



John Jensen

February 13, 1944 - December 17, 2013

John E. Jensen, age 69, of Princeton died at his home on Tuesday, December 17, 2013.

John was born on February 13, 1944, in Princeton to William and Mary Jensen, the third of ten sons. He graduated from Princeton High School in 1962 where he excelled in football. After graduation, John enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and completed his basic training at Camp Pendleton, California. Upon his graduation from basic training, John was named the Platoon Honorman as the outstanding recruit in his platoon. He proudly served in the Marines until 1966, and his service included two tours in Vietnam. After completing his service, John returned to Princeton and was employed at Jones and Laughlin (later LTV) Steel in Hennepin as a foreman for 35 years until his retirement. During his tenure at J & L, John and his crew were recognized on a number of occasions for their exemplary performance. For the past several years he has worked at Piehl Motors in Princeton. John had waged a valiant struggle with cancer over the past two years.

John is survived by his son Michael (Connie) Jensen of Great Falls, Montana, and daughter Marla Jensen of Princeton, along with grandsons Cade and Lane Jensen of Great Falls, granddaughter Kirsten Jensen of Great Falls, and grandson Luke Jensen of Princeton. Also surviving are eight brothers—Bill (Judy), Greg (JoAnn Sheldon), and Larry, all of Princeton; Bob of Chicago; Jim (Teresa) of Plano, IL; Gary (Deb) of Dublin, OH; Thomas of Peoria, and Steven (Pam) of Machesney Park, IL, as well as numerous nieces, nephews,

and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kevin. Once a Marine, always a Marine. John's life was greatly influenced by his Marine Corps years whether in his neat as a pin apartment, the meticulous care he gave to his vehicles, his daily regimen of push-ups, the fresh-from-the-laundry appearance of his clothing, or his no-nonsense style of leadership. Like a lot of Marines he thoroughly enjoyed good times with friends sharing stories or a good laugh.

Services and a celebration of John's life will be held at a future date.

Arrangements are being made by Norberg Memorial Home in Princeton.

Condolences may be offered at www.norbergfh.com. Cremation has been accorded. Burial of his urn will be at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Sterling Wilbert Crematory

Sterling, IL