



John Rudolph

November 13, 1936 - March 21, 2025

Hard worker, armchair philosopher, and devoted to his wife Bernadine and family. John C. Rudolph, 88, of McClure, Ohio, died peacefully March 21, 2025 at Perrysburg Hospice Care Center of congestive heart failure along with several other complications, including battling 3 different cancers.

He was born on the family farm near McClure in 1936 to Henry Clifton and Agnes Lucille Rudolph. Born with the umbilical cord wrapped around his neck, they revived John by plunging him in cold, then to hot water to revive him! Ironically, Friday the 13th turned out to be the luckiest day of his and his parents' life. John developed a strong work ethic helping on the farm alongside his parents and 6 siblings. After graduating from McClure High School, John volunteered and served a 3-year tour of duty in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper. He remained lifelong friends with one particular comrade from the Army, Bill Smith of Georgia. John worked as plant manager and truck driver for Hoffman Eggs, Landmark, Tem-Cole Radish factory and retired from Campbell's Soup Company. Everyone who knew John, knew how much he loved to read and enjoyed his weekly conversations with Tom, Fred and Bob, his Thursday morning "coffee club" buddies.

John met and married a beautiful and sweet Agnete Frederiksen while serving overseas in Europe. After 20 years of marriage and raising 4 children in McClure, John later married the true love of his life, Bernadine Anne. They truly devoted their life together, working hard, but also enjoying life together,

traveling a bit, playing bingo, gambling at casinos and simply sharing each day together in happiness. John was always available to help family and friends along the way as well. We have discovered John was one of the most generous of people, giving unselfishly to dozens of charities each month over the years.

John was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Bernadine Rudolph, two children Tonny Rudolph and Asta Markley, one grandson, Brad Middleton; his parents and 5 siblings, Bob, Shirley, Beverly, Richard and Audrey. John is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Richard Kondik, two children, Lucia Rudolph and Katrina (Ben) Carpenter; plus three step-sons, Tom (Carol) Middleton, Tim (Deb) Middleton, Bill (Bonnie) Middleton, along with several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

John will always be remembered for his honesty and straight forward nature. He will be missed by friends and family, but especially by his neighbors who endearingly called him their "neighbor man, John". His memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved him.

A Memorial service will be held on Thursday, March 27th at 3 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, McClure with a memorial gathering from 1-3 p.m. Burial will follow at Hockman Cemetery, McClure, where military honors will be conducted by the McClure American Legion. Immediately followed by a fellowship potluck meal afterward in the basement of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, McClure.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Hospice of NW Ohio 30000 East River Road

Perrysburg, OH 43551, McClure American Legion Post #332 230 South East Street McClure, OH 43534 or St Paul Lutheran Church, McClure 155 Depot Street McClure, OH 43534 would be greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Hockman Cemetery

100 Township HWY O4
Corner of County Road O4 and Township
Road 3A
McClure, OH 43534

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAR 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home
310 Frank St
McClure, OH 43534
(419) 748-8011

Memorial Service

MAR 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ So very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a good guy. Its been a while but,I always enjoyed our conversations over a pot if coffee.

Deb Middleton Wensink - March 27, 2025 at 10:27 AM

MB

“ Marsha B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Rudolph.

Marsha B. - March 26, 2025 at 03:09 PM

ML

“ From the fields, forests, plains of Africa and war-torn Europe, to the frozen tundra of Korea, to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Kuwait and Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation’s ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America’s veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal oppression the world has ever known. Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you are sent to live and serve bring risk every day. From the time you put on that uniform for the first time, the interests of the nation move to the forefront and define your life. Those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices of their own, sometimes bearing the burden of losing a loved one. Service brings rewards as well. There is pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every person who wears America’s uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor. No single military power in history has done greater good, shown greater courage, liberated more people or upheld higher standards of decency and valor than the Armed Forces of the United States of America. That is a legacy to be proud of and those who contributed to it must never be taken for granted. To honor our veterans, we must keep the promises we have made to them. We must care for those who have been injured in the service of our country. We must honor and remember those who have died. And we must remember those whose fate is still undetermined. We fly the Prisoner of War flag on Veterans Day for a reason, to show that this nation will not relent until we have accounted for every one of our missing Americans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for this great nation. Thank you for being the backbone of America.

Major General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army

MG (R) Dr. Mark W. Lee - March 25, 2025 at 06:30 AM

SR

“ Our deepest sympathy to John's family. The Rettig and Rudolph families were church friends, and we were school friends growing up in McClure. We knew Bernadine, John's love of his life. We have not lived in McClure since graduating high school but we always remember friends. Sharon Hoffman Rettig and Darrel Rettig

Sharon and Darrel Rettig - March 23, 2025 at 09:00 PM

PD

“ John was a great neighbor and friend. Great memories of him helping out our kids school and 4-H selling projects. He was a good man. Condolences to his family.



Patti Davis - March 23, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Rudolph.



March 23, 2025 at 01:30 AM