



## John Harley Airgood

June 23, 1948 - October 16, 2025

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Age 77, of Gardner, IL, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Born on June 23, 1948, in Sterling, IL, John was the son of Harley and Marie (née Meier) Airgood. On April 5, 1986, he married Gwen Andersen in Las Vegas, NV, and together they built a life filled with lasting memories.

John retired from Carpenter's Local 916. He knew no limits and was admired for his incredible craftsmanship. He could build anything but preferred doing it his own way and never bothered with reading the directions. Always willing to help others unconditionally, John's generosity and kindness left a lasting impression on everyone around him.

He was a member of the South Wilmington Fireman's Club, where he enjoyed skiing and camping. He spent nearly 50 years enjoying the sport of bowling. John also loved road trips, antiquing adventures, and visiting Las Vegas. In recent years, he took up playing bingo in Arizona and in Gardner, IL, where he enjoyed spending time with his bingo buddies. Above all, he cherished time spent with his grandchildren and his daily coffee gatherings with friends.

John is survived by his loving wife, Gwen. He was a proud and devoted father to Michael Airgood of South Wilmington, IL, Dawn (Shawn) Edwards of Kempton, IL, and Jennifer Hadra of Mount Carmel, IL. His grandchildren—Jonathan, Lily, and Rose Edwards; Austin and Alanya Airgood; Troy, Chad, and Emma Magers; and Dawson Grisham—were his greatest joy. He also

cherished his role as a great-grandfather to Elijah and Ophelia Magers. John is survived as well by his sister, Judy Airgood of Chicago, IL, and his best friends, John Hill and Dean Rankovich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gene and Jim; sister, Jacquelyn; and son, Dwayne Magers.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home in Braidwood, IL.

To share memories or offer condolences, please visit John's online guestbook at [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The team at Ready to Go Vet Rehab sends our deepest condolences to Gwen and John's family and friends. He will be missed dearly.*



**Lisa Woodside** - October 28, 2025 at 02:10 PM

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“ *John was such a wonderful person. He became your friend once you met him. I met John a year ago when I moved with my daughter to Gardner 2 doors away from John and his lovely wife Gwen. He introduced himself to us and told some great stories and we laughed. He was a One in a Million kind of guy, with his kindness and friendship. He will be missed by so many people that had the privilege to meet him and become a friend. My daughter & I didn't know him long but we were very fortunate that we at least had a year of knowing him and hearing his stories of long ago with his buddies. He will be missed. May God bless John and keep him in his loving hands.*

*Our deepest sympathy to Gwen & the family.*

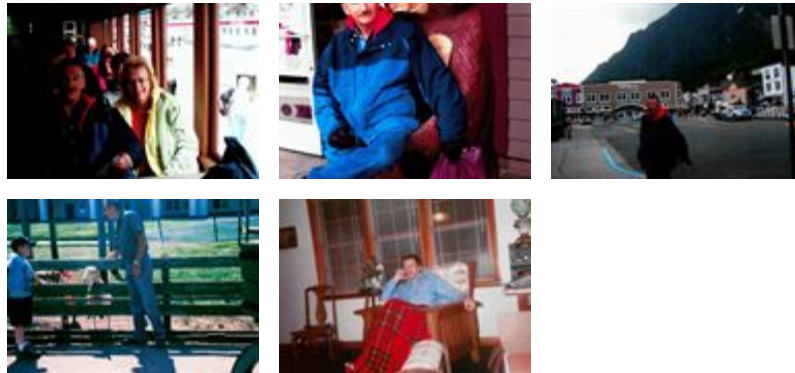
*Our prayers are with you all. May God bless you and watch over you now and always.*

*Love, Karen and Nina*

**Karen** - October 23, 2025 at 12:31 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - October 23, 2025 at 10:04 AM

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“ John was an older cousin so we weren't really in his orbit. But he had a wonderful smile and we gravitated towards him because he would josh with us. He came to my wedding in Michigan in 83. Thoughts and prayers are with his family!.

Mary Airgood Vecellio - October 20, 2025 at 08:25 PM

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“ Kerry Kociss

Kerry Kociss - October 19, 2025 at 01:35 PM

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“ What a great guy John was. Always made you laugh

Kerry Kiciss - October 19, 2025 at 01:33 PM

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“ Rest in peace.

Carrie H. - October 18, 2025 at 09:47 PM