



## John Condon

March 2, 1940 - May 7, 2015

John Francis Condon, age 75, died at home on May 7, 2015 after an extended illness. He was surrounded by family and friends. The youngest of five children, he was born Mar. 2, 1940 in Anderson to Paul L. and Ruth H. (Plank) Condon. He was a 1959 graduate of Anderson High School. After high school, he went to work for Nicholson Fire until he began the career he loved most with the Anderson Fire Dept. He served with them from Aug. 1, 1968 until he retired on Jan. 16, 2004 after 35 ½ yrs. of service.

John was promoted to sergeant Jan. 1, 1972, to captain Feb. 24, 1973, and then to 2nd District Chief on May 2, 1979. He returned to the position of private in Jan. 1980 after a mayoral leadership change until Feb. 22, 1988 when he was promoted back to captain and then to Battalion Chief of "A" shift on Jan. 25, 1988, where he remained until his retirement. John was one of the very first recipients of the Carling Black Label "Save That Life" national awards in 1973 and the American Legion George Hockett Post 127 Firefighter of the Year award in 1973 after being credited for reviving an unconscious man without a pulse after dragging him out of a burning home and giving him mouth to mouth. He was again honored with the American Legion Post 127 Firefighter of the Year award on Nov. 5, 1977 after helping rescue three trapped children Nov. 23, 1976 from an upstairs bedroom and suffering 1st and 2nd degree burns on his neck, head, and ears. He also received a commendation from Chief Ballenger. On Dec. 6, 2003, John was honored as Firefighter of the Year by the Anderson Evening Exchange Club of the

Prevention of Child Abuse and again on Feb. 28, 2004 by the American Legion Post 127 shortly after his retirement. He was later awarded the state of Indiana's Governor's Distinguished Hoosier Award in 2004.

Not only did he have a decorated career, but he was instrumental in other projects. He was one of ten founding leaders in building and funding the Anderson Fraternal Order of Fire Fighters lodge, donating many hours in its construction, and he was also the former chairman of the local FOFF. He helped renovate old Station 4 at 3rd and Hendricks, now closed, and served on the committee to make it into the Madison County Fire Museum. He also participated in several fire dept. softball teams, including Aug. of 1974, wherein the slow pitch league had a 12-2 record. John and his wife, Debbie, were also contributors to the construction of the Anderson Fire Safety House in the Anderson Public Library, in honor of his deceased uncle who was also an AFD firefighter. John was a member of the Indiana Firefighters Association since his career began until his death and served as a co-chair when the IFA convention was held in Anderson in 1981 and served on several subsequent planning and convention committees in 1981, 1999, and 2003, including one for the Retirees' Dinners. John was honored by having one of the Madison County Fire Rescue Houses named after him that was also a former residence of his. After retirement, John became an honorary member of the Anderson Firefighters Auxiliary, assisting at working fires and other Auxiliary functions. It has been said that he was a true firefighter's firefighter.

John is survived by his wife of 30 yrs., Debbie (Turner), whom he married May 4, 1985; his two sons, Gary (Kristin Lennis) of Anderson and Ross of West Carrolton, OH; his sisters Helen Davenport (Bill Lawson) of Anderson and Judy Miller of Naples, FL; his grandkids, Brie Condon and Bryn Condon of Indianapolis, Bryon (Lea) Foley of Fishers and their family, and Broc (Lynn) Foley of Utimilla, FL and their family; nieces and nephews Cecilia (Don) Broecker and their family, John (Julie) Grimes, Steve (Shirley) Adams and their family, Sandy Adams and her family, Julie (Royce) Busby, and Troy (Angie) Miller and their family; his in-laws, Ray and Nancy Turner; sisters- and

brothers-in-law, Karen (David) Walser and their family, Beth Rediger and her family, Jim Turner (Andrea Semon) and his family, Tim Turner; his beloved four-legged daughter, Patches, who was always at his side; and his former wife, Josie Condon, and former daughter-in-law, Leslie Condon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother and sister-in-law, Jack (Kacky) Condon; sister and brother-in-law Connie (Jim) Franklin; brothers-in-law John Grimes and Don Davenport; nephew Scott Haston; niece Christine Condon-Ratcliffe; and great niece Jamie Shields Harless.

Visitation will be held Monday, May 11, 2015, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 West 53rd St. Anderson, Indiana.

Services will be at 11:30 am, Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at the funeral home.

Burial will take place in East Maplewood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Madison County Fire Rescue House.

