

## John Layton Hinton

September 12, 1932 - February 4, 2020

John Layton Hinton, 87, went home to be with the Lord on February 4th, 2020 and to also be reunited again with the love of his life, Carolyn. John was the son of Charles Neal and Dolly Hinton. He had a brother, Keith, and sister, Sarah (Thomas), who both preceded him in death, and his brother, Dave who lives in Anderson.

John was a native of Anderson, only leaving when he was an armory corporal at Fort Eustas in Virginia during the Korean War. John and Carolyn met at the Anderson Athletic Park pool as teenagers, eventually married on December 18, 1953, and had two sons, Bob (Doranda) now in Spring Hill, FL and Ron (Patty) now in Pendleton.

Although John spent some time as an insurance agent, most of his career was at Delco Remy. John is probably best known in the area as the Applewood Santa, a calling he took up later in life, and it became a major part of his life. He was also Uncle John, a magician, who performed for children and adults around the area, while his wife made them laugh as Skippy the Clown. Earlier in their lives, Carolyn and John enjoyed camping, pulling their camper into parks and Thousand Trails campgrounds across the country.

John loved living on his farm, gardening, woodworking, rock collecting, and feeding the birds. Mostly, he loved spending time with his family including his

grandchildren, Megan (Matt) Pritchard, Gordan, Nicci (Carson), and Maddi (Beau) Hinton; bonus grandsons, Andy (Catherine) Good and Grant Good; great-granddaughter, Addy Pritchard, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 W. 53rd St. Anderson, IN 46013.

Services will follow visitation at 1:00 pm at the funeral home with Rev. Keith Wooden and Rev. Doug Hinton officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ovid Community Church, who embraced John with their love and support, 793 E. 600 S. Anderson, IN 46013.

[www.loosecares.com](http://www.loosecares.com).

# Cemetery Details

<b>Pleasant Walk</b>
Anderson, IN

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Loose Funeral Home** - February 06, 2020 at 05:38 PM

MC

“ *sorry to hear of johns passing. John would always light up the room with his smile and ready to listen to your story or share his.He was a great inspiration to kids and audults alike ,and will be missed. With love in Christ ;Merrill Conway&kay brunner&familys*

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**merrill conway** - February 08, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Layton Hinton.*



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February 07, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Layton Hinton.



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February 07, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ *Max and Nancy Draper and family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet* for the family of John Layton Hinton.



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**Max and Nancy Draper and family** - February 07, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ *Faith, Todd, and James purchased the Sweet Tenderness* for the family of John Layton Hinton.



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**Faith, Todd, and James** - February 07, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of John Layton Hinton.



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February 07, 2020 at 01:02 AM



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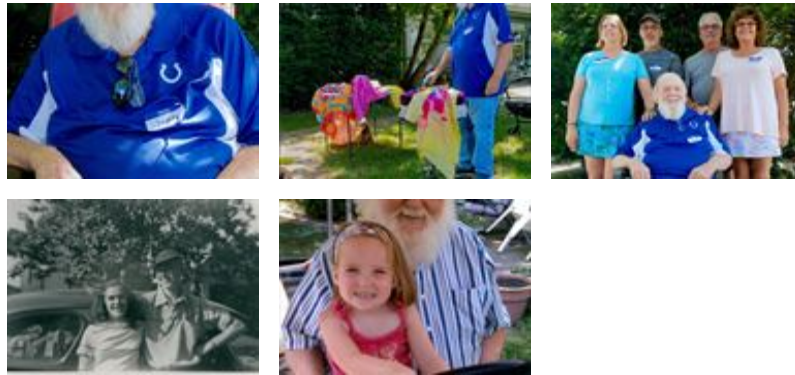


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February 06, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ *69 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Loose Funeral Home** - February 06, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ *My girls were always excited when Santa and Mrs. Claus came to visit. In fact, John "Santa" was the only Santa my girls ever knew. My oldest daughter Emily had a visit from John every year from her first birthday until she was 18. We were blessed to have known him and his lovely wife and know they are together again in heaven. God bless you John.*

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**Frank Owens** - February 06, 2020 at 11:19 AM

SM

“ Our family was touched by John and his lovely wife for so much of our lives. He was Santa to so many of us, our kids and even our grandchildren. He was such a sweet man that always had a smile and magic trick for the kids as well as the adults. He will be missed by our family and the community. Prayers to your family.  
*Rex & Shannon Mollenkopf  
Amanda & Maddy Sharp*

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**Shannon Mollenkopf** - February 06, 2020 at 09:49 AM

LD

“ My family had the joy and privilege to know John. My daughter, Emily and my nieces and nephews and quite frankly, my family grew to love our Santa - John. He became a holiday, birthday tradition. We opened our homes and hearts to John and he will be deeply missed by us all. We have been touched by his kindness, humor, and love.



*The Davenport Family*

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**Lori Davenport** - February 05, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Layton Hinton.*



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February 04, 2020 at 07:50 PM