



## John Thomas East Jr.

January 17, 1931 - September 22, 2025

JOHN T. EAST, JR.  
POSEYVILLE, INDIANA

John Thomas East, Jr., 94, of Poseyville, Indiana, born January 17, 1931, to John Thomas East, Sr. and Bessie P. (Robb) East in Stewartsville, Indiana, passed away, Monday, September 22, 2025 at his home in Poseyville, Indiana.

He was a 1st Class Airman in the 13th Bomb Squadron during the Korean War and a member of the American Legion Post 278 in Poseyville, Indiana and the VFW Post 1114 in Evansville, Indiana. He also was a member of the NRA, Carpenters Union for 42 years and the Treeing Walker Breeders and Franciers Association. He was the Bethsaida Cemetery Caregiver for 50 years and was an avid Squirrel and Coon hunter. He played basketball in High School and the Air Force and was known for being a great softball pitcher. Surviving are his wife of 70 years: Fern Marie (Guffey) East; daughters: Pam Wilson (David), Patty Seibert (Mike) and Kim Taylor (Mark); brother: Clifford "Kippy" East; grandchildren: Fred Drone (Grace), Jeremy Wilson (Holly), Mandy Bratton (Kevin), Jerod Offerman (Kate), Jason Offerman (Jackie), Nathan Seibert (Jenni), Amy Schroeder (Gabe), Rachel Cosgrove (Sam), Whittni Dike (John) and Zach Taylor (Natalie); 26 great grandchildren along with numerous nieces & nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; son: Fred East; brothers: Jim,

William, Charlie, Paul, Malcolm, Robert, Elwood and Manford East; sisters: Mae Matthews, Evelyn Reisinger, Grace McPherson, Bonnie Moore and Lois Kroeger.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, September 27, 2025 at the Werry Funeral Home in Poseyville, Indiana with burial to follow in Bethsaida Cemetery near New Harmony, Indiana.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m., Friday, September 26, 2025 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Bethsaida Cemetery Association, PO Box 146, New Harmony, Indiana 47631.

The family would like to thank Heritage Hospice, Maggie, Justine and Rachel for their care and compassion.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethsaida Cemetery

10002 Bethsaida Church Road  
New Harmony, IN 47631

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (Poseyville)  
16 E Fletchall Avenue  
Poseyville, IN 47633  
(812) 874-2418  
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## Service

SEP 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Shauna M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Thomas East Jr..*

Shauna M. - September 30, 2025 at 03:35 PM

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“*Uncle John was a larger than life character in our lives since we were little kids. You could count on him to say exactly what was on his mind and he always offered sage advice such as “stay away from those hairy legged boys”. Not sure why, but I did take that to heart. In the past few years he had taken to periodically calling me and my brother (who he called Tiny Tim, although he is 6’5). I’m not sure how he picked us to call, but I’m glad he did. It was really nice to catch up with him and it made me feel very special. Uncle John was a dedicated and passionate man with a strong personality that drew us to him. Sending love and big hugs to the family.*  
*Shauna (McIntire) Meyer*

Shauna Meyer - September 30, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“*Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Thomas East Jr..*



September 25, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Thomas East Jr..

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“ Mom,Dad,John,Christy,Matt and Jess Drone purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of John Thomas East Jr..



Mom,Dad,John,Christy,Matt and Jess Drone - September 25, 2025 at 01:35 PM