



## John E. Herp

July 18, 1951 - October 29, 2024

John Edward Herp, 73, of Indianapolis, passed away October 29, 2024. He was born July 18, 1951 in Louisville, Kentucky to the late Edwin F. and Frances (Yocum) Herp. John was a proud U.S. Army veteran serving in Germany during the Vietnam War. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Physics from the University of Louisville. John moved to Indianapolis in 1979 to work at Naval Avionics, later Hughes and Raytheon as an electrical engineer specializing in fiber optics. He was proud to call himself an engineer, and proud of his certification as a Professional Engineer. John was a member of St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church and St. John Newman Council Knights of Columbus #14523, St. Michael Catholic Church, Greenfield.

John had many interests, including distance bicycling, hiking, golf, astronomy, movies, genealogy, reading, travel, and the German language and culture. He generously gave of himself as a volunteer and donor to causes he believed in. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, November 4, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11421 Hague Road, Fishers, with visitation there one hour prior.

John is survived by his uncle, Jim (Brenda) Herp; his aunt, Doris Herp; a niece, Jennifer Knoop; nephews, Jason Herp, Thomas Herp, and Steven Herp; great-nieces and great-nephews; goddaughter, Deirdre Olszewski; and companion, Karen Steilberger. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Richard Herp and Thomas Herp; his sister, Diana Olsson; and his nephew,

Richard Herp, Jr. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Knights of Columbus Council of St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Parish and/or the charity of the donor's choice.

Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Peace Cemetery

9001 Haverstick Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church  
11441 Hague Road  
Fishers, IN 46038

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ My memories with John are too many yet too few. I met him in college. We had a lot of argument. I think some he would start just to argue. I remember one long running argument over rerunning a computer program if it would crash. I would always rerun it one or two times to be sure the crash was statistically significant. To do science it had to be repeatable. John's program for the most part ran. I remember one that crashed, and John would not waste computer power rerunning it. He went line by line through the whole program and could not find the error. He said the computer had to have caused the error. Note: one of the hardest things to find is something that is not there. After that he put the same deck of punch cards back in and it ran without a problem. The best thing about arguing with John was we would learn new things. From sleeping with six others in a VW bus at Green Bank Observatory to a tour of Yerkes Observatory and Fermi Lab we learned a lot together. From Friday soft-drink runs for SPS to becoming members of ΣΠΣ. We rode bikes to college and all over town. Tried new wines to trying new museums. When Halley's Comet came, we set up his telescope and aligned it with some stars. Pointed where Halley should be and all we had was a fuzzy light. After checking and rechecking our setup we both learned how much a comet can look like a Messier object. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace

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**Al Bolander** - November 02, 2024 at 08:13 PM

JM

“ I have some good times memories of John Herp. I remember the many times we were Stargazing at one of the many Indiana Astronomical Society's Observation Functions.

*I think I have known John as long as I have also shared in the Membership of our Astronomy group,... which I believe means, oh, 1986. Halley's Comet was quite a sight to see then.*

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**John McShanog** - November 02, 2024 at 12:32 AM

JD

“ Judy Davis-Fuller lit a candle in memory of John E. Herp



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**Judy Davis-Fuller** - November 01, 2024 at 06:21 PM

JD

*I was so fortunate to be one of John's instructors in RCIA when he joined St Michael's Catholic Church in Greenfield. I got to spend a lot of time with John and learned a great deal about him. He fought a valiant battle and God saw that he was tired and took him home. May God's Eternal Light Shine Upon John and Grant Him Rest. Thank you John, for all the great memories!*

*Blessings to your family,  
Judy Davis-Fuller*

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**Judy Davis-Fuller** - November 01, 2024 at 06:24 PM

TK

*What an excellent man John was. He had a ready smile and laughed easily. John was very approachable.*

*I remember he had some sort of disorder with his achilles which caused him to hobble when he walked. And we had put together the RAMP softball team and I had said to him, we have the only team with female and handicapped players. He looked at me and asked, who's handicapped? I told him, me! I'm deaf in one ear. He was for sure not handicapped. He would hit that ball and lurch around those base pads the best he could and accepted whatever was his fate. What a grand fellow he was.*

*Rest in grand peace, my friend...*

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**Tom Kraeszig** - November 01, 2024 at 10:30 PM

DH

*Many memories come to mind. He was very encouraging when he learned I'd begun riding a bike. My first big ride was The Old Kentucky Home Tour. He was there with a family who were good friends of his. We would see each other at the various stops along the way, and take the time to chat for a bit. As the years went by, we would see each other on the ride and catch up on our lives. When he had stopped riding, I was in a restaurant in Bardstown during the OKHT, when looking out the window I saw John. He had driven thinking he might find me there. He also came to each of the Herp weddings, to celebrate with us. Easy to be with and fun to be around. He will be missed.*

*Doris Herp*

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**Doris R Herp** - November 04, 2024 at 06:50 AM