



John Leek

August 4, 1946 - January 4, 2026

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John Leek, age 79, of Onamia, Minnesota, passed away on January 4, 2026, surrounded by a lifetime of memories and the love of his family.

John was born on August 4, 1946, in Pine River, Minnesota, the son of Warren and Ann Leek. He spent much of his childhood in Custer, South Dakota, before returning to Pine River, where he graduated from high school. John then joined the National Guard, earning his education as an X-ray technician. A proud veteran, he served for six years before beginning a long and meaningful career at Mille Lacs Health System.

On February 14, 1970, John married his sweet valentine, Sharon, beginning a love story that spanned 51 years. Together they built a life full of adventure, laughter, and devotion—raising their daughters, and traveling whenever they could. Some of their happiest moments were spent dancing the two-step during their annual trips to Branson, Missouri, and Arizona.

John is survived by his daughters, Katrina Goehring and Shauna Leek; his brother, Todd Leek; and his grandchildren, Victoria Goehring, Lola Dellascenza, and Amelie Dellascenza. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Leek, and his sister, Sandi Besmehn.

A creative soul, John found joy in taxidermy, jewelry making, and knife crafting. He was an avid collector—especially of rocks. He also loved snowmobiling with friends and spending time hunting and fishing with family, moments that reflected his appreciation for togetherness.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 14th, 2026, 1 PM – 3 PM at First Lutheran Church located at: 1100 E Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802. Please RSVP by March 1, 2026, to Shauna Leek by DM or email at shaunaleek@gmail.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember both John & Sharon as kind and loving souls I am grateful to have known them. Blessings for their Family.

Barb Eller - February 14 at 02:46 PM

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“ Prayers to all family and friends John & Sharon were wonderful long distance friends of ours and will always be remembered fondly at our house. May God bless you all.

Dennis K French - January 06 at 11:33 PM

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“ John was the kindest man. Got to know John more later as he was a great friend of my sisters. He loved being a rock hound with Sue. Always enjoyed chatting to John when I saw him. He will be greatly missed. Prayers and hugs to his family.

Carla Kent - January 06 at 06:07 PM