



## John Walter Klimkowski Jr.

February 7, 1945 - May 16, 2022

John W. Klimkowski, Jr. a resident of Lower Bank, NJ for the past 17 years, passed away on Monday, May 16, 2022, at the age of 77. Born on February 7, 1945, at Abington Memorial Hospital in Northeast Philadelphia Pa., he is the son of John Sr. and Maryann (nee Wadas) Klimkowski. John was the eldest of five siblings: Theresa (John Shirey); Elaine (niece Wendy), Frances Blum (niece Carrie) and Cyndy (Ron Welsh). John was raised on the family produce farm where he spent most of his life living in Jacksonville (Springfield Twp) New Jersey. He attended All Saints Parochial School in Burlington, NJ. In 1963, John was a member of the first graduation class of Northern Burlington County Regional High School in Mansfield Township, NJ. John entered military service in 1965 with the U.S. Army completing Basic Training at Fort Dix, NJ; Jump School at Fort Benning, GA and Field Artillery training at Fort Sill, OK. He then deployed with the 173rd Airborne Brigade "Sky Soldiers" to Viet Nam in 1966. Upon returning from Viet Nam, he was transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve completing his obligation in September 1971. John tended to the family farm before joining the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 542 in 1976. He spent nearly his entire career as a heavy equipment operator for Henkels & McCoy, Inc as the leading 'by name request' for all construction projects.

John was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Holy Cross Post 417 Catholic War Veterans, where he played Santa Claus for approximately 35 years, and a member of Post 0115 The American Legion. John met his first

wife, Kathleen V. (nee Harrington) Klimkowski (deceased) in 1964 and were married in September 1968. They remained married until her battle with cancer ended in August 2000. John had four sons with Kathy: John III (Caroline nee Hall), Michael (Michelle Fiorito), Andrew, and Thomas. John's grandchildren include Kaity Kaczor (Jordan) and Isabella Klimkowski, and one Great Grandson, Wyatt Kaczor. During their marriage, John and Kathy enjoyed family gatherings, hunting, events at the Catholic War Veterans, traveling and visiting historic sites while raising their sons who are forever grateful for preparing them for life. In 2001, John met Shirley Corson and they wed in 2005. Both John and Shirley enjoyed the simple things in life, such as auctions, flea markets, farm fairs, and special friends at the American Legion. Shirley's children, who also loved John very much, are Deborah Fortin (Bill), Beverly Craft (Dave), and David Craft (AnneMarie). Her grandsons are Eric Fortin and Jayden Craft.

John will be forever missed but never forgotten. His kindness and jovial sense of humor will be remembered by everyone who had the pleasure of being in his company. A farmer at heart, John loved nature, animals, and his family. Friends and Relatives are invited to visit with John's family on Friday, May 20th from 5-8pm and 9-10am on Saturday May 21st at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street, Mount Holly NJ, 08060. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday May 21st at 10:30am at Sacred Heart Church, 260 High Street, Mount Holly NJ 08060. Interment at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery will be private.

In lieu of Flowers, donations can be made in John's honor to Tunnels to Towers Foundation - <https://t2t.org/> or All Saints Church in Burlington, NJ.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399

## Viewing

MAY 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 21. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly  
260 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Walter Klimkowski Jr.*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *John Walter Klimkowski Jr.*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *My two memories are as follows: (1) His dedicated service to our Country in Nam when it was not popular. Never complained, moaned or expressed an opinion to me. Just served and served with pride. A great example to his sons who he loved very much. (2) A story from my wife, Barbara, a first cousin. It seems when she started nursery school there was a group of harassing boys. A quick discussion with her cousin led to resolution with them. "Don't mess with her or else". Problem solved as re relates it. A big strong man. with a warm and strong heart, even at a young age.*

**Richard Buff** - May 22, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..*



May 21, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..* ”



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May 20, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *Angela & Remo Cefalo purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..* ”



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**Angela & Remo Cefalo** - May 20, 2022 at 08:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..* ”



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May 19, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..* ”



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May 19, 2022 at 07:51 PM

SU

“ Sorry to hear John passed...he was a kind man. Praying that u feel God's comforting arms around you. Suzanne Sue(Freck)

Sue - May 19, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..



May 19, 2022 at 01:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..



May 19, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..



May 19, 2022 at 11:05 AM

YW

“ *Your wife. purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..*



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**Your wife.** - May 19, 2022 at 08:46 AM

TG

“ *The Step-Children and Grandchildren purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..*



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**The Step-Children and Grandchildren** - May 19, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..*



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May 18, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Walter Klimkowski Jr..*



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May 18, 2022 at 10:32 AM