



John H. Rigsbee

July 31, 1925 - February 15, 2018

On February 15, 2018, the sweet, gentle spirit of John Howland Rigsbee left this world to be with his Holy Father. Born on July 31, 1925, John was the second of four children to Albert (Bertie) and Elizabeth (Betsy) and was a beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. John is survived by his wife of 69 years Carole, his children Richard (Heidi), Rebecca McDonald, Daniel (Karen), John (Diana) and Deborah Milam (Dave), his grandchildren Laura Rigsbee, Kyle McDonald (Katie), Brian Rigsbee, Sarah Rigsbee and Emily Rigsbee, and his two great-granddaughters Lillie and Grace McDonald.

John was preceded in death by his parents, brother Al, and daughter-in-law, Jean.

John spent his entire ninety-two years in Posey Township as a farmer and devoted family man. He faithfully attended services at the Blue River Wesleyan Church, and was often asked to share his beautiful tenor voice in a special song. Later in life, John developed a passion for woodworking and lovingly crafted precious keepsakes for each of his children, grandchildren and great-granddaughters.

To know John was to love him. To be his friend was to be a friend for life. He lived his life full of compassion, devotion, and kindness. He will be missed. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Blue River Wesleyan Church.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 18, from 2 - 6 p.m. at Moster Mortuary, 334

North Main Street, Rushville, IN. A funeral service will be held privately for the family members.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
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Rushville, IN 46173
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<https://www.mostermortuary.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *John H. Rigsbee*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *David C Roberts lit a candle in memory of John H. Rigsbee*



David C Roberts - March 02, 2018 at 11:45 PM



“ *I missed this in the newspaper, and just now saw it on the Moster website. My condolences to Carole and the family. I did not know Mr Rigsbee very well, but had a chance to get to know Carole from her days in the courthouse. Always enjoyed my interactions with her, as she was very capable and qualified for her job, not to mention the warm smile she gave to everyone she helped.*
Sincerely,
David C Roberts

David C Roberts - March 02, 2018 at 11:43 PM



“ *Sorry to learn of your Loss! Big Hugs and lot's of Love, to all family members! Love David Mitchell family!*

David Mitchell family - February 25, 2018 at 02:28 PM

DM

“ *Deb,
Sorry to hear about your father. What a wonderful life.
Rick and Donna Mount*

Donna Mount - February 19, 2018 at 08:08 PM

CS

“ *John and Carole Rigsbee were long-standing friends of my parents, John and Marge Nelson. Ever since I was a little girl I heard stories about my dad and John in their growing up years in Arlington. As a child, I remember our family getting together with the Rigsbees and a few other families on special celebrations of the year.*

From childhood through my young adult years, I recall John as a gentle and tender spirited man with a heart and smile that exuded the love of Christ. He demonstrated it as well on so many occasions in ministering to my father during difficult times. Carol and John served our family well! In 1992, John and Carol drove to my wedding in St Louis and I recall a lovely conversation with them at my reception.

I know John is in a blissful place in heaven now and he will always be remembered fondly by me and the many lives he touched in his life here on this earth.

Claire Steiner - February 18, 2018 at 03:56 PM

 Carol
Watson

“ To the whole Rigsbee clan,
What treasured memories I have of "Mr. Rigsbee" as a child, as well as, an adult! on periodic visits "back home in Indiana." John and Carole's home was ALWAYS one of the homes we would make time for a stop...just "because!" Every time I saw him, he greeted me/us with a smile. He seemed to be a man of few words but when he spoke, we listened. I remember many fun times on the Rigsbee farm for 4th of July outings when Mr. & Mrs. Rigsbee were our gracious hosts...allowing us to run and hide all over the place! I am sending big warm hugs from Texas to Carole (Mrs. Rigsbee) and the entire Rigsbee family as you grieve the loss of your husband/Dad while celebrating his new life with Jesus! I look forward to the day we are all reunited with Him! With deep sadness and expectant joy, Carol Nelson Watson (John W. Nelson's daughter)

Carol Watson - February 18, 2018 at 03:02 PM

SC

“ Love and prayers to Aunt Carole, and the family.
I remember the times we used to go down and pick corn. So much fun and tasted wonderful! I will miss Uncle John.
Wish I could be there. I'll be thinking of you and saying a special prayer.
Love,
Sara Beth and Family



Sara Beth Clark - February 18, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John H. Rigsbee.*



February 18, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ *Deb and family, Thinking about you. So sorry to hear about your dear father. Jane Leeds*

Jane - February 18, 2018 at 10:46 AM



Thank you, Jane.

