



John A. Marth

July 3, 1939 - May 5, 2026

John A. Marth, age 86 of Kankakee passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. He was born on July 3, 1939 in Bonfield, the son of Paul and Ellen (Kukuck) Marth. John married Cora Burkhalter on August 6, 1961 at First Evangelical Church in Kankakee.

John was a farmer and a Director on the Farm Service Board. John sang in many Kankakee Valley Theater productions. He was a member of the barbershop chorus called Spirit of Illinois. John was a Mason. He enjoyed golfing.

John was a member of Grace Community United Methodist Church in Bourbonnais. He was a member of the choir at his church.

Surviving is his wife, Cora of Kankakee; two daughters, Joy Harms (Edward Frantz) of Cullom, Janet (Bud) Cunningham of Greenfield, IN; one sister, Phyllis Milkereit of Kankakee; one brother-in-law, Darrell Burkhalter of Vermont; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Marth of Bourbonnais, Marianne Burkhalter of Bradley; three grandchildren, Matthew (Robyn) Harms, Jacob (Suellan) Harms, Grace Cunningham; and many nieces and nephews.

John is preceded in death by his parents; one sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Hugh Hulsey; one brother, Weldon Marth; three brothers-in-law, Roy Milkereit, Dale Burkhalter, and Daniel L. Burkhalter Jr.

Memorial visitation will be held from 4-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2026 at Grace United Methodist Church,

Bourbonnais. Inurnment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church in Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Service

MAY **15**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Community United Methodist Church
735 Main NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-4011

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *I always enjoyed being in the choir with John. His quiet demeanor and beautiful voice were an inspiration! My sincere sympathies to you, Cora!*

Dorci Schoolman - May 11 at 07:40 PM

PW

“ *Hi Janet,
Very sad & sorry to hear about your father passed. May god give him rest in peace (RIP).*

Prashant Wani - May 06 at 11:47 PM

BS

“ *Dear Janet,
I'm sorry to see that your dad passed. 🙏❤️
Beth (Griffith) Schafer*

Beth (Griffith) Schafer - May 06 at 07:44 PM

BF

“ *Deepest sympathy to Aunt Cora, Joy & Janet and your families for your loss. I will always remember Uncle John's quiet strength, and his beautiful singing voice.*

Niece Beth

Beth Fuqua - May 06 at 06:08 PM

DB

“ *John's kind heart, his calm presence and his wonderful singing voice will long be remembered.*

Debi Barrone - May 06 at 10:42 AM