



John Arthur Hillock

February 4, 1936 - February 8, 2017

John Arthur Hillock, age 81, of Pickford, Michigan, died Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at the Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born February 4, 1936, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Merrill and Valarie Hillock.

John grew up in Pickford and graduated from Pickford High School in 1954. He attended Coyne Electrical School, graduating in August 1956. He served in the United States Army from 1959 to 1961. He was working at Lipsett Chevrolet in Pickford when he met Clara Mae Cottle. They were married on June 8, 1963 at the Pickford Presbyterian Church. John obtained his electrical license in 1967 and then owned and operated Hillock Electric for many years. In 1977, he began working for the State of Michigan as the local electrical inspector, retiring in 1997.

John was very active in the Pickford Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and in many other positions in the church. He was also very active in the American Legion Post #363 since its formation.

John is survived by his wife, Clara; sons, Myron (Shawna) Hillock of Gwinn, Michigan, and Dean (Kathleen) Hillock of Negaunee, Michigan; daughter, Sandra (Paul) Boucher of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Ashley (Robert), Kyle, Steven, Eric, Katie, Courtney, Kevin, Abby, and Kimberly; and one great grandchild, Brooklyn. He is also survived by two sisters, Lorma (Lyle) Ames of

Pickford and Tucson, Arizona, and Carol O'Connor of Austin, Texas.

John was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Larry, Richard "Dick", and Hartwell Hillock.

Visitation will be held Sunday, February 12, from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. and Monday, February 13, from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129, in Pickford.

Funeral services will begin at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, February 13, at R. Galer Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan, following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the E.U.P. 308 W. 12th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or Superior Health Support Systems (SHSS), 1501 W. 6th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 for the Pickford Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
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Visitation

FEB 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Arthur Hillock*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *John Arthur Hillock*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *John Arthur Hillock*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Clara and family..... We were saddened to hear of the loss of a good friend of 41 years. John was a good man, and we are going to miss seeing him in our annual visits. May he rest in peace.*

Ken and Kate Heikkinen

Ken and Kate Heikkinen - February 10, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, had a a lot of god times with him in the Late 50s*

Bill Clegg - February 10, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Arthur Hillock.*



February 10, 2017 at 10:38 AM



“ *I only knew John and his so faithful wife, Clara while they were at the Hospice of the EUP but I will always cherish the friendly nods and soft spoken "thank you" when I visited John..a real gentleman who even in his last days displayed such manly gentility. I only marveled at the total dedication of marital love exhibited by the ever present Clara. I missed their company this week since I was ill...My heartfelt thoughts are with the family..I hope to see you all at the service at Galer's when it is announced!*

Tom Kelly - February 09, 2017 at 12:16 PM



I will always remember John for his fierce devotion and loyalty to the Veterans in our community and the American Legion Post as well as the development of the Military collection and exhibit area of the Pickford Area Historical Society Museum. His support has always been, and will always be deeply appreciated and never forgotten.

Dianne Schmitigal - February 09, 2017 at 01:33 PM



Our deepest sympathy to Clara and family..John will be missed in our community..

Sharon Beacom - February 09, 2017 at 07:13 PM

VH

Dear Clara Mae, my heart goes out to you in your loss. Having just lost Gene in December, I realize that your sorrow will be almost unbearable, to be comforted only by our Heavenly Father.

Vera Harrison - February 09, 2017 at 08:12 PM



Thoughts and prayers to the Hillock family. John was a man with a huge heart, and I so enjoyed the many days of waiting on him at Main Street Cafe. He will be so missed

Mixhelle Tobias - February 09, 2017 at 10:04 PM

JF

Clara, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. John was a huge asset to our community and especially Marquette Township. He definitely is going to be missed.

Jan Fehner - February 10, 2017 at 12:11 AM

AT

Very sorry for your loss or thoughts and prayers are with you . Craig and Ann Marie trotter

Ann marie trotter - February 13, 2017 at 09:17 AM