



## John F Keller

April 10, 1956 - February 9, 2024

Orfordville, WI – John Keller, age 67 passed away peacefully at the Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, IL on February 9th, 2024.

I was born in Dayton, Ohio, and raised in Ann Arbor Michigan. I went to college for a while at the University of Michigan. I then joined the Navy mostly because I didn't want to join the Army and be stuck in Vietnam's muddy foxholes. After completing training, I was sent to Vietnam with a tank landing ship and served there for a few years. I later served on a destroyer that was sent to Athens, Greece. While on that destroyer, I was part of an accident where a boiler tank exploded and I was injured by shrapnel. I was medically evacuated to Gibraltar, where they removed the shrapnel, including some from my eyes. A few other shipmates were also injured, thankfully nobody was killed. I then recovered from the accident and continued my services at a Navy repair station and eventually retired from the Navy.

One day, while walking down the street in 1986, I was hit by a car going approximately going 65 miles per hour. I was severely injured after having my body pinned against another cars bumper and I needed a number of surgeries over the years to rebuild my right leg. I was constantly in pain throughout a long period after the collision. The leg was eventually not salvageable and was amputated in 2012. I have since used a prosthetic.

I later worked as the lead engineer for a boiler room at a medical center in Maryland. After that, I took on a role in a Texas-based security company and worked in executive protection operations, mostly with the music industry. I particularly enjoyed the experience of touring with the band Phish from 2003-2007 while I helped them with security

I have two sons and a wife, I met my wife while in Janesville, where I had been stationed as a navy recruiter. I lived in Italy with my family for three years. I like to fish, hunt, and read. My son In Wisconsin works in construction and has been a great partner for hunting and fishing. My other son lives in Texas. I primarily rely on my wife and my local son for support.

John is survived in death by his wife Angelika Keller; his sons, Micheal (Tori) Keller and Sean Keller; Grandkids, Cole and Gavin, and John's brother Frank (Paula) Keller.

John is proceeded in death by his parents E John and Nancy Keller.

Per John's wishes no services will be held, cremation rites have been accorded.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ John was always a great patron and storyteller on his visits to Brodhead Memorial Public Library. He was a joy to see. We loved his stories and he was always kind. A few years back, we arranged to have him honored with a Quilt of Valor. He will be missed.

Angela Noel - February 21, 2024 at 01:13 PM

CI

“ Leona and I send our condolences. Thinking of all the pool games we played. Stopping off after work "for a beer or 2". what great memories, Thanks for dragging me around to all the great jobs we had. great times Va. Beach and Salisbury. What a great Engineer, a true friend. You will be missed. Anchors away shipmate. Godspeed

Charles Gray II - February 13, 2024 at 09:12 AM

LB

“ Love, Joanie Boney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F Keller.

Love, Joanie Boney - February 12, 2024 at 09:44 PM

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“ Love, Joanie Boney purchased the Veteran Memorial Wooden Flag - Navy for the family of John F Keller.



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“ I am thinking of all of the Keller family, we had alot of great times as neighbors, we had so many conversations about everything big or small, we just clicked. Rest in Peace John, I will remember you most for reading your books on your bench in the sun.

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**Tina** - February 12, 2024 at 09:12 PM