



John Trinka

July 15, 1950 - May 19, 2023

John Francis Trinka of Whitewater, formerly of Dexter, Missouri, died peacefully Friday, May 19, 2023, with his loving wife and close family at his side. He was 72.

He was born July 15, 1950, in Patuxent, Maryland, to Anton J. and Diane H. Vought Trinka. They both preceded him in death.

John graduated from Admiral Arthur W. Radford High School in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1968. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in May 1970, where his talents were put to use as a hull technician. He was honorably discharged in 1977 as HT1. During his years of service, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Award, Navy "E" Ribbon and Meritorious Unit Commendation.

John's job history included positions from Tennessee to Missouri, where he settled in Dexter to work at Arvin Automotive. After 13 years with that company, John started his own renovation and remodeling business and enjoyed that work until 2012, when he retired.

John was a long-time member and past commander of American Legion Post 114 in Sikeston, Missouri. He was most proud that Post 114 supported the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield through proceeds from a

motorcycle poker run that has become an annual event. Hobbies included fishing and playing golf with his best friend, but his "fix-it list" occupied much of his time. He was also an avid firearms enthusiast.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Volkerding-Trinka; stepchildren, George Sanders of Cape Girardeau and Elizabeth Sanders of St. Louis; nieces, Tammy (Eric) Wolfe and Theresa Reese (Bryan Ikei); a brother/uncle, Bob Trinka; great-nieces and a great-nephew.

Along with his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister, Diane E. Trinka-Reese; brother, Anton W. Trinka; and stepfather, Stan Nicholls.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, May, 30 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home, with the funeral service immediately following at noon with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating.

Inurnment with full military honors will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, 17357 Stars and Stripes Way in Bloomfield.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in John's name to Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org or the veterans' charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
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Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
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Funeral Ceremony

MAY 30. 12:00 PM.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home Mt. Auburn

Tribute Wall



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of John Trinka.*



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



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“ *John Trinka was my cherished BIL, and I don't believe I have known a more honorable man. 15 years ago, at a time we just barely knew one another, I asked him to look after my baby sister because I no longer could. He made me that promise, one he honored until his dying breath, and I am deeply grateful to him for it. As he begins the next leg of his journey, I wish this old sailor calm seas, fair weather and clear horizons. Please forgive me for the "hearts and flowers", John, but I love you BIL.*

Jeffrey Volkerding - May 25, 2023 at 04:16 PM