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# Cemetery Details

**East Maplewood Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**MAY 11.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory  
200 W 53rd St  
Anderson, IN 46013  
(765) 649-5255  
[info@loosecares.com](mailto:info@loosecares.com)

### Service

**MAY 12.** 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Condon*



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**Loose Funeral Home** - May 10, 2015 at 12:10 PM

LM

*Beautiful. Brought tears. Cherish the memories till you meet again, hug Maw*

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**Linda (Maw) McCullough** - May 11, 2015 at 05:03 PM

FL

*What a wonderful tribute and reflection of his life.*

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**Frank LaManna** - May 11, 2015 at 08:59 PM

TT

*Dear sister I loved john and miss him so much. tim*

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**tim turner** - May 13, 2015 at 11:52 AM

 Jerry Quire

*Never seen this till now, so very nice ! Proud moment for me !*

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**Jerry Quire** - January 03, 2018 at 09:54 PM

CC

“ *Debbie, my thoughts and prayers have been with you and your family during these difficult days. I am so sorry that I could not be there. I think I only met John once, but I know he was loved by all. May God comfort you. Love, Cindy*

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**Cindy Conner** - May 12, 2015 at 06:27 PM

FA

“ *Faith Adair lit a candle in memory of John Condon*



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**Faith Adair** - May 11, 2015 at 02:25 PM

JH

“ *To my dear friend, Debbie. I didn't get to know John all that well...but if he was good enough for you, that says EVERYTHING! My prayers, thoughts, and hugs are with you!!!*

*Janine*

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**Janine Hooley** - May 11, 2015 at 12:32 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of John Condon.*



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May 11, 2015 at 10:16 AM

DC

“ *Debbie Condon lit a candle in memory of John Condon*



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**Debbie Condon** - May 11, 2015 at 09:30 AM

DC

*It's still unbelievable that you're gone I know God has plans for you in Heaven I've been so blessed to have you in my life for 35 yrs and married to the best husband ever for 30 yrs You'll always be my greatest supporter and I'm a better person for having had you in my life Til we meet again honey, I love you always and forever*

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**Debbie Condon** - May 11, 2015 at 09:32 AM

 Paul Adams

“ *Paul Adams lit a candle in memory of John Condon*



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**Paul Adams** - May 10, 2015 at 07:45 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Loose Funeral Home - May 10, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ David & Judy lit a candle in memory of John Condon



David & Judy - May 10, 2015 at 11:34 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Debbie and your family.



Linda McAtee - May 10, 2015 at 06:38 AM

JB

“ *Julie Busby lit a candle in memory of John Condon*



Julie Busby - May 10, 2015 at 05:00 AM

JB

“ *He was the best uncle anyone could have! I never had to wonder if he loved nor did he have to ever doubt my eternal love! My Mom & Uncle Johnny showed me what it was to be, Brother & Sister, a bond that could never be broken if rarely even cracked! He was not just a Fireman Hero to us, but a Patriarchal Hero! I can't believe we will never see, or talk to him again, but when we dream of those conversations they will be with Uncle Johnny, not Parkinson's disease Uncle Johnny! My love for you is inexpressible! You will live in my heart & soul forever!*

Julie Busby - May 10, 2015 at 04:55 AM

 Janet Morrison-Strout

“ *Janet Morrison-Strout lit a candle in memory of John Condon*



Janet Morrison-Strout - May 10, 2015 at 03:11 AM

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*My Prayers are with you and your family, I know God has his loving arms around you all.....*

Janet Morrison-Strout - May 10, 2015 at 03:12 AM

RM

“ I am so sorry for your loss and sadness. Family is everything and one thing I know about the Condon family is that it is a strong, tightly knit family! My prayers for all of you as you remember and celebrate a wonderful life. Blessings to all. Ruth Zankl Miller

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**Ruth Miller** - May 09, 2015 at 11:42 PM

FL

“ The Condon family; sorry to hear about your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. May GOD bless and comfort you..

*Frank LaManna  
BG, KY*

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**frank lamanna** - May 09, 2015 at 10:38 PM

VB

“ Dear Debby, Was so sorry to hear about John. You know how I felt about him. May God Bless you & your family. I know God Has John in His loving arms.

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**Vicki Gobin Blair** - May 09, 2015 at 09:32 PM

VR

“ Dear Debbie,

*I did not know John. However, I am so sorry this pain has come into your life. I am praying for you and your family! Vickie Riggins*

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**Vickie Riggins** - May 09, 2015 at 06:52 PM

TK

“ *Tim & Teresa Klus lit a candle in memory of John Condon*



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**Tim & Teresa Klus** - May 09, 2015 at 06:51 PM

MG

“ *Melanie Guffey lit a candle in memory of John Condon*



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**Melanie Guffey** - May 09, 2015 at 06:12 PM

MM

“ *Mike Moore lit a candle in memory of John Condon*



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**Mike Moore** - May 09, 2015 at 02:19 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Hilton lit a candle in memory of John Condon*



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**Nancy Hilton** - May 09, 2015 at 11:54 AM