



John R. Layton

December 6, 1937 - December 17, 2017

John R. Layton, December 6, 1937 passed Sunday, December 17, 2017 after recently celebrating his 80th Birthday. He struggled and coped through a frustrating and demeaning battle with Alzheimer's. Preceded in death by son Tim, brothers Ed and Al, nephew Dan and Godson, Michael Layton, and beloved Godmother, Marie Reising. John was married to his loving wife of 58 years, Dolores (Epstein) Layton. He is also survived by and will be dearly missed by his son Ron (Judy) Layton of Pompano Beach, FL, daughter Terry (Jim) Demos of Fenton, MO, son Jeff (Rachael) Layton of Farmington, MO, grandchildren Stephanie (Eric) Christensen of Jacksonville, FL, Emily & Allison (Gwen) Layton, Nick and Shelby Demos, great grandson Ellis Christensen and sister Marilyn Meier. He was an uncle and friend to many and was a positive influence and touched many people's lives.

John was the youngest of four children, attended Our Lady of Sorrows grade school and graduated from Cleveland High. He owned John's Barbershop on Kingshighway until long hair for men became the rage. John loved escaping to the outdoors, especially hiking in St. Francois State Park where he spent many hours enjoying the study of wildlife including his favorites; snakes, insects, birds and plants. John's fascination for the Bald Eagle and the Native American Indian Culture contributed to his unique collection of artwork which included figurines, pictures, dream catchers, and more. He and his wife Dolores built a collection to include over 400 unique pieces which were on display in a dedicated room dubbed the "John Layton Museum" by his son Ron. Another enjoyment was his extensive exterior Christmas decoration and light display which was a tribute to his late son Tim. John had a sweet tooth, loved and always had an endless supply of cookies, M&Ms, hard candies and strawberry ice cream (which Paul prepared perfectly). John always had a smile, a wave, a sense of humor and was quick witted with one liners.

Much gratitude to the ENTIRE TEAM at Delmar Gardens Meramec Valley, that gave unselfishly of themselves to John's care from 2014-2017. Thanks to the Pathways Hospice Team, who helped him and the family through the last few months. Special thanks to Dava, Chris, and Kaitlyn who would make John's face light up and produce a huge smile and wave, and will miss John as much as his own daughter.

Per John's wishes, he will be cremated and burial will be private. Please utilize this

website to share how John touched your life and feel free to upload photos.

In lieu of flowers, contributions In John's memory would be greatly appreciated, online at www.Alzheimers.org, or by mail; Alzheimer's Association, 9370 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63132, or online at www.mochf.org or by mail Missouri Heritage Foundation, PO Box 366, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (donation to support hiking, wildlife viewing)

Comments



“ Terry lit a candle in memory of John R. Layton



Terry - January 14, 2018 at 11:33 PM



“ I miss you so much dad!

Terry - January 14, 2018 at 11:34 PM



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Terry - January 01, 2018 at 04:39 PM



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Terry Layton - December 27, 2017 at 08:44 PM



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Terry Layton - December 27, 2017 at 08:43 PM



“ Omg Terry I Love this picture of you and your Daddy

Lynn - December 28, 2017 at 07:49 AM



“ To the Layton family Sorry for your loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

lynn - December 28, 2017 at 09:01 PM



“ Terry and Jim may the Lord Bless and keep you with great Love, Peace and Comfort. The memories will provide laughter in knowing John provided a life well lived that touched many a heart.

lynn - December 28, 2017 at 09:09 PM



“ Daddy's Little Girl. I love and miss you dad!

Terry Layton - January 14, 2018 at 11:36 PM



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Terry Layton - December 27, 2017 at 08:42 PM



“ Mrs. Layton, Terry and family - I was so sorry today to hear of the loss of your dad. I'm praying today that you may be comforted by the many wonderful memories you all had of him. I send my sympathies.

Cathy (Diers) Ray

Cathy Ray - December 26, 2017 at 01:25 PM



“ John Layton, We will miss you.
Dear friend and inlaw .
you made our holidays Happy and Funful.
Helen and Ted Demos

Helen - Ted Demos - December 23, 2017 at 12:32 PM



“ Nick and I send our send our deepest condolences.

Teri Unterreiner - December 23, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ Mary And Drew Nardi lit a candle in memory of John R. Layton



Mary and Drew Nardi - December 23, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ Jim and Terry,

Sorry to hear of your great loss. Please convey my sympathy to your family'

May his memory be eternall.

Love Irene Schildroth

Irene Schildroth - December 23, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ Joe & Gina Helbig lit a candle in memory of John R. Layton



Joe & Gina Helbig - December 22, 2017 at 08:55 PM



“ John and I shared a lot of good memories. He was Best Man when Barb and I married. Hunting and fishing, co-advisors to an Explorer Post, water skiing on the Mississippi, so many good times.
Delores and family, so sorry for your loss.
Ray and Barbara Wolken

Ray Wolken - December 22, 2017 at 07:33 PM



“ Terry and Jim - We are so sorry for your loss and know that this will be a challenging holiday or you. Please take comfort in knowing that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Terry, your dad was so fortunate to have such a loving, caring daughter!
With love and sympathy, Cyndi and Kevin

Cyndi Bosotin - December 22, 2017 at 01:40 PM



“ Missing you John, thank you for all the wonderful memories. Jim

Jim Demos - December 22, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ John, Thank you for all the wonderful times and laughs. You will be missed greatly, but never forgotten. I will do my best to take care of "Daddy's Little Girl". RIP my friend, Love you, Jim

Jim Demos - December 21, 2017 at 06:06 PM



“ Courtney Nieves lit a candle in memory of John R. Layton



Courtney Nieves - December 21, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ So sorry for your loses! I remember him walking in our neighborhood enjoying the day !
The Ellis's

James and Anna Ellis - December 21, 2017 at 07:21 PM



“ Kaitlyn Muckler lit a candle in memory of John R. Layton



Kaitlyn Muckler - December 21, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ Dava McGougan lit a candle in memory of John R. Layton



Dava McGougan - December 21, 2017 at 05:04 PM



“ Absolutely adored this man. I will always remember him walking around with his brush in hand, how he would giggle when nobody realized he was listening and understanding when something funny happened, his fancy button down cowboy shirts, and of course the fish hanging out of his mouth. I miss him so much it hurts my heart. I know he is happy now and probably spends his days eating sweets and fishing.

Dava McGougan - December 21, 2017 at 05:08 PM



“ Terry Layton Demos lit a candle in memory of John R. Layton



Terry Layton Demos - December 21, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ Ron,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your during this difficult time.
Take care,
Cheryl Neal and the Tech Data Team

Cheryl Neal - December 21, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ John, Thank You for all the wonderful memories. We will miss you but never forget you. Thanks for all the laughs and great times. I will do my best to take care of Daddy's little girl. Jim

Jim Demos - December 21, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ Jim and Terry,

So sorry to hear of your great loss---please convey my sympathy to your family.

May his memory be eternal and may God bless all of you during this time of grief.

Love, Irene Schildroth

Irene Schildroth - December 21, 2017 at 09:44 AM