



John R. Byer, 72, of Decatur, died Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at Adams Memorial Hospital. John was born in Decatur on April 15, 1943 to the late Russell and Genevieve (Kitson) Byer. On November 18, 1967, he married Dixie A. Brown.

John was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and served on the Parish Council. He was a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. J.J. Seimetz Council 864, where he was a Past Grand Knight.

He served as a Councilman for Adams County and retired as County Superintendent for the County Highway Department, prior to that he was the manager for D & R Body Shop and also worked at Schwartz Ford. John served his country in the United States Air Force during Vietnam and was also a member of the American Legion Post 43. He was also a volunteer firefighter for the city.

John is survived by his wife of 48 years, Dixie A. Byer of Decatur; son, John C. (Mary) Byer of Decatur; three daughters, Andrea M. Byer and Molly J. (Kevin) McIntire both of Decatur and Kathy (Paul) Sanderson of Bridgeman, MI; brother, Raymond J. (Nancy) Byer of Phoenix, AZ; four sisters, Lucy (Bob) Regal of Indianapolis, Judy Hodges of Austin, TX, Rose Dugan of Cleveland, OH and twin sister Jane (Gary) Coffee of Ft. Wayne; 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ann Brockmeyer.

Visitation will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 19, 2016 at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home, with reciting of the Holy Rosary at 3:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at the St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, with calling from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the St. Mary's Parish Hall. Father David Voors will be officiating.

Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post #43 Color Guard.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic School or Zion Lutheran School.

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