



## John Edward Neidig Jr.

October 5, 1941 - August 13, 2020

John E. Neidig, 78, of Evansville, IN passed away August 13, 2020 at his residence. John was born in Haubstadt, IN., on October 5, 1941 to the late Jack and Viola (Greubel) Neidig. He was a graduate of Ft. Branch High School. He then attended and played basketball at Elon and Evansville Colleges. John used his servant talents caring for Posey, Gibson and Vanderburgh County communities as an Indiana State Policeman (ISP). He worked for many years as a Road Trooper, diver in the Underwater Search and Recovery Unit, and First Sergeant Detective out of the Evansville Post. John received many letters of commendation stating "Trooper Neidig exemplified in the truest tradition the personal sacrifices made daily by a member of the ISP". One such example is when he patrolled the Bull Island Rock Festival for 3 days straight without sleep. He was an active member of the Poseyville Masonic Lodge 632 and Hadi Shrine. He served as one of the first presidents of the Evansville Area Police Alliance. He loved his community and lived to help others. In retirement he enjoyed playing cards with friends, driving the school bus for North Posey, sharing a good meal, and traveling with family and friends. By far the most important aspect of his life was loving and fostering the development of his 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

John is preceded in death by Dorcas his wife of 48 years as well as his brothers Mike and David Neidig. He is survived by their children: John "Paul" Neidig and his wife Jean, Joseph David Neidig and his wife Jenifer; and Lynn Carol Lingafelter and her husband Mark; grandchildren, Ashley Marie Grimes and her husband Charlie, Jessica Mae Cox and her husband Levi, Samantha Rae Neidig, Mason Douglas Lingafelter and his wife Deana, Christopher John Neidig, Kyle Michael Neidig and his wife Erin and Nicholas Paul Neidig; great-grandchildren: Graham Douglas Lingafelter, Emmett John Grimes, Owen Michael Grimes, Eleanor Grace Cox, Bryn Lola Neidig; Brothers and Sisters: Janet Weiss, Sarah (Ed) Drake, Jim (Cindy) Neidig, Tom (Cathy) Neidig, Barbara (Randy) Dike, Larry (Cindy) Neidig, Jackie (Jeff) Steckler, Rita (Greg) Wilzbacher; and many other dearly loved family members and friends.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 am on Tuesday, August 18 at the Roofless Church, New Harmony, IN with ISP Chaplain John Lefler officiating. Burial following at Poseyville Cemetery.

Friends may visit 2-7 pm, Monday, August 17 at Werry Funeral Home, Poseyville Indiana, with a Masonic service at 7:00 PM, and from 9 am until service time Tuesday at the Roofless Church in New Harmony, IN.

Due to the state mandate, the family requests that everyone wear masks and observe social distancing; or as Big John would say, “wear your damn masks”!

In 2011 with the passing Dorcas, The Neidig Family created a memorial fund which supports families in need of funds for preschool or expansion of existing preschool programs for the MSD of North Posey. Friends, family and community members who would like to donate in memory of John Neidig can mail gifts to:

Dorcas Bierbaum Neidig Early Childhood Education Endowment Fund

c/o Posey County Community Foundation

402 Main Street

Mt. Vernon, IN 47620

The family would like to say thank you to the hundreds of friends and family who have supported John and our family throughout his life and on the journey to his heavenly home. He gave us all a most powerful, unconditional love and was faithful throughout all trials, warm in spirit, and devoted to being servant of our Lord.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the family online at [www.werryfuneralhome.com](http://www.werryfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Poseyville Cemetery

1 Lockwood Street  
Poseyville, IN 47633

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG 17. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (Poseyville)  
16 E Fletchall Avenue  
Poseyville, IN 47633  
(812) 874-2418  
4werryfh@gmail.com

### Masonic Service

AUG 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

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### Visitation

AUG 18. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

The Roofless Church  
508 North Street  
New Harmony, IN 47631

### Service

AUG 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

The Roofless Church  
508 North Street  
New Harmony, IN 47631



# Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward Neidig Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM

JP

“ *I am so sorry about your dad. I just heard of his passing from dad who was very sorry he couldn't come due to his health and all the craziness going on. I remember your dad coming by the house to see dad often and I would sit and listen to all their stories of the "fun" things they and our moms got into in several of their vacations together. One thing is for sure your dad had a full And interesting life. Again I'm sorry about your loss but know that he was one heck of a guy and will be telling his tales to a new group of friends.*  
*Jana Pegram Pirtle*

**Jana Pegram Pirtle** - August 24, 2020 at 03:00 PM

RJ

“ *Paul, Joe, Lynn,*  
*I'm so sorry about your loss. I couldn't come because of recent surgery but you are in my thoughts and prayers. I had a lot of conversations over the years with John and had the utmost respect for him and what he stood for. He has been a pillar in Posey County for many years and will be missed.*

**Rick Johnson** - August 22, 2020 at 06:05 PM

LJ

“ *Paul, Joe and Lynn, my condolences of the passing of your father. My remembrance of him having a huge smile and such a great warmth and sincere greating in his voice.*

**Lester Seib, Jr.** - August 20, 2020 at 09:11 PM

CS

“ *Our sincere sympathy to the Neidig family. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Patrick & Carolyn Scheller & family.*



**Carolyn Scheller** - August 18, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Service



Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - August 18, 2020 at 08:10 PM

PM

“ RIP John - sorry I could not be there to say good-by, but you certainly served your state well. Or, as we say here in the South – “You did Good.”

