



## John Oliver Stiles

January 26, 1932 - March 31, 2019

John Oliver Stiles, age 87 of Odgen Dunes, passed away on March 31, 2019.

He was a husband, father, attorney, teacher, world traveler and Cub Fan.

John credits his long life to “bourbon, cigarettes and wild, wild women.” He is survived by four children with Judith Sorrells Stiles (deceased): Rebecca Stiles

Belt, Columbus, OH (granddaughter Rachel Belt Broderick and great grandsons

Jack Robert and Cole James); John Michael Stiles, Porter, IN (Partner Karen Feldman ), Sarah Elizabeth Pralle (Derek), Mainesville, OH. Jennifer Jane Stewart, Katy, TX (grandchildren Ethan Michael Ahmed and Hannah Elizabeth Stewart). Son with Margaret Stiles; Alexander James ( fiancée Becki Rowe).

“Incumbent wife” Judith Root Stiles brought five children to their marriage: Nancy Montesano (James), Wayne, NJ, Timothy Brian Lunn, Four Seasons, IN,

Michael Scott Lunn (Kate), Crown Point, IN, Matthew Reinhardt Lunn (Julia), Lake Forest, IL, Jonathan Dyer Lunn (Tammi), Barrington Hills, IL. and 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Born in Gary, Indiana on January 26, 1932 to Nell Alexander and Harold E. Stiles

John graduated from Horace Mann High School, (“who didn’t!”), class of 49, then on to Indiana University (ATO fraternity) where most of his children, and wives

graduated. Accepted at Harvard Law—John and his father had to get a map to

see where it was. He interrupted the studies to serve as Army Lieutenant stationed on the east coast near Cambridge.

He only recently retired after practicing law for 60 years claiming he finally had “perfected” it. His field was real estate law and estate planning which he conducted in much detail. As a client said, “If John wrote it, you knew it was perfect”. He taught the Indiana real estate licensing class for 20 years and served as attorney for the Gary Housing Authority in the 60’s.

John’s passion for all sports stemmed from his early participation in baseball, handball and tennis which he still played into his mid 80s. He reveled in watching I.U. basketball, especially in their 70’s/80’s heyday. And the Cubs...

As a 13 year old he saw the Cubs in the 1945 World Series when they lost. As a

84 year old he was in the grandstand in 2016 when they won. His love of baseball took him to over 30 World Series. A big fan of track and field, he attended four Olympics in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Sydney and Beijing.

He travelled six continents but not Antarctica, stating “Why would anyone want to

go there?” As a history buff, Israel and Egypt ranked high.

Eating ice cream (mostly chocolate) and finding the perfect milk shake (again, mostly chocolate) was a passion and took up some time—but so worth the effort. Recently, at 5pm it was bourbon time with his neighbor Duncan Hines to discuss all worldly issues which seemed to carry over to 5pm the next day.

The modern day Renaissance man played duplicate bridge tournaments, read voraciously, performed in musicals at Horace Mann, I.U. and Gary Music Theater

and taught Sunday school at the Presbyterian church in Miller. His incredible memory aided him in his joy for all things historical (especially World War II).

The

bane of his existence was pulling Creepy Charlie out of his mum garden.

John Stiles left a great legacy of love for his family and friends and we all love him dearly for this.

In his later years John's mantra was "I've had a good run."

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 2-6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Funeral and Celebration of John's life on Friday, April 5, 2019, 11a.m. DIRECTLY at Ogden Dunes Community Church, 116 Hillcrest Road, Portage, IN. Services will conclude at the church. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park

Merrillville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ogden Dunes Community Presbyterian Church  
117 Hillcrest Road  
Ogden Dunes, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Oliver Stiles.* ”



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April 03, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John Oliver Stiles.* ”



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April 02, 2019 at 08:54 AM