



John W. Dillender

May 2, 1931 - October 16, 2021

John Wesley Dillender, of Louisiana, MO, passed away on Saturday, October 16, 2021 in Jefferson City, MO. A Celebration of Life officiated by Rev. Beomseon Hong will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Louisiana, MO. Graveside services with military honors will follow at the Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana, MO. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until time of service Saturday at the church. A dance will also be held Saturday evening at 6:00 P.M. at the Elks Lodge to honor John and Sharon's love of dancing and music.

John was born on May 2, 1931 in Louisiana, MO to Rufus Ray Dillender and Stella Pierce Dillender. He was married to Sharon Bandy on January 29, 1972 in Louisiana, MO.

He is survived by his daughters, Stella Ann Maly (Otto) of Columbia, MO, Connie Dewey (Dennis) of Chambersburg, PA, Bonnie Dillender of Gypsum, CO, and Tracy Kingsley (Mike) of Linn, MO, a son, Stephen Dillender (Kim) of Rock Island, IL, and his grandchildren, Cody and Sydney Maly, Leanna Krogmann, Emily Hoger (Mark), Isabella Kingsley, Kirsten Lueders (Josh), Ali Dillender, Stevie Dillender. and John Wood of Leadville, CO, and great grandchild, Sophie Hoger.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Dillender on July 18, 2021, his parents, Rufus and Stella Pierce Dillender, brother, James "Jr." Dillender, a baby brother, George Dillender, and a son, John Wesley Dillender II on February 12, 1986.

A lifelong resident of Louisiana, MO, he was a Graduate of Louisiana High School with the Class of 1950. He was also a lifelong member of the Centenary United Methodist Church.

After high school, John joined the Navy and was stationed in San Diego, CA and then Pearl Harbor, HI. He served in the Korean Conflict aboard the USS Epperson and was a Gunner's Mate. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, and the China Service Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1954 and shortly thereafter began his employment at Missouri Edison in Louisiana, Mo as a lineman. He worked at Missouri Edison, later becoming Union Electric, until his retirement in 1993. John was a longtime member of the Elks Lodge 791, American Legion Post 370, and was a member of the Freemasons. In high school, John went to state in the short hurdles and loved playing football. He was part of the 1949 Louisiana Bulldogs football team recently inducted into the Louisiana High School Hall of Fame.

John loved being on the river, hunting, fishing, boating, and enjoying friends. He spent many hours helping his children become good boaters, swimmers, and skiers. He called year after year to the local radio station and requested "Could I Have This Dance" by Ann Murray for the morning of he and Sharon's anniversary so they could dance in the kitchen. John spent his years of retirement picking Sharon up for lunch daily, mowing grass, getting coffee at Hardees, and walking at the track or the elementary school. For Sharon's birthday one year, he decided to give her "Monday gifts" and then carried this tradition on for many years. John loved to dance, swim, watch the St. Louis Cardinals and his grandchildren play ball. His love for his family was deep as he reminded his children in his last days that he prayed for them every day. He will be deeply missed by his family and remembered fondly by his friends. Memorials may be made to the Centenary United Methodist Church in Louisiana, MO. Online condolences may be made at collierfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Hwy YY at Hwy 79
Louisiana, MO

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Centenary United Methodist Church
691 S Carolina St
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4412

Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

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691 S Carolina St
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4412

Dance

NOV 6. 6:00 PM (CT)

Elks Lodge
120 N. 5th St.
Louisiana, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Dillender*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *John W. Dillender*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *John John was one of my hero's growing up in Louisiana in the 50s and early 60s, he always had a smile and a kind word for me and for everyone, he was a happy man. My Dad, who worked with him at MOEdison, and I would see John John on the river when we were all coming home from a duck hunting trip and discuss our day. He was a joy to know and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know him. Rest in peace John John Dillender, you were one of the best, Bob Campbell*

Bob Campbell - December 22, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of John W. Dillender.*



November 04, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John W. Dillender.*



November 04, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *keeping each of you in our thoughts and prayers. Remembering all the good visits and fun times with your dad and mom. Blessings of peace to all, The Tom Powelson family*

Paulette Powelson - October 31, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *Mike Cafer And Family lit a candle in memory of John W. Dillender*



Mike Cafer and Family - October 31, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Michael Vandavelde lit a candle in memory of John W. Dillender*



michael vandavelde - October 31, 2021 at 11:29 AM

SM

“ *Let there be memories--fond recollections of special occasions and everyday things. Let your heart start on its journey to healing by feeling the comfort remembering brings. Let there be memories--pictures, mementos, and favorite stories both funny and sad. Let your mind wander the paths of remembrance, reliving the joys and the good times you've had. Let there be memories--signs that our loved ones remain near in spirit long after they're gone... tender, surprising, heartwarming, and welcome--sweet proof of the promise that love will live on. May warm memories surround you and bring you comfort. With Love and our Deepest Sympathy,
Sandie & Bill Morris*

Sandie Morris - October 31, 2021 at 10:28 AM

CF

“ *Connie Dewey & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John W. Dillender.*




Connie Dewey & Family - October 30, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John W. Dillender.*



October 28, 2021 at 03:45 PM

 Doris
Bryce
Love

“ *Doris Bryce Love lit a candle in memory of John W. Dillender*



Doris Bryce Love - October 27, 2021 at 09:49 PM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of John W. Dillender*



Cindy Poyser Osborne - October 27, 2021 at 09:35 PM

TR

“ *My deepest condolences to John John family. Had a heart of gold. Didn't know a Stranger RIH 🙏 of comfort*



Tammi Ries-McPike - October 26, 2021 at 12:04 PM

DC

“ *I want to add my words of sympathy to John's family and friends. Over the years i would join John and Sharon at Hardees for "coffee" and we enjoyed the conversation and sharing of thoughts on many subjects. We will miss his earthly friendship. I am sorry that I cannot be present for the visitation and memorial service. D. Randall Cone*

Dean Randall Cone - October 26, 2021 at 08:10 AM

MB

“ *Melinda Brooks lit a candle in memory of John W. Dillender*



Melinda Brooks - October 26, 2021 at 07:20 AM

TL

“ *The Lilleys lit a candle in memory of John W. Dillender*



The Lilleys - October 25, 2021 at 09:56 PM

MM

“ *Mary (Richards) Mckinnon lit a candle in memory of John W. Dillender*



Mary (Richards) Mckinnon - October 25, 2021 at 06:44 PM

LW

So sorry you will miss

Lona Wallace - October 26, 2021 at 11:45 AM

MS

So sorry for your lost sending 🙏

Mary and George Shrum - October 26, 2021 at 05:46 PM

JM

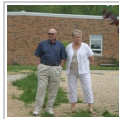
*Connie and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers are going your way. Hugs!!*

Jeanette McCans - October 31, 2021 at 03:21 PM

BL

May your memories carry you during this difficult time, and your love sustain you forever.

Bill and Berlinda Lawson - October 31, 2021 at 04:13 PM



So sorry for the loss of John, You will miss him, but remember the good times. Lona Wallace

Lona Wallace - November 07, 2021 at 11:10 AM