



## John Wayne Royal

May 16, 1957 - December 26, 2014

John Wayne Royal, 57, of Monrovia, suddenly passed from this life on Friday, December 26, 2014, while at work in Indianapolis. He was born on May 16, 1957, in Martinsville, to Leo Kermit and Lou Ann (Fluke) Royal.

John graduated from Martinsville High School. At a very young age he developed a strong work ethic, Christian faith, and interest in racing. As a teenager, John drag raced motorcycles and often ran his '69 Camaro around town with friends, where it was determined he liked to Go Fast! He was fascinated with anything with wheels and worked on the open road "driving his life away" in his semi for various trucking companies in Indianapolis. Above all, he cherished spending time with family and friends at various go-kart and sprint races at the local tracks in Paragon, Brown County and Columbus. John lived life by motivating and encouraging others around him. John was the patriarch of his family and selflessly put others before himself. Known as the "gentle giant," he truly cared for people and served as a role model mentoring his sons and their friends. John's loving and uplifting personality will be missed by all who were blessed to know him. He had a large group of friends, but to John, they were his "best" friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Kermit Royal.

Survivors include the love of his life and wife of 33 years, Jackie (Woodall)

Royal, to whom he was united in marriage on August 1, 1981; sons, Ajaye and Aaron Royal of Monrovia; mother, Lou Ann (Fluke) Royal of Martinsville; brothers, Jimmy Royal of Greenwood, Jerry Royal of Illinois, Jack Royal of Martinsville; sisters Joyce Gillaspy of Martinsville and Julie Lee of Martinsville; many nieces and nephews; special niece and nephew, Krista and Eric Royal and special great nephew, Brantlee St. John.

Friends and family are invited to visit from 4 to 8pm, on Tuesday, December 30, 2014, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, Monrovia. A celebration of life service will be held at 1pm, on Wednesday, December 31, 2014, at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Cemetery, in Wilbur. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family to help offset funeral expenses c/o Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, 585 E. Main Street, Monrovia IN 46157. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olive Cemetery

4501 Wilbur Road  
Martinsville, IN 46151

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

## Celebration of Life

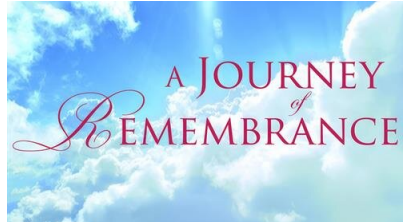
DEC 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of John Wayne Royal*



**Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel** - December 29, 2014 at 05:01 PM



*Love this thank you for sharing Rip. John*

**Joyce Lindsay** - December 29, 2014 at 10:55 PM

KC

“ *Kay Clutts lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal*



**Kay Clutts** - January 01, 2015 at 07:55 PM



“ *Patricia Greene Morgan lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal*



**Patricia Greene Morgan** - December 31, 2014 at 07:14 PM



Patricia  
Greene

*My deepest sympathy to the families of John Royal and Jackie, Jack & Teresa Royal, Julie Lee ,Woodall, Royal family and all their family and loved ones.*

**Patricia Greene Morgan** - December 31, 2014 at 07:21 PM

MS

“ *Mike Swango lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal*



**Mike Swango** - December 31, 2014 at 08:37 AM

DD

“ *Delbert Davis lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal*



**Delbert Davis** - December 31, 2014 at 07:48 AM

DD

*To Lou Ann, Jackie, all my Royal cousins, and John's friends. Penny and I are so sorry for your loss. May John rest in peace.*

**Delbert Davis** - December 31, 2014 at 07:51 AM

MS

“ Just sit and had a talk with John at Poes a couple of weeks ago. We caught up on old times. I had not seen him much since we were teenage kids. We talked about our circle of teenage friends and Martinsville. Jackie got up from there table and said she was going to go start the car, Otherwise we would have talked till they closed the doors. Rest in peace my friend ! Michael C Sink.

