



John Delaplane

September 1, 2024

John Delaplane, 90, formerly of Anderson, passed away in Sarasota, FL on September 1, 2024, following a year-long illness. John was born in Cold Spring, NY with the family soon moving to Indiana where he grew up in the Anderson and Perkinsville area.

John began working at Delco Remy at an early age progressing to a member of the Advanced Engineering Department . He retired after 43 years of service and John and Donna fulfilled a long-time dream of moving to Sarasota, FL.

John was a kind and caring soul and was considered a true gentlemen by all those who knew him.

Many considered John their best friend always knowing he'd be there whenever needed. He could fix anything that was broken and probably had just the right tool in his garage. He loved the challenge of making things new again.

While living in Anderson, John was always involved in the city, but his most proud endeavor was being influential in the designation of Historic West 8th Street, having the gas lights installed, and creating the first Annual Gaslight Festival. The Delaplans also spent several years restoring one of the grand old homes on the street.

John had many hobbies including collecting antiques, books, and clocks. He enjoyed going to flea markets (buying and selling) and was always excited to find just the right treasure.

John is survived by his wife of 53 years, Donna (McAllister) Delaplane. Also, a son, Victor (Vicky) Delaplane, a grandson, Marcus Delaplane, and a step-granddaughter, Jennifer Morgan all of Anderson. He also leaves two sisters, Delores Morgan and Pat Delaplane of Noblesville, and several nieces, nephews, great and great-great grandchildren.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Helen (Sokolich) Delaplane, two brothers, Richard and Robert Delaplane, and grandson Jeremiah Delaplane.

Visitation will be held from 2:00-4:00 on Monday, September 30, 2024. with memorial service starting at 4:00, all at Loose Funeral Home and Crematory, 200 W. 53 Street, Anderson.

Cremation has taken place and a private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall

RK

“ Donna - Our hearts were so saddened to hear of the passing of John! Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers for comfort and peace. Even though it has been quite a while since we last saw you, we so much enjoyed our time visiting with you and John. Roger & Beverly Kellams

Roger & Beverly Kellams - October 08, 2024 at 10:57 AM

SM

“ So sorry to hear about John's passing. Thoughts and prayers to you, Donna.

Joe & Susan McDuffee

Susan McDuffee - October 01, 2024 at 08:56 AM

JH

“ When I hired in at Delco Remy, I was in the Advanced Engineering group and sat next to John for three years. He was a mentor to all who worked with him. His insight in product design was so influential in my own development of being a Mr. Fix-it. Great guy, funny man and lots of good memories. Gonna miss ya Peck.

Jim Herbert - September 30, 2024 at 09:24 AM

JK

“ Donna and family, what sad news. We have lost a good man. What a fantastic full life. John will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

jack keesling - September 28, 2024 at 12:35 AM

VD

“ *Vicky Delaplane lit a candle in memory of John Delaplane*



Vicky Delaplane - September 25, 2024 at 09:33 AM

TM

“ *We were blessed to live across the the street from the Delaplane's for the best 20 years. First neighbors we met and definitely the best. John was always a gentleman and great friend to our family. My husband considered him a best friend and loved seeking his help with repair projects! My favorite memory of John is after a hurricane when he come over with his pitchfork to help me pick up piles of tree debris I had raked up in the yard. He definitely had anything tool we needed in his garage! He always was willing to lend a hand and share advice. We will miss you John! Teresa, Rut and Martin family*

Teresa Martin - September 25, 2024 at 08:35 AM