



John O'Bannon

October 28, 1943 - April 8, 2025

John O'Bannon, 81, of Owensburg, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in the presence of family.

Born October 28th, 1943, in Dresden, Indiana. He was the son of Everett (Buster) and Louise (Jefferies) O'Bannon. He married Lela R. (Yaney) O'Bannon on July 31, 1998.

John was affectionally known as Papaw, Johnny, Uncle John, and Johnny O. John was a man of Christian Faith. He always looked for ways to share his Love of Christ with others. He was always willing to help others in need.

John Loved whole heartly and help raised five children. He was soft hearted and LOVED his Grandchildren.

There was no place he went that he didn't know someone. He had a way to make people laugh and never knew a stranger.

John retired from RCA, Rogers, Teamsters, and most recently drove a truck @Premier Co-Op.

He wouldn't miss a NASCAR race and enjoyed IU basketball.

He was known for his practical jokes and quick wit.

John's desire was to live a humble life that was pleasing to the Lord, and for his life to be a witness to others.

John was the center and the Rock of our family. He was a member of the Owensburg Baptist Church since October 23, 1983.

John is survived by his wife, Lela O'Bannon, children, Randy Younger of Bloomington, Shilah Baker (Kevin) of Evansville, Shanah Coleman (Brandon) of Bloomington, Jonathan Blackwell (Lesi) of San Antonio, Texas, and Amber Blackwell of Bloomington. He had 9 Loving grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Sally Cramer, Mary Bever and two brothers, Dick and Fred O'Bannon.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday April 16, 2025 at the Owensburg Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Owensburg Baptist Church.

In Loving memory of John O'Bannon: Isaiah 40:31

“those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.”

Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home will be entrusted with the arrangements

Cemetery Details

Owensburg Cemetery

Owensburg, IN 47453

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Owensburg Cemetery
11688 E Wilson Ct
Springville, IN 47462

Tribute Wall

JU

“ *This man right here shared a lot of wisdom with me when I would be venting to Lela at their kitchen table. He would say something very quick witted and made me think before I decided. Lela, do you remember when we would be out being ESC's and doing so well we took long sit down lunches and I'd give you 59 reasons not to go for John? I'm glad you didn't listen and I will be keeping you in my prayers.* ”



Julie - January 08 at 04:19 PM

BO

“ *johnnie was a friend of mine and always had a good time being around him he will be missed* ”



butch osborn - April 22, 2025 at 03:23 PM

LC

“ *Love: Shilah, Willy and Carl purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John O'Bannon.* ”



Love: Shilah, Willy and Carl - April 12, 2025 at 01:38 PM

LC

“ *My condolences to Lela and their family.* ”

Lisa Chaplin - April 12, 2025 at 11:52 AM

AG

“ *Arnie Gardner lit a candle in memory of John O'Bannon*



Arnie Gardner - April 11, 2025 at 07:01 PM

LF

“ *Lisa D Frye lit a candle in memory of John O'Bannon*



Lisa D Frye - April 11, 2025 at 12:21 PM

YF

“ *Your Air Force Recruiting Service Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of John O'Bannon.*



Your Air Force Recruiting Service Family - April 11, 2025 at 11:23 AM

JM

“ *Johnnie was a good friend of my husband, John F Mathews. Their friendship began while both worked with W L Thomas in Owensburg. Their 1st job, approximately 1979, working together, was in Crawfordsville, IN. Johnnie was a very hard worker, always reported to work on time and working the labor intensive details of each job site. In later years, both retired, we often met Johnnie and his twin Sister at Eastern High School to watch the Boys Basketball games. John and Johnnie would often meet at the IU WBB games, watching the game while reviewing the strengths and weaknesses of the players and coaches. Johnnie made a visit to our new residence a few months ago. Just the past week or so John and Johnnie paid a visit by phone after the passing of his sister. No doubt, my John has lost a long time friend and he will be missed! RIP my friend!*

John & Marty Mathews

John & Martha Mathews - April 11, 2025 at 10:02 AM

GR

“ *Gene Ray purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John O'Bannon.*



Gene Ray - April 10, 2025 at 05:37 PM