



## John Nelson Sill

October 12, 1930 - November 27, 2023

John Nelson Sill, age 93, passed away November 27, 2023, in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

John was born October 12, 1930, in Beloit, WI. He was the oldest of six children born to Arthur Vernon and Vida May (Johnson) Sill. The family lived in Durand, IL until moving to Roscoe, IL in 1946.

In 1951 John joined the Army. During basic training he was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He then was sent to Korea where he served until the end of the war in 1953. While there he ran a bulldozer, making roads and clearing land for camps and artillery. After returning from Korea, John worked farm and construction jobs and learned to run a backhoe. He joined Operating Engineers Local 139 in 1962, and remained a proud member until his death. He continued running backhoes and other heavy equipment until his retirement in 1992.

Also in 1962, John met and fell in love with Patricia Ann Drew. John and Pat were married January 25, 1963. Their son, John Raymond Sill was born in 1964. The family lived near South Beloit, IL until 1977 when they moved to Lone Rock, WI.

John had many hobbies, but his favorites were gardening and woodworking. If he ever had any free time, he could be found with a pocket knife, whittling a duck or a ball in a cage. He also loved going to auctions. He has many sheds full of “treasures” that he brought home through the years.

John knew how to do just about anything. He did his own electrical work, plumbing, small and large engine repair, you name it, he could do it. And he was never too busy to help any friend or neighbor who needed a hand.

John was friendly and could visit with anyone. He always had a story to share about life on the farm, in the war, or on the job, and always told them with a smile on his face and laughter in his voice. His friendliness and helpfulness will be missed by all who ever met him.

John is survived by Patricia, his loving wife of 60 years, his son John and wife Cathy, grandsons Matthew (Symantha) and Aaron, great grandson Maddox, four sisters – Eunice Vanlue, Leona Pickers, Arlene Schmoltdt, and Margaret (Tom) Mallicoat, sister-in-law Cilla

Sill, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Milton.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 11:00 AM with visitation from 9:00 AM until the time of services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hillpoint, WI. Burial with military gravesite rites will be on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 10:00 AM by VFW Post 2306 at Floral Lawn Cemetery in South Beloit, IL. The Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center assisted the family with arrangements.

Special Thanks to the staff of Harvest Guest Home, Richland Center, and St. Croix Hospice for taking care of John in his final months, to our church family at St. John's for their support, to Clary Memorial Funeral Service for their help with funeral arrangements, and to other special friends who were always there when we needed them. [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Lawn Cemetery

835 Dearborn Ave.  
South Beloit, IL 61080

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
S6007 State Road 154  
Hillpoint, WI 53937

## Funeral Mass

DEC 1. 11:00 AM - 11:40 AM (CT)

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Hillpoint, WI 53937

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ I will surely miss John! Our weekly lunches were a treasure for all of us with Johns humor and talks we all had. He was such a wonderful man and friend! Rest in Peace, John. We love you. Hugs and heartfelt love for Pat and family!  
Love, Mel and Cindy

Cindy Plummer - March 06, 2024 at 10:26 AM

GP

“ extending warm thoughts of sympathy---ginger parkhurst & david slesarik

ginger parkhurst - December 03, 2023 at 02:40 PM

GS

“ Ginger Parkhurst/david Slesarik lit a candle in memory of John Nelson Sill



ginger parkhurst/david slesarik - December 03, 2023 at 02:38 PM

CS

“ Sorry Pat to learn of the passing of your Dear husband but he was able to live a long life. You were very devoted to him when he could not be home and you will never regret that. Sending warm sympathy to you and your family.  
Warmly,  
Charleen



Charleen Studnicka - November 30, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Nelson Sill.



November 30, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John Nelson Sill.*



November 30, 2023 at 11:44 AM

TD

“ *The Drew's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Nelson Sill.*

**The Drew's** - November 30, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Nelson Sill.*



November 30, 2023 at 10:54 AM

LM

“ *Love, Darlene, Todd, Joelle & McKayla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Nelson Sill.*

**Love, Darlene, Todd, Joelle & McKayla** - November 30, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Nelson Sill.*



November 30, 2023 at 07:56 AM

LF

“ *Love your sister, Arlene and her family. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of John Nelson Sill.*



**Love your sister, Arlene and her family.** - November 29, 2023 at 05:01 PM

RH

“ 8 files added to the album Family visits



Rhonda - November 29, 2023 at 04:49 PM

BW

“ We were saddened to hear of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.  
Bruce and Virginia Welsh

Bruce Welsh - November 29, 2023 at 11:39 AM

RC

“ Randy, Darlene and Cilla purchased the Country Basket Bloom  
s for the family of John Nelson Sill.



Randy, Darlene and Cilla - November 29, 2023 at 08:37 AM

BR

“ To the family and friends of John Nelson Sill, another  
Comrade has been called to the high command. He has  
gone to the commander of us all. He offered his service to  
our country in a time of national need and is now enrolled in  
that great spirit army whose footfalls cause no sound. But in  
the memory of man, their souls go marching on. Because of  
them, our lives are free, because of them the world is blessed. Our deepest  
condolences from Bower-Gunnill-Dalton VFW Post 2267, Richland Center, WI.



Bower-Gunnill-Dalton VFW Post 2267, Rich - November 29, 2023 at 01:24 AM

CP

“ 1 file added to the album Weekly get together. Will miss you so much, John!



Cindy Plummer and Mel Payne - November 28, 2023 at 08:29 PM

CP

“ Mel and I have loved all the years our group met for lunch! So much fun! We will miss you so much John. Rest In Peace my friend! Praying for you and your family, Pat! Love you.....

Cindy Plummer and Mel Payne - November 28, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Nelson Sill.



November 28, 2023 at 05:47 PM

MW

“ A special memory was when I offered to spend the day with John so that you Pat could enjoy a day with either family or friends. I thought what will I talk about or how will I keep John's interest. I happened to see a small booklet on the stand someone put together of the story of his life. I ask if I could look at it. He said sure. I know longer had to wonder how will I be able to keep John's interest. Beautiful story and beautiful life lived.

Margaret Wermund - November 28, 2023 at 05:29 PM