



John W. Westerhoff

March 6, 1939 - September 3, 2022

John W. Westerhoff, 83, of Kankakee, passed away Saturday, September 3, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones at his home following a brief illness.

He was born March 6, 1939, in Kankakee the oldest son of Marvin R. and Norman J. (McInturf) Westerhoff. John graduated from Kankakee High School in 1957, where he once infamously filled the swimming pool with ducks from Bird Park.

On December 30, 1961, he married Joan M. Reardanz at St. Martins of Tours in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on January 24, 2008.

John loved all his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren with all his heart. He enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas with Joan, bottled Coca-Cola, 3K Pizza on Friday night, ice skating, dogs (especially his Tootsie Roll), and John Wayne movies. John began his career at Spudnut Donut and worked for Roper Stove in Kankakee. He spent most of his career as a production supervisor at various plants around the county, eventually retiring from Excel Packaging in 2014. His real passion, though, was on the ballfield. John was the biggest fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, attending several World Series at the Old Busch Stadium. He coached hundreds of young ball players in the Kankakee area in Little League, Pony League, American Legion Post 85, ending his coaching career in 1980 with the semi-pro team the Pacers.

Surviving are one daughter, Tami (Jeff) Kinkade of Kankakee; one son, Richard Westerhoff (Kelli Marsalli) of New York; three grandchildren, Dr. Clinton Kinkade (Dr. Tori Lee) of Massachusetts; Rachel (Zach) Sell of Oklahoma, and Mackenzie Kinkade (Tim Keown) of Kankakee; two great grandchildren, Bryer and Winnie Sell of Oklahoma; one brother Dr. Thomas (Sally) Westerhoff of Quincy; two sisters-in-law, Jane Westerhoff of Bourbonnais and Linda Haney of Tennessee; two brothers-in-law, Gary Reardanz of Kankakee and Dennis Reardanz of Kankakee; and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, he is preceded in death by two sons, Ty and Dennis Westerhoff; two brothers, James and Andrew Westerhoff; one nephew, Bart Haney; one niece, Nicole Westerhoff-Sanders; and one brother-in-law, Dan Haney.

A Celebration of John's life will be held from 2pm to 5pm on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Uplifted Care of Bourbonnais or the family's wishes.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home

3639 E IL-17

Kankakee, IL 60901

(815) 932-4001

<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Westerhoff*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *I have known John from childhood through adulthood! I played for him in youth and adult baseball! He always inspired me to give my best and play hard! Johns inspiration to me carried on throughout my career as an athlete and coach, he was instrumental in my success in those fields. We also did things together later in life, I will always remember I came over to see him my senior year of college and told him I was getting married in a week and just got an apartment and he said “ get your ass in the car, will go down to the store and get you a bed because I know you don’t have anything in that apartment “! He was right!😂 he always watched out for me and I always had his back!! Loved John, more than most know!!! 🙏💪💯*

Phil Link - September 17, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John W. Westerhoff.*



September 16, 2022 at 01:46 PM

JZ

“ John was that cute, older guy with a sweet car who dated Joannie Reardanz when I hung out with her younger sister Linda. The 4 of us played many games of Canasta, Joannie and John always won and Linda and I always cried "cheating"! We had fun. He always reminded me of Bobby Darin. He was cool. My prayers for him and his family. I have fond memories.

Jackie Mullinax Ziemer - September 14, 2022 at 09:41 PM

PZ

“ John was an inspiration to many young enthusiastic southside little leaguers over the years. His devotion to the game and to the youth he coached was second to none. My condolences to Johns family and friends.

Paul Ziemer - September 14, 2022 at 04:53 PM

RH

“ John was my baseball coach on and off, from little league allstars, pony and our american legion teams in the 60's and 70's. Taught me so much about the game and how to be a young man playing the sport. He had great passion. Never forget the white spikes he would make for us...just to freak out the other team. RIP Coach! Bullet Bob Hana

Rob Hana - September 14, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John W. Westerhoff.



September 13, 2022 at 11:48 PM

KH

“ *My condolences to the Westerhoff's and Reardanz families! I only had John as a coach in Pony League all stars but he made an impression on a very impressionable 14 year old!*

RIP Coach! And Thanks!

Karl Hildebrand - September 13, 2022 at 09:15 AM

GK

“ *My sincerest sympathies to all of John's family. I grew up with John on the south side of Kankakee and loved his mom and dad.*

Glendal Kilbride - September 12, 2022 at 10:56 PM



“ *Barbara Dams lit a candle in memory of John W. Westerhoff*



Barbara Dams - September 12, 2022 at 02:03 PM