



## John Earl Stafford

February 3, 1939 - April 27, 2023

John Earl Stafford, 84 of Bedford passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the IU Health Hospice House in Bloomington after heart failure and two weeks in the hospital.

He was born on February 3, 1939 in Carroll County, Kentucky, the son of Raymond Earl and Virginia Mae (Diarmit) Stafford and was raised by his grandparents, Harold and Elsie (Smith) Stafford, on the family farm near English, Kentucky where he learned the value of hard work. John was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

He worked first as a machinist at Western Electric for over twenty years, and then for Rexnord in Avon. He loved trading cars and trucks and fixing them up. He was passionate about fixing anything and everything— remodeling homes, building decks, sheds, extensions, etc. His hardworking, helpful, bubbly, caring and friendly nature always drew people to him. He will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew him.

John is survived by his very much-loved beautiful sister, Sheila Weisheit of Bedford; his brothers, Buford Stafford of Indianapolis; Paul Stafford of Kentucky; his children: Jody Cottrill and Johnny Stafford both of Indianapolis; Lisa Keen of Texas; his step children: Brandon, Matt, Jake and Ryan; grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Debra; parents Raymond and Virginia; three brothers: Kenneth, Danny and Mark Stafford.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation rites have been accorded.

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).

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