



## John Ernest Sheehan

November 3, 1935 - January 10, 2016

John Ernest Sheehan, son of the late Hillary and Viola Mae (Baynes) Sheehan, was born November 3, 1935 in Louisville, Kentucky where he grew up and attended school.

In 1952, John enlisted in the United States Marines and served for seven years before joining the United States Army in 1959. He served his country faithfully until his retirement in 1979. For his faithful service, he earned several awards and commendations; some of which included: the National Defense Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Silver Service Star and 3 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Palm, and Good Conduct Medal. He had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

On August 7, 1958, John was united in marriage to the love of his life, Mary Alma Duncan in Louisville, Kentucky. They shared over 55 years of marriage together and five children: Patricia, Donna, Charles, Jackie and Benny.

In 1962, John and Mary moved to the Fort Leonard Wood area due to John being in the military. They lived in this area since then except for some time spent overseas for assignments. After retiring from the military, John worked for 24 years at EDP on Fort Leonard Wood.

John bought a farm near Crocker and loved spending time outdoors on the property. You could find him either fishing or hunting. He enjoyed watching old westerns and wrestling, but most importantly, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. John had a heart of gold and would do anything that he could for others.

John passed away Sunday, January 10, 2016 in the Mercy Hospital of Springfield, Missouri having attained the age of 80 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

John leaves to cherish his memory, his 3 children, Patricia Zanetti (Charles) of Ocean Springs, MS, Donna Sharpsteen of Waynesville, MO, and Charles Cline of Crocker, MO; 6 grandchildren, Caleb Sharpsteen, Josh Sharpsteen (Tori), Brandy Gregory (Travis), Christina Goodin, Dianna Hicks, and Jessica Cline; 9 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Sheehan; one daughter: Jackie Lynn Sheehan; one son: Benny Lee Cline; one son-in-law: Ronald Sharpsteen; three brothers: Cecil, Delbert and Joe Sheehan and one sister: Mary Hatfield.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 15, 2016 in the Eastlawn Cemetery of Springfield, Missouri. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Serving as escorts were Caleb Sharpsteen, Joshua Sharpsteen, Travis Gregory, Aaron Wolfe, Billy Monell and James Tart. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery Details

## Eastlawn Cemetery

2244 E. Phythian St.  
Springfield, MO 65802

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
202 Historic 66 W.  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
(573) 774-6111  
[memorialchapels@embarqmail.com](mailto:memorialchapels@embarqmail.com)

## Graveside Service

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Eastlawn Cemetery  
2244 E. Phythian St.  
Springfield, MO 65802

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Ernest Sheehan*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *HAPPY FATHERS DAY DADDY. I love you so much. Wish you were here my life just isn't the same without you. Whoever said time heals broken hearts was wrong I miss you so much and it hurts everyday. I love you dad. You were my hero growing up and my rock as I got older you were so strong and pulled us so tight as a family. You taught us all how important family is and so much more . I love and miss you so much. I know you and Ronnie and mom are all spending it together with The Father and He is why I keep pushing forward cause I know we will all be together again someday. I love you.*

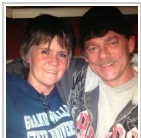
**Donna Sharpenstein** - June 19, 2016 at 06:56 AM



“ *Donna Sharpenstein lit a candle in memory of John Ernest Sheehan*



**Donna Sharpenstein** - March 31, 2016 at 11:24 PM



“ *Dad there are no words to say how blessed I am to have had you for my dad. God gave me the best. I love you and miss you so much. Love you daddy.*

**Donna Sharpenstein** - March 31, 2016 at 11:15 PM

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“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of this man whom I knew many years ago. In 1978 I had a heart to heart talk with him about my love for his daughter. He welcomed me to the family as his son in law that fate would not have as I lost my own father later that Summer. I will never forget one time when he defended me and I thought he was a courageous and great man. Goodbye old soldier. My thoughts and prayers of God's comfort go out to his family, Bro.  
David Curtman

David Curtman Sr. - January 22, 2016 at 01:19 AM



Just now finding the will to read these postings. That was so long ago. Thank you so much for remembering David.

Donna Sharpsteen - March 31, 2016 at 11:21 PM

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“ We pray that family members and friends will be comforted and able to share feelings with one another during this season of bereavement, being reassured that no matter the trials, God Cares for each one of us.



PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS - January 13, 2016 at 11:06 PM

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“ Very sad to hear of John's passing. He used to bring my firewood. He always brought more than he should. I also knew him as Donna's dad from the time I drove her school bus. He was always kind to me. A quiet kind man who cared about people, he will be missed!



Ted Helms - January 13, 2016 at 03:47 AM

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“ *IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF HIS SERVICE  
TO OUR COUNTRY  
MARLIN STEVENS*



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**MARLIN STEVENS** - January 12, 2016 at 11:08 AM