



John R. Metzler

December 27, 1936 - February 26, 2015

John Richard Metzler was born to Henry and Mary Metzler at home in rural west Fresno on December 27, 1936. He passed away surrounded by his loving family in his home in the Madera Ranchos on February 26, 2015 at the age of 78.

He is survived by his wife Della Metzler of Madera Ranchos; daughters Stacy Hawkins and her husband Ric of Reedley , Lori Metzler of Madera Ranchos; son John Metzler, Jr. and his wife Andrea of Elk Grove; sister Jane Zito of Fresno; niece Lisa Zito of Sanger; grandchildren Michael Metzler, Nic Hawkins, Zac Hawkins and Dominic Metzler; his special companions Bella and Sasha.

A Memorial Service with Military Honors will be held at Chapel of the Light, 1620 W. Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728 on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Remembrances may be made to Bristol Hospice, 374 E. Yosemite Avenue, Suite 200, Merced, CA 95340 or Final Honors, 197 East 100 North, Payson, UT 84651.

Tribute Wall



“ *John R. Metzler*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Sending our love and prayers to your family during this difficult time. May God send his loving peace and strength, bless you abundantly and keep you in his loving care always.*

Mike and Ronni Brown

Ronni Brown - March 02, 2015 at 08:16 PM



“ *Sheepy purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of John R. Metzler.*



Sheepy - March 01, 2015 at 10:12 PM

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“ *Traveling around the country raising money for people less fortunate than us I meet a lot of people. Most are big stars in music or entertainment. Most of the names and meetings I blow off because the meetings are fleeting and the conversations don't mean much...there are few things I remember as a child growing up...one was Great Grandma's cookies with milk in a mettle cup and the other was Big John! For good reason they will forever be in my mind and never be forgotten. Our prayers are with you, Della, and your family. Best Regards,
Steve, Cathy, Lindsay, Nicole and Emily Haworth*

steve haworth - March 01, 2015 at 08:04 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of John R. Metzler.*



February 28, 2015 at 06:03 PM

GU

“ I just want to thank Della & John for all the memories of taking care of Patricia and me whenever we needed you. Also, allowing us to sit in as parents to your son Johnny during Parent's Day at Fort Benning, GA as well as allowing us to attend his graduation from Advanced Infantry Training with you at Fort Benning, GA. And for John, thank you for being like a brother to me since as long as I can remember. I know I was a pest; but we had some great times together fishing, hunting, camping, and doing some things I really don't have enough space to write about. Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you again. You will surely be missed by all of us on earth; but I am sure the Good Lord will have a great job for you. You were always great at anything you attempted. Love ya: Patricia & Butch

George "Butch" Upton - February 28, 2015 at 09:10 AM

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“ My prayers are with your family. I pray for comfort and strength in this difficult time. May God bless you.

Anthony Martinez - February 27, 2015 at 11:22 PM

BC

“ Aunt Della and family I really wish I had the words to ease your pain and your loss. I was truly sadden to hear this news. I liked and loved Uncle John from the first time we meet. My thoughts and my prayers are with you and yours. I will always remember the kind man he was to me.
Bill Chidester.

Bill Chidester - February 27, 2015 at 05:34 PM

JM

“ Mrs. Metzler and family, I am very sorry to learn of Mr. Metzler's passing. From what John has told me about his youth, it sounds like he was a good, very hardworking man who loved his family dearly. Since he had John for a son, I know he had patience and a sense of humor, too. I will be keeping all of you in my prayers. Julie Muir, Annandale, VA

Julie Muir - February 27, 2015 at 05:28 PM

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“ My name is terry martinez son of Sharon palumbo and grand child to Jim and nancy palumbo rest in peace I always e Remember uncle John as quiet but sweet and well spoken knowledgable and very caring and extremely tall will always remember him and love him

terry martinez - February 27, 2015 at 12:51 PM