



John Thomas Hand

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John Thomas Hand, 80, passed away on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, in Springfield, IL. He was born on October 3rd, 1944, in Petoskey, Michigan. He was a son of the late Millard Robert Hand and Alta Bailey Hand.

John served his country in the United States Army and went on to work at Wiese Planning and Engineering for 39 1/2 years. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings, Gail and wife Joan, Garth and wife Pauline, Merle and wife Jane, Cliff and wife Charlotte, Bob and wife Myra, Lewis and wife Liz, Millard, Jean and husband Elton, Vera and husband Jack, Kate and husband Francis, Betty, Edith and husband Don.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel E. "Becky Beck" Hand; children, Robert Hand and wife Rhonda, Sally Eicholtz and husband Edward Sr, Trevor Hand and wife Nancy, Aaron Hand, and Amber Hand; siblings, Mariane, Jerry and Carmen; grandchildren, Matt, April, Becca, James, Edward Jr, Trenton, Emaleigh, Bayleigh, Melanie, Timothy and Gregory; fifty-one nieces and nephews; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Services for John Hand will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025, at Summit Fellowship Church, 1715 N Summit Avenue, Decatur, 62526. Visitation will begin at 12:00 PM, with funeral to follow at 1:30 PM under the direction of Pastor Lanny Faulkner.

Afterward, John will be laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Moweaqua Note: this cemetery has been formerly known as both Woodlawn and North Cemetery, and is located at 2897 N 700 E Rd, Moweaqua, IL 62550.



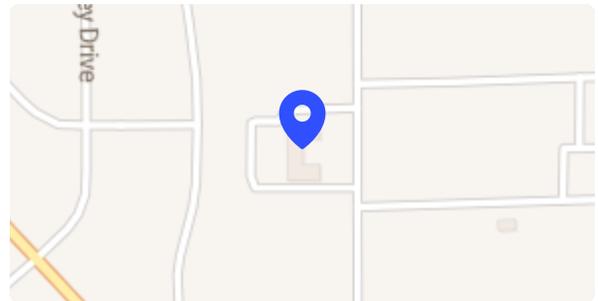
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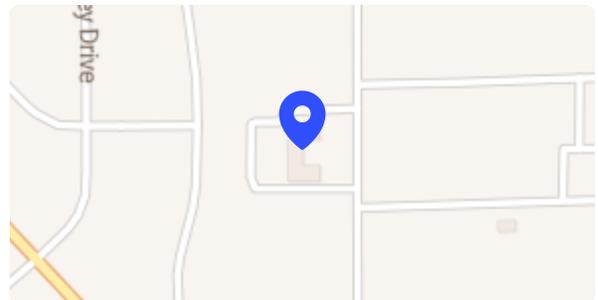
Visitation

- Friday**, June 13, 2025
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT
- Summit Fellowship Church**
1715 N Summit Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



Funeral Service

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Cemetery Details

- Odd Fellow Cemetery**
Moweaqua IL





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Brandi McConnell posted:

John Hand, you truly have a beautiful soul. You were an amazing husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend, and coworker. You have done right by everyone in your life. I don't think I could say a bad thing about you or your family if I tried. Anybody who knew you knew you gave everything your all. You always put forth your best. In marriage, fatherhood, your career. Everything. You gave what you had., and you sacrificed the most sacred thing in life for your country. It was an honor to have met you and been able to provide you the care you earned and deserved to have. Thank you for accepting me into your heart and trusting me with that honor. I will never forget you or how deeply you have touched my heart. If I ever had a doubt about what my career was meant to be, you put a stop to that. Being there for you and your family during your hardships meant everything to me. I will never forget the day you told my supervisor if I was your granddaughter, I'd be your favorite. You hold a special place in my heart, and you always will. I love you. I'm so glad I got to be there for you. I know you are in good hands with the Lord.

June 12 at 6:32 PM



Ethel Hand posted:

John I won't say that you were the love of my life because I will continue to love you for the rest of my life. I will never forget our first date and when I got home Mom met me at the door and asked how the blind date went and I said I'm going to marry him, and she asked if you new that and I said no but he will. I have been so blessed to have you in my life and you were the best husband and friend I could have ever had. I'm so glad you are no longer in pain and that you are in heaven with the Lord and your family and I believe are having quite a reunion. I don't think a day will go by that I don't miss you because you gave me the best 57 years of my life. Love Becky With all my love Becky

June 9 at 9:43 PM



Jeffrey Furgeson posted:

Becky and Family, thinking of you and all the fond memories our family's have shared! Much Love ~
Jeff Furgeson

June 9 at 6:14 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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