

John Eldon Medearis, Jr.

August 14, 1943 (Rockford, IL) July 26, 2012 (Rockford, IL)

John Eldon Medearis, Jr., of Roscoe, took his journey from this life into the next on Thursday, July 26, 2012, at home with Brenda Sanchez by his side, holding his hand as all his pain and suffering disappeared into an eternity of peace and happiness.



John was born in Rockford on August 14, 1943, to Eldon G. and Floris E. (Boss) Medearis. He proudly served his country as a patriotic veteran of the United States Army and received his General Equivalency Diploma with the West (Rockford) High School Class of 1961. He was employed by Lou Bachrodt Auto Mall for 16 years before he opened and operated John's Garage for 25 years. He loved life and time with friends and family. He also enjoyed fishing, golfing, and camping. He would always say something to make you laugh.

John was predeceased by his Parents. Survivors include Brenda Sanchez, the loving companion who shared many happy years with him; Sons, Johnny (April) Medearis and Richard "Patch" Medearis; Stepsons, Robert Deiter and Randy Deiter; Grandchildren, Leelan and Emma Medearis; Step Grandchildren, Ryen, Rachel, and Rebecca Deiter; Brother, Eldon "Jerry" (Leona "Graci") Medearis, retired Captain in the United States Marine Corps; Sisters, Janet (Floyd) Lanning, Marge (Swede) Bloomquist, Sally (Vern) Bucey and Sue (Kelly) Thurow; and his Father-in-law, Phil Wadleigh. He will also be missed by Brenda's Brothers, Tom and Laddie Arnold; and her Sister, Mary Lou Chandler-Smith.

John is missed by many. The family offers special thanks to Curt Doughty who took John to doctors and helped in many ways as did others of his friends.

Visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1st at Delehanty Funeral Home, Ltd., 401 River Lane, Loves Park. The Funeral Service started at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 2nd, in the Funeral Home. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, a Memorial will be established. For more information, visit delehantyfh.com.

Reference:

[John Medearis Obituary \(2012\) - Roscoe, IL - Rockford Register Star \(legacy.com\)](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rockfordregisterstar/obituary.aspx?n=john-eldon-medearis-jr&cat=obituary)

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