



John Reppert

July 20, 1950 - October 6, 2025

John Reppert, 75, of Paxton, passed away on Monday, October 6, 2025, peacefully at his home, surrounded by family, following a brave battle with cancer. He was born on July 20, 1950, in Paxton, the son of Everett and Berdine (Nelson) Reppert. John married Lynnette Helbling on August 9, 1975, in Urbana.

He is survived by his wife, Lynnette Reppert of Paxton, formerly of Fisher; two children, Joseph Reppert of Oswego, NY, and Jaime (T.J.) Vance of Monticello; four grandchildren, Colton Vance, Gus Reppert, Mason Vance, and Vivian Vance; two sisters, Judy Langley and Jane Burr; and one brother, Jim Reppert. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Terry (Randy) Helbling James; a brother-in-law, David (Laura) Helbling; his best friend and cousin, Loyd Reppert (April); his lifelong friends, Doug Eichelberger and Greg Phillips; his fur buddy, Ken Tucky; and many nieces, nephews, and Kentucky cousins who he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Robert and Leatrice Helbling; and a beloved sister, Karen Sharp DeMola.

John attended Paxton schools and graduated with the Class of 1968. He proudly served in the Illinois Army National Guard from 1970 to 1975. A lifelong worker, John began farming at the young age of 11 and continued until

his father's passing in 1985. He then went on to work for Kraft Foods, where he dedicated 38 years before retiring.

John found joy in camping, attending farm shows, and riding around in his golf cart. Above all, he cherished time spent with his children and grandchildren. Though a private man and one of few words, his quiet presence spoke volumes to those who loved him.

He was baptized and grew up in Pontoppidan Lutheran Church in rural Elliott, and in later years, he and his wife attended Evangelical Covenant Church in Paxton.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date, at Glen Cemetery in Paxton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to his grandchildren's education fund.

Cemetery Details

Glen Cemetery

602 E. Summer St.
Paxton, IL 60957