



## John D. Purkey

July 9, 1944 - January 27, 2012

Anderson - John D. Purkey Sr., 67, Anderson, left this world on January 27, 2012 at Community Hospital, Anderson. He was surrounded by family and friends, including his companion of 34 years, Rita Faye Dietz. He was born July 9, 1944 in Anderson, Indiana, the son of the late Edward and Lillian Newby Purkey. He resided on the west side of Anderson his entire life. John proudly served his nation and community in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War onboard the USS Roosevelt. He was a retired plasterer, lumberjack, truck driver and all around tinkerer. Many of John's passions included target shooting, listening to bluegrass music, walking around the areas auto salvage yards looking for treasures of the past, "jawin" with boys at Collins Auto Service and Pat Capps Salvage Yard, growing wildflowers and feeding his wild creatures, and most of all, being with his family and friends. John is survived by his companion and Angel of 34 years, Rita Faye Dietz of Anderson; children, John D. Purkey Jr. Kimberly of Anderson, James E. Purkey companion, Leah of Anderson, Randy N. Purkey companion, Pamela of Anderson, Candy M. Gross companion, Garry of Anderson, Wendy A. Heiney Mike of Anderson, Irene Brass Richard of Alexandria and April Gilmer Stacey of Georgia; siblings, Robert Alice Purkey, James Loretta Purkey and Bonnie Krugler; 19 grandchildren, two great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and many, many special friends and Pecky. John was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Lillian Newby Purkey-Jewett; brother, Joseph Purkey; step-father, Ralph Jewett; granddaughter, Ashly Nicole

Purkey; and brother-in-law, Duane Krugler. Also, by two of his best friends on earth, Tom Finney and David Hedgecraft. Services and burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson, 2:00 PM, Monday, January 30, 2012. [www.LooseCares.com](http://www.LooseCares.com)

# Tribute Wall

Wendy Heiney

“ Wendy Heiney lit a candle in memory of John D. Purkey



Wendy Heiney - September 03, 2015 at 04:44 PM

Wendy Heiney

I love & miss you daddy. ! 😭

Wendy Heiney - September 03, 2015 at 04:47 PM

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“ Daddy you will be dearly missed and loved by all of us. We will be with you someday. Give grandma, grandpa, uncle Dewayne, my mom my love.

candy gross - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'm sorry for your loss John. Your dad was a good guy and I liked jawin with him too. He was a funny funny man. Hang in there and we'll talk to you soon.

Todd Hinton - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM