



John Rickard O'Green

February 6, 1922 - December 1, 2014

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Born 02.06.22 in Eveleth, Minnesota and passed 12.01.14, age 92 in Traverse City, Michigan.

Raised in Detroit by John and Beatrice O'Green, then meeting his sweetheart Shirley in high school.

They married and he went off to help save the planet as a B-17 bombardier flying 32 missions....an American hero.

After the war he started in the automobile business, soon owning his own Ford Dealership in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Shirley and he lived on Torch Lake until her passing in 1998 when he moved to Traverse City.

John is survived by sons John and Kirk O'Green, grandchildren Carly (Leen), Geoffrey, Johnny, and twin great-grandchildren Evan and Aiden Leen.

He taught us about honesty, generosity, kindness and humor.

In a final act of generosity he donated his body to Michigan State University's Medical School.

If you want to do something to honor him be generous to someone you don't know.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremations services.

Please Visit <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com> to share your memories of John.

Comments



“ John and my husband, David Monroe, were crew members on "The Devil's Mate II" during WWII. They remained friends and in touch until my husband's death in April 2013. The only surviving member of their crew is the pilot, Myles Farson. They had a special bond and all remained in contact throughout their lives. They truly were the best of The Greatest Generation.

Agnes Minroe and Family

Agnes Monroe - December 27, 2014 at 02:15 PM



“ To the O'Green family:
I was so sad to hear that your father/grandfather passed. When my folks, Jinny and Vance Wagley, moved to Elk Rapids they found great friends to laugh and share their retirement years with. Prayers being said during this time of loss and transition.

Leigh Wagley MacCready

Leigh MacCready - December 15, 2014 at 09:29 AM



“ I will miss him very much. He always took great care of his dog. When he brought is dog in for grooming,he left us with a big smile, a hug, kind words and a special treat. What a wonderful gentleman.

Debbie Lenten, American K9 Grooming

Debbie Lenten - December 10, 2014 at 04:28 PM



“ I was stunned and saddened to read the obituary this morning. John was a wonderful man and a good friend. Whether stopping by to visit with him and sweet Molly or playing nine, there were always lots of laughs. He will be missed.

My sincere condolences to the O'Green family.

Richard Waterbury - December 07, 2014 at 02:12 PM



“ John and Kirk, I am shocked...I am sad. I have such fond memories of our get-togethers on Torch Lake. Over the past several years we would occasionally meet for lunch or chat on the phone. He was a very special friend! I send hugs to both of you and your families. He is once again reunited with Shirley.

Betty McCarthy - December 05, 2014 at 06:55 PM



“ John and Kirk- I spent summers on Torch Lake (about 3 cottages north of your parents, if I recall correctly) for the best 10 summers of my childhood. I have fond memories of your dad (and mom), and even though 30 years have passed, I remember your dad's kind smile as if it were yesterday. I now permanently reside in Traverse City and I regret that our paths have not crossed. When I saw the photo of your dad (on the obituary), I immediately recognized his smile...so sorry to hear of his passing....Jennifer (Hill) Warren

Jennifer (Hill) Warren - December 06, 2014 at 09:08 PM



“ I am sorry I missed seeing John's Family today due to health reasons, however, I wanted to let them know my thoughts on John.

I have known John since I moved in here 10+ years ago and at that time I was walking 2-3 times a day with my walker and, of course, I met John out on the street. I have always considered John "my friend" and knew that I could call upon him for house advice, etc.

John was always a friendly, helpful type guy with a real "gentleman" way with him and I knew his offer of help was "not just talk".

We shared Association lunches, picnics, etc and John will surely be missed by me and other Association members.

So....John and Kirk and Family...I am so sorry for you to have lost your wonderful, fun-loving Dad ...and I will miss him also.

Jeanne Carboneau - December 10, 2014 at 03:04 PM