



## John R. Briles

June 13, 1932 - August 8, 2021

John R. Briles, 89, of Bloomington passed away on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at home with family. He was born on June 13, 1932 in Greene County, Indiana, the son of Austin and Ada (Strauser) Briles. John was a 1950 graduate of Solsberry High School and attended Indiana University. He married the love of his life Dolores Calhoun on July 21, 1957 in Weedman, Illinois. They were happily married sixty-one years. John was a member of the Arlington United Methodist Church where he was very involved and served on several church boards and committees. John was very proud to have served 4 years in the United States Air Force. He spent 3 of those years in Germany. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 18 in Bloomington.

He worked for RCA for over 35 years and was the Superintendent of Manufacturing before retiring in 1989. He also worked hanging wallpaper on the side in the Bloomington area most of his life. John enjoyed golfing, traveling, spending time socializing with his neighbors. He was known as the mayor of his neighborhood. He loved his family and especially loved spending time with his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends, and church community.

John is survived by two sons, Kevin (Terri) Briles and Craig (Marci) Briles both of Bloomington; his grandchildren Travis Briles; Joshua Briles; MacKenzie (Trey) Smith; Benjamin Briles; Nicholson (Ashlan) Briles; Maxwell Briles; Jonathan Briles and Brandi (Shawn) Langley; four great grandchildren, Marley Briles; Nick Langley; Brenna Langley and Ryan Langley; and several nieces

and nephews. John's niece, Millie Briles, cared for John during his extended illness. She played a vital role in keeping John active and was a true asset to John and the family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Dee; his two brothers, Charlie and Edgar Briles; and two sisters, Martha Loder and Luella Harper.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00am Friday August 13, 2021 at the Arlington United Methodist Church in Bloomington. With Pastor Rose Sparks officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. A visitation will be held from 5:00pm to 8:00pm Thursday, August 12, 2021 and Friday from 10:00am to service time both at the Arlington United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Arlington United Methodist Church.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Arlington United Methodist Church  
1820 West Arlinton Road  
Bloomington, IN

## Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

ST

“ I worked with John at RCA for several years. He was a great Forman and later a plant Superintendent.

Sue Treanor

Sue Treanor - August 12, 2021 at 06:02 PM

RF

“ He anchored the entire neighborhood, occupying the corner that formed the center of everything that happened in our tiny universe. John was always warm, almost always happy excepting as Dee was in pain, and always took a minute, or ten minutes, to make us laugh or tell us some history or be dreadfully wrong on politics or brag on his sons and grandchildren or give us the weather report. It took a pandemic to realize that John Briles was sometimes the only person outside my household who I'd talk with, and it took him passing to realize how much I'll always miss that. Every neighborhood should be blessed with a senior gentleman to sit in a lawn chair and just say hello to people. We were certainly blessed that ours was John Briles.

Randy Frykberg - August 12, 2021 at 01:16 PM

JF

“ Joe Devine and family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John R. Briles.



Joe Devine and family - August 12, 2021 at 09:17 AM

SG

“ John Briles was a citizen of the first magnitude. We looked up to him at both RCA and when he was wallpapering our entranceway. R.I.P. our friend.

Stan & Nancy Griffith - August 12, 2021 at 09:16 AM

MH

“ John & Bea were the first neighbors to introduce themselves when I moved (2 doors down) here. They were both the sweetest people, always ready to chat when I would pass by. I learned the most about the house I purchased from John, as we shared a builder. I will miss him no longer being a good neighbor....RIP John.

Marsha Hankins - August 11, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John R. Briles.



August 11, 2021 at 04:57 PM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of working with John at RCA. He was always level headed, intellegent, helpful and considerate. If you didn't like John, the problem was probably with you.

He lived a productive thoughtful life and left behind a great family. I am so sorry to see John leave us, but I am sure he is now in a better place.

Godspeed John, you will be missed.



Joe Myers - August 11, 2021 at 08:39 AM

JR

“ I worked with John for several years and I went to Arlington Church when I was younger . John was a very good person and I'm sure he will be missed. Rest in peace 🙏

Judy Robertson - August 10, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John R. Briles.



August 10, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of John R. Briles.



August 10, 2021 at 04:53 PM

JS

“ Judy Sullivan lit a candle in memory of John R. Briles



Judy Sullivan - August 10, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *John R. Briles*.



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August 10, 2021 at 12:31 PM