Michael C Sink - December 31, 2014 at 07:25 AM

RF

“ Ronald & Claire Fluke lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal



Ronald & Claire Fluke - December 30, 2014 at 04:12 PM

MF

“ Mindy Fishel lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal



Mindy Fishel - December 30, 2014 at 05:55 AM



“ Jackie I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I will be thinking of you and your family. Keep in touch, God bless you! All my sympathy! My heart aches for you. PAM (Pitts) Bowman

Pam Bowman - December 29, 2014 at 07:31 PM

CH

“ *Express deepest sympathy to Jackie!!!*



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**Carma Hart** - December 29, 2014 at 07:00 PM



“ *My prayers are with all of you at this time of mourning. I personally didn't know John but Jackie was my best friend in High School and I am truly sorry for your loss.*



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**Bobbie Castner** - December 29, 2014 at 04:30 PM

RH

“ *John was a caring compassionate person, a fun cousin and overall good guy. I'm praying for Jackie and the boys to have peace and to carry on well in life. Make Johnny proud. Love to you all. Rhonda & Richard Hash and Family (Rhonda's mom was Kay Fluke Campbell)*



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**Rhonda Hash** - December 29, 2014 at 01:37 PM

KH

“ *Kelsey Hildenbrand lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal*



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**Kelsey Hildenbrand** - December 29, 2014 at 11:51 AM

SS

“ *Shelly Schultz lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal*



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**Shelly Schultz** - December 29, 2014 at 10:40 AM

JK

“ *Janie Peeden Knuffke lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal*



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**Janie Peeden Knuffke** - December 29, 2014 at 08:54 AM

DT

“ *My prayers are with Jackie and all his loved ones, you have always been a great husband and father, Rest in peace John, God only takes the best! See you again my friend.*

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**Deanna Newman Taylor** - December 29, 2014 at 04:17 AM

SC

“ *Many many fond memories of family reunions and times together as children. So very proud of the man he grew into ... our family sends condolences to his loved ones, especially his mother, Louanne. You leave a beautiful legacy, John. Rest in peace.*



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**Susan and Nelson Cramer** - December 28, 2014 at 09:47 PM

TG

“ R.I.P. John Royal. Praying God will comfort the family during these difficult times.



Terri (Thacker) Gilbreath - December 28, 2014 at 09:45 PM

Megan Ward

“ John and Jackie were both so kind to me and always made me feel welcome. John had an amazing sense of humor and was an incredible role model for his sons. I will deeply miss him and be forever grateful for the short amount of time that I knew him. Rest in peace.



Megan Ward - December 28, 2014 at 08:17 PM

JF

“ Sincere condolences to the family, may he rest in a Eternal Peace !

Josephine Foster - December 28, 2014 at 08:11 PM

TC

“ John was there for me, when my beloved brother Russell passed, I enjoyed his company, John could keep a conversation going, he had the gift of gab. Bless You John, you are now reunited with loved ones whom passed before you. The Lord has opened his arms and welcomed you home.

Love,  
Teresa Fluke Clark

Teresa Clark - December 28, 2014 at 08:00 PM

JS

“ RIP JOHN YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY MANY. I REMEMBER YOU WHEN YOU USED TO DRIVE YOUR CAMERO AND YOUR BIKE I ALWAYS HEARD YOU COMING, MIKE AND I WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT YOU THE OTHER DAY. OUR HEARTS ARE BROKEN. WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS JACKIE JULIE AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY, YOU ARE IN HEAVEN NOW, GOD BLESS YOU.

Joyce Lindsay/ Schaeffer - December 28, 2014 at 05:02 PM

SS

“ Shelby Schutte lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal



Shelby Schutte - December 28, 2014 at 05:00 PM

JS

“ Joyce Lindsay/ Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal



Joyce Lindsay/ Schaeffer - December 28, 2014 at 04:59 PM

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“ Prayers to you all. May God be with you in this time of need



Ashley Sessions (Harpold) - December 28, 2014 at 04:44 PM

SM

“ Steve & Penny MAJORS lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal



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**Steve & Penny MAJORS** - December 28, 2014 at 04:30 PM

AC

“ Angie Cook lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal



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**Angie Cook** - December 28, 2014 at 04:10 PM

TM

“ Tonya Murphy lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Royal



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**Tonya Murphy** - December 28, 2014 at 03:11 PM