Deb - February 18, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man who led a beautiful life! He will be missed.*

*Dale and Deb Anderson
Georgetown, Kentucky*

dale and deb anderson - February 18, 2018 at 10:16 AM

CN

“ Dearest Rigsbee family,

Please know that you are all in my prayers at this time. Though you mourn because your dad is no longer with you on this earth, there is great joy in your hearts, and mine, because your dad is now with Jesus in heaven.



Your dad was a great man of God. Whenever I was around him, there was an aura of God's love, peace, and gentleness. His presence will be greatly missed by everyone who ever knew him and whose life he touched. Mr. Rigsbee blessed my own life and that of my family's beyond words. Tears swell in my eyes when the memories of how he was like Jesus in the flesh for me and for my family during some of the hardest years of my/my dad's/ my family's life. I will treasure these memories of him as well as all those of Joy and fun that our families shared together each 4 th of July when we were yet children. You are all indeed treasured!

God bless you all with His peace.

Sending you each my deepest sympathy and all my love from China. Christie Nelson

Christie Nelson - February 18, 2018 at 09:52 AM

KB

“ Dear Friends. Thinking of our years together in Arlington and at church so long ago but I smile while remembering your dad! Celebrate his long, full life....

Love, Kenya Steffey Beasley



Kenya Steffey Beasley - February 17, 2018 at 08:54 PM

DR

“ *Don Rolfe lit a candle in memory of John H. Rigsbee*



Don Rolfe - February 17, 2018 at 07:55 AM

MR

“ *I'm very sorry for your family's loss.*



Meagan Reed - February 16, 2018 at 08:06 PM

RL

“ *Sorry to hear about John passing. I have many memories of John . We move into area in 1972 he was one of first person to welcome us in area. He has always been there to help or lend me a hand when I needed help . I will missed him . His friend Randy*

Randy Litten - February 16, 2018 at 06:58 PM

CM

My condolences to the family !We met Mr. Rigsbee on several occasions and found him to be a warm and kind human being !he will truly be missed by all! Sister of Heidi Rigsbee

cathy mayes - February 17, 2018 at 08:41 AM



Cynthia Nurss

John Rigsbee was my dad's friend from high school along with a few other local farmers. John was a model Christian, kind thoughtful generous. What I remember him most for are his twinkling eyes and joyful countenance! He radiated the joy of Jesus in my childhood years when I didn't know that joy myself. I am praying for his family as they grieve, but how joyous to know he is with all the saints in heaven, rejoicing and praising His Saviour! With much admiration for him and his family who inspire many! Cynthia Nelson Nurss

Cynthia Nurss - February 18, 2018 at 09:10 AM

DE

“ *Diane Eller purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John H. Rigsbee.*



Diane Eller - February 16, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John H. Rigsbee.*



February 16, 2018 at 03:56 PM

KW

“ *John was a kind, gentle, thoughtful soul. Loving and caring about everyone. Always smiling. He will be missed by everyone who ever knew him.*

Kay Weekes

Kay Weekes - February 16, 2018 at 11:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John H. Rigsbee.*



February 16, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *So sad to hear of Johns passing I am a better man for knowing John. We were living in the area over twenty years ago across from the Old Family house. May God bless him and his family*

wayne willey - February 16, 2018 at 06:06 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss Becky. Prayers for the family.*



Ceilia Johnson Nigh - February 15, 2018 at 08:12 PM



“ *Steve Ward lit a candle in memory of John H. Rigsbee*



Steve Ward - February 15, 2018 at 06:53 PM

AN

“ Aww, I am so sorry for all of you. Such a sweet man with a smile on his face always. I loved to hear him sing. I bet he is singing with the angels in Heaven and shining his beautiful smile. I was so sad when mom told me yesterday that John wasn't doing well.

~Ann (Dearinger) Megee

Ann - February 15, 2018 at 04:02 PM

DT

“ I am very sorry to hear of the passing of John. I met John when I went to work for RushShelby Energy in 2000. He was a wonderful man to work with. He always took the time to talk with me and find out how everything was going with me in my job and family life. I have missed seeing John on a regular basis but enjoyed when he could come to REMC functions or the Annual Meeting. My prayers are with Carole and the family. May God bless you all at this time of loss. -- David Toll

David Toll - February 15, 2018 at 03:27 PM