



John Spahn

May 16, 1928 - June 3, 2015

John Spahn, 87 year old resident of Onamia, MN passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at the Mille Lacs Long Term Care Center in Onamia. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Onamia, MN. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to Mass at Holy Cross. Interment will be in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery With Military Honors. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

John was a long term resident of Onamia and enjoyed 65 wonderful years of marriage with his surviving wife, Lucille. John is also survived by his children, John Randall Spahn, Rose Anne Meyer, Michael Spahn (Jannetta), Sharon Bjostad(Dean) Charles Spahn (Laurie); grandchildren, Sean Q. Meyer(Celia Carey-Meyer), Stacy Lopez, Sarah Strelow, Crystal Croft (Devin), Brianna Spahn,(fiancé, Kevin), Christopher Spahn and Nicholas Spahn. He was also blessed with 7 great- grandchildren. "Papa John" was loved very much by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents, George and Rosa Spahn; brothers, George and Peter; sisters, Victoria, Elizabeth, Marie, Rose, Fran, Anna Mae and Angela.

John was born and raised in Wadena, Minnesota where he met his wife Lucille. He spent 58 years in Onamia raising their family and working at various places of employment. His favorite jobs were working as an Onamia

Police Officer and owning the Deputy Registers Office in Onamia. John sold his business and retired in 1990. He loved gardening, taking care of his lawn, cooking, taking Sunday rides thru the country and seeing the wildlife. John was in the Navy during WWII , then joined the National Guard and served in the Army as Sgt. First Class during the Korean War. He was a member of the VFW for 50 years. He also enjoyed politics and spending time with his family. John was a kind, loving man who will always be remembered for his humor.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

Onamia, MN 56359

Tribute Wall



“ *John Spahn*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Terrie Athman lit a candle in memory of John Spahn*



Terrie Athman - August 28, 2015 at 01:29 PM



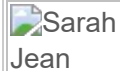
I have so many memories of Uncle John. Like how he used to play the Accordion. All of the Family reunions with the family. My heartfelt condolences to Aunt Lucille and the family. Love you always Unc!

Terrie Athman - August 28, 2015 at 01:32 PM



“ *I always felt like family with the Spahn's. John was a one of a kind. He always had a joke or something funny to say. My thoughts are with all of you.*

Rosemary - June 11, 2015 at 10:41 AM

 Sarah
Jean

“ I don't even know where to begin, words don't seem sufficient. My Papa was the best man I've ever known and he will continue to influence me every single day of my life. The sparkle in his eyes, his strong/soft hands and his humor will stay with me forever and the memories made will never be forgotten. I'm so thankful to my mom and grandma for sharing his love with us, for allowing him to give so much of himself to others. His patience and kindness is something I strive for each and everyday.

There are so many memories...but I'll share a day at Papa and Grandma's house.

When Stacy and I were little we'd go visit Papa and Grandma for the week a couple times each summer. We'd wake up every morning to Papa listening to his police scanner and looking out the kitchen window watching the birds or looking at his garden. Grandma often had rollers in her hair and would make us anything we wanted for breakfast. My grandma is the best cook in the world but if we chose a bacon sandwich, Papa would make it for us. Nobody else could make a piece of untoasted bread, bacon and butter taste so wonderful. After we were done eating, Stacy and I would sit on Papa's lap and spike his hair, squish his face and giggle. Of course all this early morning fun made us tired so Stacy would cuddle up in her sea foam green blanket and me in my orange plaid blanket on the couch to watch cartoons. We'd put our feet on Papa's chair and he'd squeeze them just a little.

We'd spend the day in our little pool while Papa sat in his lawn chair. I'd sneak out the front door around the back of the house and try to startle him, it never worked but he'd jump just to make me laugh. He was always scared that bees would crawl into our pop cans so he bought us can covers. When the Schwans man would stop by he'd get us Silver Mint bars and we could eat as many as we wanted, as long as we each got the same amount. He'd always put his change on the buffet next to his wallet, bag of chew and black original Chapstick. Stacy and I got to split his change and

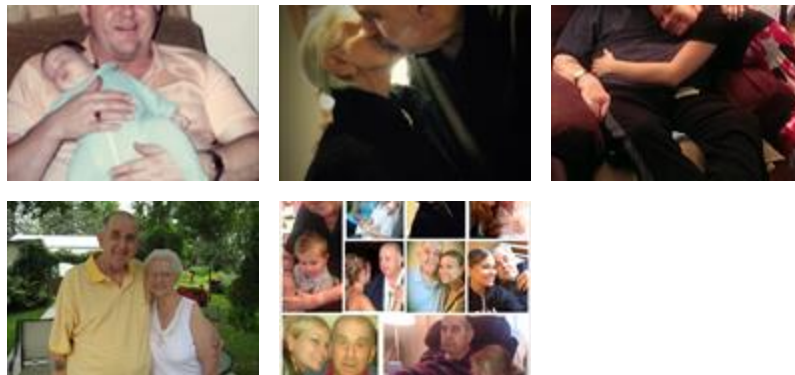
would take it up town to spend at the drug store or Ace hardware store. God knows Grandma did so much with us too, she had the patience to teach us cross stitching, baking, setting the table and so much more!

At night, we'd sit outside on lawn chairs until dusk and the bats came out. We'd go inside to cross-stitch, Grandma would have to start each new line for me, then she'd make us any snack we wanted. Malts, toast and cocoa, popcorn, strawberries with sugar, ice cream and donut holes were some of our favorites and of course we'd never agree so Grandma would make two things. Then we'd give kisses and hugs and go upstairs to bed, usually bothering Randy one time before going to our room. We'd watch through the railing as Papa and Grandma would kiss goodnight and we'd just giggle. Of course Grandma would then come read us a story or six then sleep in our room and let me sleep in her bed.

These memories don't even scratch the surface but they do paint a picture of why they are loved the way we love them.

I love you Papa John, I have the most special angel, God Bless.

Always,
Sarah Jean



Sarah Jean - June 11, 2015 at 08:55 AM

MR

“ Dear Aunt Lucille and family I am thinking of you in this time of sorrow, but I know with many memories that Uncle John left us, we will remember him with a smile. Love from Mary and Jim Reed family

mary Reed - June 09, 2015 at 07:37 PM

BS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bob Athman Sr. - June 09, 2015 at 06:48 PM

MN

“ Sending love and hugs to the Spahn family - you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Marlene and Darwin Nelson

Marlene and Darwin Nelson - June 09, 2015 at 07:42 AM

MS

“ Dad, we all Love you and are going to miss you. Thanks for all the great times and memories. You are a "Superstar". Love Mike & Family.

Mike Spahn - June 08, 2015 at 07:46 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of John Spahn.*



June 08, 2015 at 01:32 PM



“ *Margaret Genung lit a candle in memory of John Spahn*



Margaret Genung - June 06, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ *Connie Olson lit a candle in memory of John Spahn*



Connie Olson - June 05, 2015 at 08:09 AM



“ *I have so many memories of John, but mostly are the times when I sat out in his yard with him, with him telling stories, and we would just laugh and laugh. He always had a kind word for me, and loved to show me his garden. When I would go in to renew my insurance, he would always give me such a hard time.....he loved his family and his life. Bless his heart.....*

Connie - June 05, 2015 at 08:03 AM

TB

“ *Peace be with you* ”



Tim Biggins - June 04, 2015 at 03:14 PM