



## John T. Minchuk

September 21, 1951 - August 27, 2023

John T. Minchuk, 71, was born in East Chicago, Indiana. John also lived in Hammond, Merrillville, and most recently Cedar Lake, Indiana.

John was a devoted family man. He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Patti; his sons Jeffrey, Curtis, and Steven; his sisters: Jeanette Witting, Gerrie Springston; his grandchildren: Zachary, Ava, Ethan, AJ, and many family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernice and John A. Minchuk and sister, Kathleen Minchuk.

Now John will be united in Heaven with his brother, Mike Horvath. ANIMAL and FIREDOG will now be running security in Heaven.

John was a US Air Force Veteran, a retiree from Inland Steel and the State of Indiana Department of Labor.

Devoted to helping others, John was a dedicated volunteer and a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 430 where he served as a past Commander. John was also a Merrillville Police Commissioner, EMA Director, and was involved with the Merrillville BZA and MCD Boards. In addition, he was a valued member of DAV Chapter 80, Gary Masonic Lodge 677, and AHEPA Chapter 78. John was also recognized as an honorary member of the MFD and participant in the Combat Bike Savers.

Memories from his grandchildren: "If anyone knew our grandpa, you'd know he was a simple man. He loved starting his mornings with Dunkin' Donuts coffee and an old-fashioned donut before he took his dogs to Hidden Lake. He loved his flashlights and his EMA cars, but most of all, he loved his family! He taught us how to play poker, to fish (badly), and most importantly how to be generous and kind. He dedicated his life to helping people and spreading joy. We will carry on that legacy forever!"

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, from 2 pm until 8 pm with AHEPA service at 5:30 pm. A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 31, 2023, from 9 am until 10 am. Following visitation, will be a Military Honors Service and a prayer service by Pastor Randy Scott. All services will be held at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
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## AHEPA service

AUG 30. 5:30 PM (cst)

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## Visitation

AUG 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Military Honors Service

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AUG **31**. 10:00 AM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

KC

“ My condolences to all of the family and friends who knew John when he was with us and know he is still with us in our hearts today. I’ve known John from high school in Hessville, to working in the mill together, to patrolling/escorting benefit bike runs in Merrillville. John was a down to earth person. He loved his family first and foremost and everybody who knew John knew that. My sympathy and prayers to all of those who knew John and know he will be greatly missed.

*With deepest sympathy*  
*Ken Churilla*

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**Ken Churilla** - August 31, 2023 at 12:11 PM

JB

“ Our prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

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**John Burton** - August 31, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ Uncle John was the best Uncle/Godfather a guy could have. He was always proud to call me his Godson. When I was playing baseball, he told me he couldn't wait to root for me on the White Sox, but if I played for the Cubs he would still root for me anyways. He always took me to all the fun places when I came to visit him or he came to visit me. He was an amazing man who loved and served his community and his country. I learned a lot about how to be a good man from Uncle John, and I am grateful that he will continue to guide me from a better place.

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**Ethan Springston** - August 30, 2023 at 06:37 PM

AS

“ Curtis, Jeff, Steven, and the Minchuk Family,

*My condolences on the passing of your father, John. I am sorry that I could not make it to the wake. John made Merrillville a better Town, and was always a friend of the Court. God grant him eternal life and memory eternal.*

*Alex Sarafin*

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**Alex Sarafin** - August 30, 2023 at 06:26 PM

AD

“ *I had my first alcohol beverage with him. He called me to say " happy 21st. Let's get your first drink". Love you qith all my heart. Anniebananie*

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**AnnMarie Daly** - August 30, 2023 at 01:45 PM

JS

“ *John was a great guy to work with and know!! We worked together at Inland Steel, Indiana Dept of Labor and through our ties together with Law Enforcement. On occasion throughout the years we would enjoy breakfast and just chat. No matter what John was active doing - he was always the same guy while wearing many hats. You're at peace my brother and will be missed dearly!!*

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**Jim Spasoff** - August 30, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.*



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August 30, 2023 at 08:45 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.



August 30, 2023 at 08:10 AM



“ Victoria S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John T. Minchuk.

Victoria S. - August 30, 2023 at 07:22 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.



August 29, 2023 at 11:13 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.



August 29, 2023 at 10:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.



August 29, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ Love, The Gallardo & Minchuk Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John T. Minchuk.



**Love, The Gallardo & Minchuk Family** - August 29, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John T. Minchuk.

August 29, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.*



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August 29, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John T. Minchuk.

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August 29, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.*



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August 29, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Worked with John for many years! A great guy. He will be missed!*

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**Linda Golden** - August 29, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.*



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August 29, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.*



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August 29, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.*



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August 29, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *I remember all the laughter and good times I had with Johnny and Gerrie in his childhood home on Grand ave. in Hessville. I was lucky enough to witness him falling in love with Patti and start their lives together in marriage. John was a kind kind soul who made a imprint on everyone he met. He will be sorely missed. Much love to his family and prayers of comfort in the tough days ahead.*

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**Mary Beth Kosiba** - August 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Again I will always remember John from the time I first met him when we were both helping Greg Nicosia, John was a good man and I'm sure he will be missed by all who knew him Rip John 📖🙏*  
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**Norman Sheets** - August 29, 2023 at 10:42 AM

PF

“ I am so sorry for the loss of John. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He will be missed. Sending prayers for comfort during this time of sorrow. Prayers and Love to you all. Pam Ferguson

Pam Ferguson (Jim Lilley's fiance) - August 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM

JJ

“ So many precious memories of working with my Friend John. Him and my deceased husband Phil Olejnik are in Heaven helping all over the place. My sympathy and prayers go out to his Family. Rest in Peace John. Jeannie Olejnik Jones

Jeannie Jones - August 29, 2023 at 09:32 AM

JJ

“ Jeannie J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John T. Minchuk.

Jeannie J. - August 29, 2023 at 09:28 AM

RG

“ To the family and friends, so sorry for your loss. Rest Easy Hero.

Randy Gumkowski (INPGR)



Randy Gumkowski - August 29, 2023 at 08:36 AM

ML

“ *Mario & Leona purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John T. Minchuk.*



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**Mario & Leona** - August 28, 2023 at 10:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John T. Minchuk.*



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August 28, 2023 at 09:54 PM