the U.S. Army as a teenager and served as a Drill Sergeant and Army Sniper in the Korean War. John was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in a combat zone. Shortly after his honorable discharge he met Mary Ann Sehner and was later united in marriage on June 5, 1954 at St Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Chicago, IL. They moved to the city where he worked as a master butcher at Jewel Grocery Stores until his retirement. In 62 years of marriage they raised 6 kids in a small Chicago apartment and were blessed to be able to spoil 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. John loved his family and friends more than anything. He enjoyed going camping, spending time on his boat (no whitecaps) and his evening glass of wine. He

fought the good fight for a long time and was a fighter till the very end. On the morning of January 29, 2017 he peacefully joined his daughter, grandsons, sisters, best friends and loved ones lost over the years. The family is all glad he's at peace and are fortunate that he played such a major influential role in their lives. You have always been our hero Dad.

John is survived by loving wife of 62 years, Mary Ann Hanenberg of Little Falls, MN; children, Geri (Steve) Katz of Tucson, AZ, Judy (Gilbert) Baus of Simpsonville, SC, Linda (Patrick) DiFronzo of Highland Park, IL, Kathleen (Ron) Gokan of Round Lake, IL and John Henry Hanenberg of Goffstown, NH; sister, June Orner of Sanborn, ND; and 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

John was preceded in death by parents, Henry and Anna Hanenberg; daughter, Susan Haney and grandchildren, Jesse & Ronald Gokan.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls
305 4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Service

FEB 3. 11:30 AM (CT)

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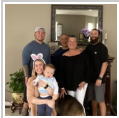
Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John W. Hanenberg*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 02, 2017 at 10:19 AM



This is the slide show of our fathers memories ❤️

Kathy Gokan - February 02, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ *John W. Hanenberg*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of John W. Hanenberg.*



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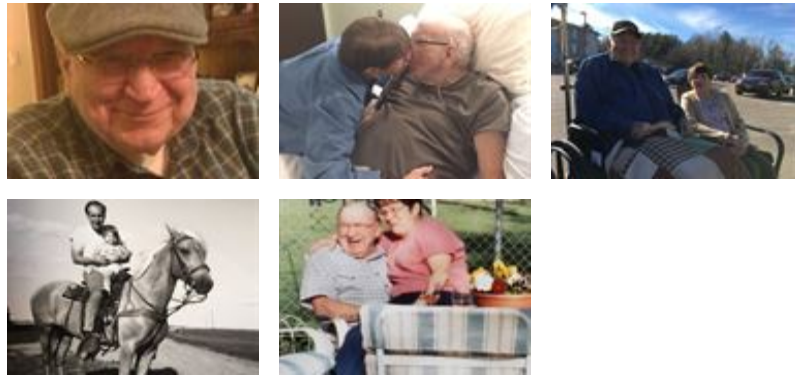
“ *Deepest condolences to your whole family and friends during this difficult time. Xoxoxo*



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JB

“ *Mary Ann & Family, our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless Each of You!!!
Love, Jeri Betts*



Jeri Betts - February 01, 2017 at 10:24 AM

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss
Prayers
Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter



Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter - January 29, 2017 at 08:44 PM

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Mary Ann and Family, I'm sad to hear of John's passing but smiling because of having the pleasure of serving him and many of you as customers at Cabin Fever. You have a beautiful loving family. John's smile and genuine friendship towards me will always be felt. God Bless and take care of you as you grieve his absence.
Carole Walkoviak

Carole Walkoviak - February 02, 2017 at 09:09 AM