



John A. Power

June 11, 1940 - May 1, 2021

John Power was born June 11, 1940, in Grand Island, Nebraska, to Tracil and Nella Power. He died peacefully at his home May 1, 2021, at the age of 80 years. He was the youngest of 6 children.

His life was spent in the Gibbon, Nebraska, area until he graduated from Gibbon High School in 1958. He then attended the University of Nebraska, where he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Upon graduation with a business degree, he joined the US Navy and attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He and his wife, Nancy, began their military experience in Athens, Georgia where he attended the Naval Supply School. The remainder of his military career was spent stationed out of San Diego, California with deployments on an attack transport to Vietnam.

He and Nancy returned to Nebraska after John's stint in the Navy. They raised three daughters. It was their desire and decision to live in beautiful Nebraska for the remainder of their married lives. John enjoyed his career as an Independent Insurance Agent in Buffalo County before relocating to Geneva. He continued insurance work at New Frontier Insurance. He was active in the United Methodist Church, Lions Club, Arbor Foundation, and American Legion.

John spent many years announcing sporting events for the Gibbon Buffaloes and Geneva Wildcats/Panthers. He was an avid Husker fan, birder, golfer, beer brewer, traveler, and loved planting and nurturing trees. His favorite past-time was playing bridge and beating his wife at cribbage. He was meticulous in grooming his lawn and landscape. It was a source of pride to watch his daughters participate in sporting events, and icing on the cake was traveling to Lawrence, Kansas where he was a spectator at his grandson's KU track meets. For 30 years on Sundays you could find him singing in the UMC choir standing right beside his special friend Ray Nichols.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Ron, Leroy, Royal, and a twin sister, Jane Wiles.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nancy (Mercer), daughters Becky Atkinson (husband Dennis), Carrie Power, and Libby Power-Leybman (husband Gary), grandson Braden Kleinschmidt, sister LaBerta Olson, and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service for John was held on Friday, May 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska. Pastor Doug Griger officiated the Funeral Service. Ben & Sam Rickert provided special music and they sang "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "It Is Well With My Soul." Special video music "Tree" by The Platters was also played during the service.

Military Honors were held outside the Methodist Church following the Memorial Service. They were performed by the Samuel J. Marsh Geneva VFW 7102, Geneva American Legion Sloan-Bolton Post 68, Sons Of The American Legion, and the Navy Honor Guard.

A private Committal Of Ashes was held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at the Omaha National Cemetery in Omaha, Nebraska.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church in Geneva.

Cemetery Details

Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Road
Omaha, NE 68138

Previous Events

Family Present for Visitation

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

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Memorial Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church
942 H Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3731
umc@windstream.net

Tribute Wall



“ *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of John A. Power.*



May 10, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *34 files added to the album Flower Pictures*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - May 07, 2021 at 01:26 PM

SR

“ *Snapshots of John:*

John took great glee in whupping "the women" in card games--no mercy was his mantra and he'd laugh as he'd count in cribbage.

I remember his kindness and wonderful ability to make people feel special.

Maybe it was his quiet calm and ability to listen.

John never met a tree, or bird, or cat that he didn't nurture. (lucky Ringo, lucky Polly)

I also remember his affinity with garlic and when he'd try new recipes on the grill, marinating meats for many hours.

He was a special man who always gave so much.

Sue Rickert - May 04, 2021 at 10:30 PM

UF

“ *Ultradent Great Lakes family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John A. Power.*



Ultradent Great Lakes family - May 04, 2021 at 09:10 PM

FU

“ From your friends and family at Ultradent purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of John A. Power.



From your friends and family at Ultradent - May 04, 2021 at 07:41 PM

JP

“ I hope John is in Heaven milking cows and feeding kitties! ❤️ His stories always put a smile on my face and he could make me laugh even on a bad day!

jennifer Perkins - May 04, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John A. Power.



May 04, 2021 at 05:00 PM

NP

“ Nancy and family,
Our sincere condolence for your lose of John. We have just fond memories of our trip to the Northeast where we met you & John. What a great time seeing the sights and also our card games. Also our lunches when you came to Omaha. What a great smile that man had. May he rest in peace, Amen

Paula & Neil Becker

Neil Paula - May 04, 2021 at 03:07 PM

BB

“ Thinking of the Power family and celebrating a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Our best wishes - Beth, Sydney and Noah

Beth Buehler - May 04, 2021 at 12:25 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of John A. Power



Virginia Johnson - May 04, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John A. Power.



May 03, 2021 at 09:42 PM

EP

“ I am Eddie Powell, John's first cousin. I grew up in Omaha but spent many hours with the Power family. I am two years older than John and Jane. John and I were close to the same size and we had a strong family resemblance. More than once when John and I were together, someone came up to us and said, "You must be the twins."

Whenever possible, I spent the week of the Buffalo County Fair in Gibbon so I could help John and Jane with their calf exhibits. We would spend all day at the fairgrounds. For some reason, one day the ferris wheel operator let us keep riding. It was great fun, until we got sick and lost our lunch. I haven't so much as looked at cotton candy ever since.

My wife and I named our youngest son, John, after my cousin because he meant so much to me. The time I spent with all the Powers, especially John, are the fondest memories of my youth.

Eddie G Powell - May 03, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Power.



May 03, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Power.*



May 03, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Power.*



May 03, 2021 at 04:31 PM

SS

“ *Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of John A. Power*



steve & barb sadd - May 03, 2021 at 02:13 PM

SB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, Nancy. And it will be a huge one. You will be in my thoughts and prayers this week and beyond.*

Susan Biba - May 03, 2021 at 02:10 PM

AL

“ *My sincere condolences Nancy and family for your loss. You and John both welcomed me graciously my first year of teaching at Fillmore Central Public Schools, inviting me over for dinner and making that first transition year meaningful. God bless.*

Aaron Lauby - May 03, 2021 at 09:45 AM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of John A. Power*



Kent & Rose Theobald - May 03, 2021 at 07:57 AM

RS

“ *Randy & Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of John A. Power*



Randy & Rhonda Schlick - May 02, 2021 at 11:04 PM