



Dr. John Day Kingsbury

May 28, 1940 - June 18, 2021

Dr. John Day Kingsbury passed away peacefully on June 18, 2021, at the age of 81. He leaves behind his wife of nearly 56 years, Bonnie, his brother, David Kingsbury (Barbara); his daughter, Kelly; his son, John, and three granddaughters, Lexie, Katie, and Violet.

John will be remembered for many things; his love of family, his love of a good party, his fierce loyalty to the IU basketball team in good seasons and bad, and his generosity. He was a man of few words, so when he spoke, you knew it was coming from his heart and he was telling you exactly what was on his mind.

John practiced dentistry for 42 years, the first two for the U.S. Army at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, and later he had an office on Main Street in Fortville and another in Lawrence. A man with a soft heart, he felt bad for patients who had a hard time paying for their dental work, so he was apt to make trades. One time, he got a hot air balloon ride out of the deal. Another time he came home with a rooster he had accepted as payment, much to the bewilderment of Bonnie and the excitement of his kids.

Kelly and John will always remember their dad for doling out no-nonsense advice, putting them through college, taking them on fun vacations, working in his feed-the-neighborhood vegetable garden, his love for Bonnie “his beautiful wife,” and lounging around the pool with a beer after the hard day’s work was done. He always welcomed his kids’ friends and granddaughters’ friends at their home, treating them like family. He was especially welcoming to anyone

who loved his family members as he did.

His granddaughters will remember him for many things as well. When they were young, they declared that Grandpa made the best pancakes in the world (Eggo frozen pancakes that were microwaved.) He always wore colorful graphic tees, and he would take them for rides on his tractor or riding lawnmower, letting them “drive.” As he grew older, the girls loved that Grandpa was always delighted when they walked in the door, asking about their lives, their grades, and generally trying to keep up with all they were doing. Joey, who predeceased his grandpa, always liked playing cars and airplanes with his grandpa when he was little, and when he was older, he liked that they didn’t have to talk much when they were together, as they were both on the quiet side.

His love of growing things inspired his kids and grandkids alike to enjoy the miracle of plants growing from seed to feed a family, and the joy of flower buds finally opening. His ridiculous number of tomato plants produced the base for the famous (infamous?) Kingsbury spaghetti sauce, cooked in enormous batches as a family tradition.

Per John’s wishes, there will be no memorial service. The family hopes that whenever you enjoy a good beer with family and friends, you will fondly remember John.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Bonnie....Have often thought of the kindness you and John showed me while I was stationed at Fort Ben. I know this comes very late... but please know I offer my sincere and very heart felt condolences to you and the kids. May God Bless you and your dear family. Brett Sheehan (((((hugs))))))

Brett Sheehan - June 17, 2024 at 07:38 PM

MD

“ Bonnie, Kelly, and Johnny,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Dr. John was an amazing man. He (and all of you) are such a huge part of all my memories. I'm overwhelmed with so many memories right now. So many fun times and some a little scary- like the drive up Pikes Peak as Vicki mentioned! My kids and husband hear stories about you all the time. Almost every trip we talk about includes you all. Some of the best trips ever. And Dr. John always taking photos of everything. I loved seeing his photos. And the gardens... oh my gosh- so much in the gardens!
I'm sure Dad and him are having a great time together right now- as they always did. I hope Heaven can handle the two of them!

We are thinking of you. Sending lots of prayers for the loss of such an incredible man.

Love to you all,

Marti Baker Dickerson and family

Marti Dickerson - June 22, 2021 at 11:39 AM

VR

“ Ken and I just toasted to Dr. John’s birthday, May 28th. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. I remember so many shenanigans. Most epic trip was out west and up Pike’s Peak in Dr. John’s van! Many wonderful memories. The Optimist fish fry, Indy 500, pool parties, trick or drinking & every Christmas Eve visit. Dr. John was always there for our family. He will truly be missed. Bonnie, Kelly, Johnny, Dave, Barb and family- cling to those happy memories, he was truly one of a kind.

All our love,

Vicki and Ken Richardson

Vicki Richardson - June 22, 2021 at 10:25 AM

KP

“ Bonnie, Kelly and Johnny
Our thoughts and prayers are with you as I really can't remember a time that we were not family. I can only imagine the trouble that dad and Doctor John are already causing in heaven. No doubt mom is shaking her head at both of them. My best memory is that of the friendship that you and Dr. John had with mom and dad. John and I will have a beer tonight and remember good times around the picnic table on mom and dad's back porch. All our love and many hugs for you, Kelly and Johnny and the grandchildren.

Kathy Baker Perrine - June 21, 2021 at 11:28 AM