



John R. Hanson

October 1, 2017

John was born in Bloomington, IL on August 26, 1955, a son of the late Kenneth P. and Johanna (Endres) Hanson and has resided in Fitchburg since the late 80's.

John was a veteran of the Persian Gulf War having served as a Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Army. His military career started in 1985 as a Motor Transport Officer at Ft. Devens before being sent to Korea with the 60th Transportation Company. After his honorable discharge from active duty, John went on to serve in the Army Reserves for almost 10 years giving him nearly 18 years of total service.

He received his associates' degree in Criminal Justice from Mt. Wachusett Community College in Gardner and worked for 19 years as a correctional officer at the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Shirley retiring in 2014.

John was a member of the NRA and an avid marksman. He shared his love of firearms with his family. He was also a lifelong fan of camping and enjoyed taking his family on these trips. During his military career he earned a variety of awards including, the Parachutist Badge, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the National Defense medal, as well as being awarded Instructor of the Year.

He leaves his wife of 27 years, Ruthe M. (Lepp) Hanson of Fitchburg; two

sons, Michael-Paul Hanson of Keene, NH and Kenneth J. Hanson and his wife Renee of Grandville, MI; two daughters, Maria E. Pappas and her husband Alex of Fitchburg and Carli R. Murphy and her husband Michael of Ashburnham; a brother, Paul K. Hanson and his wife Gail of IL; two sisters, Joan K. Gerjets and her husband Duane and Ann M. Hanson all of IL; nine grandchildren, Khali, Ryan, Sierra, Savannah, Sydney, Sawyer, Jordynn, Kaige and Chase and several nephews and nieces.

Tribute Wall

VH

“ *Deepest sympathy to all of John's family. I remember him as a young boy in Chatsworth.
My daughter Cheryl went to school with him. Nice family. RIP John.*

Virginia Haberkorn Hajny - October 12, 2017 at 09:37 AM

AA

“ *So sorry for your loss, to all my cousins. Will never forget the times together at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Grade School, Chatsworth, IL.*

Angela (Endres) Augsburg - October 10, 2017 at 02:55 PM

JH

“ *My condolences to the entire Hanson family.
We worked together at Souza Baranowski Correctional Center.
Johnny was really a great man. He was always an upbeat guy and considering the business we were in, that was no easy task ! He had a great personality and if you were having a tough day and were lucky enough to talk to Johnny, you always felt better after. I regret that I didn't get a chance to socialize with him, but always enjoyed talking to him ! Rest In Peace Johnny !*

John Hall - October 04, 2017 at 01:25 PM

CB

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Acts 24:15 help us to see there will be a resurrection.*

Conner Baker - October 04, 2017 at 08:26 AM

CM

“ I remember many happy times growing up with John and Ann right across the street from us. we all played back and forth in the yards and houses. This is very sad to hear Hugs and Prayers for the families..

carol schroen melton - October 03, 2017 at 08:17 PM

KG

“ I have so many fond memories of John growing up in our younger years. So proud of his service to our country and all his accomplishments.

Sympathy to John's family and all of the Hanson family.

Kay Tauber Grizzle - October 03, 2017 at 02:01 PM

SB

“ Kindly accept our heartfelt condolences Ruthe and the sincere sympathy of our family to you and all of your family upon your loss of John.

Skip & Kathy Bourque - October 03, 2017 at 12:09 PM

PH

“ So very thankful the Hanson's and the Wittler's got to say their goodbyes to John the last couple of days. Blessings to John and his wonderful family. It was terrific to connect with John, Ruthe, the kids and grandkids. God's peace to all.

Paul and Gail Hanson - October 03, 2017 at 11:10 AM

DH

“ Last time I had seen John would have been the Spring of 1968. Still remember him from back in this days very well. Prayers for the hole Family.

David Hornickel - October 03, 2017 at 10:47 AM

PT

“ Prays to all of Johns family. I know he will be missed . I only remember the really early years living across the ally from you and all the fun the Hansons & the Robertsgirls shared. Rest In Peace JohnnyBoy. Will never forget you.

Pat & Jerry Teter - October 02, 2017 at 09:17 PM

MG

“ Ann,
My condolences, hugs and prayers to the entire Hanson family on the loss of your brother John. RIP.

Mary (Schlabowske) Grant - October 02, 2017 at 09:07 PM

JL

“ Ann,
Sending our heartfelt condolences to you and all the family on the loss of your brother John.

Judy and Ken Lazar - October 02, 2017 at 08:35 PM

BB

“ sorry for your loss ann, erin and Ashley.

Barney Brown - October 02, 2017 at 08:19 PM

PJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.

Love, Patti and Jean

Patti Smith and Jean - October 02, 2017 at 07:47 PM

NB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Nancy and Diane

Nanch Beal - October 02, 2017 at 07:41 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss...
he will surely be missed.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carol and Franz Bascomb (Michelle Milem's mother) - October 02, 2017 at 07:05 PM

TH

“ Will see you in Fiddler's Green my dear friend.
Rust in Peace.

Tommy Heenan - October 02, 2017 at 07:04 PM

JW

“ Our prayers are with all of you. love and hugs to all.

Jennifer Williams - October 02, 2017 at 05:39 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss, my prayers are with all of your family. Always enjoyed your family visits to IL answer sharing Pfaffs donuts with all of us.

Jim Morse - October 02, 2017 at 05:33 PM

JS

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss Ruth, Maria, Carly & family!

Jeannie Saunders - October 02, 2017 at 05:15 PM

JM

“ Love and miss you, Uncle John. Prayers for the Hanson family.

Jamie Morse - October 02, 2017 at 04:46 PM

AH

“ Gone too soon. Will miss him forever.

Ann M. Hanson - October 02, 2017 at 03:18 PM