*As sad as I was hearing of your passing, I likewise recalled so many incidents and episodes we shared as Troopers serving Posey County and the Tri-State. In between the routine, the insane, the tragedies and the many unanticipated events we dealt with, there were many amusing and fun times.*

*Rest in Peace Big John, you were well admired and loved.*

*Paul R. Montgomery  
Atlanta, GA*

Paul R. Montgomery - August 18, 2020 at 07:00 PM

KK

“ We have not known John for very long. We certainly enjoyed his humor and kindness. when he became a member of our lunch bunch. We had so looked forward to being able to enjoy time with him again. He will be missed. Our condolences to the family.  
Karl and Carol Koster. Newburgh, IN



Karl and Carol Koster - August 18, 2020 at 12:44 AM

PF

“ Thoughts and prayers for all of you during this sad time. He was a good man. I know my Dad, Eddie, always enjoyed talking with John when he would deliver in Posey county. He sometimes would share a story or two that John told him. 😊 It is never easy to let go, but remember the good times and they will help you through.

*Patti (Morris) and Gary Fraker*

Patti Fraker - August 17, 2020 at 10:02 PM

DM

“ *Mr. Neidig was a fine man. I was saddened to hear of his passing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Dave Mitchell*

Dave Mitchell - August 17, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John Edward Neidig Jr..*



August 17, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John Edward Neidig Jr..*



August 17, 2020 at 03:33 PM

GG

“ *Our prayers are with you, John and your family the 70's & 80's & 90's great times, great friends Rest In Peace Good Man!! The Gerards*

Gary Gerard - August 17, 2020 at 01:35 PM

KC

“ *John Neidig was always so welcoming and nice to our family. We enjoyed him so much. When we moved here, he was one of the first to accept us and include us. He was special to us. Kathy and Todd Camp*

kathy camp - August 17, 2020 at 12:35 PM

RM

“ *Saddened by John's unexpected passing. We are never ready to let our loved ones go, no matter when. Our sincere condolences to all the family and friends. We know he will be missed.*

*Barbara and Raymond Morris*

ray morris - August 17, 2020 at 11:30 AM

CM

“ To Paul, Joe, and Lynn you have my condolences on the passing of your father John E. Neidig. He was a faithful friend and always supported me at North Posey and Princeton Community. He as well as your mother Dorcas were dear friends to my family. Who can ever forget John dressed in his hippie attire at the Bull Island Rock Festival all 6.8 of him supposedly undercover, yea right! Thank you John for all of the wonderful memories and your support. Charles (Coach) Mair and family

Charles Mair - August 17, 2020 at 09:41 AM

EG

“ I remember John coming to the house to visit with my dad, Dr. Geick, for the purpose of discussing his forms for a physical for the ISP. John's height was a great thing for basketball but ISP rules were strict about the maximum height. I think a little fudging on the forms did the trick. Obviously, John found his calling with ISP and did a great job.

Edward Geick - August 16, 2020 at 08:48 PM

BG

“ I had the Privilege of caring for John at different times when he was in the Rehabilitation Hospital. After he figured out who I was and who I married, we became immediate “ Buddies”. I would bring in melon and tomatoes to him. He was certainly a “Gem”!! RIP!!

Brenda Grigsby R.N., CRRN

Brenda Grigsby - August 16, 2020 at 08:27 PM

LT

“ Big John was one of a kind and will be sorely missed.  
He was a big man with an even bigger heart!!  
Our sympathy to his family on your loss.  
Harvey & Lisa Tanner

Lisa Tanner - August 16, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of John Edward Neidig Jr..



August 16, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John Edward Neidig Jr..*



August 16, 2020 at 05:16 PM

EH

“ *John was a gentle giant to me in so many ways. I'm so very sorry for your loss.*

Ellen Epperson Hodgen - August 16, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ *. purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of John Edward Neidig Jr..*



. - August 16, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John Edward Neidig Jr..*



August 16, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of John Edward Neidig Jr..*



August 16, 2020 at 12:51 PM

DB

“ *Sweet Neidig family, please know we grieve with you our memories are happy. Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

Doug and Marcia Black - August 16, 2020 at 08:47 AM

RP

“ To all the Neidig family, So sorry for your loss, John was quite a guy!! I used to be president of the Brandenberger Reunion, John and family would come, so would all the other Neidig's, we all would eat home cooked food, play games, dance, and visit each year. His great grandmother and my grandmother were sisters.

*Blessings to all,  
Rosemary Wheeler Parcell*

Rosemary Wheeler Parcell - August 16, 2020 at 08:00 AM

TS

“ So sorry for your loss.



Tammie Seibert - August 15, 2020 at 11:15 PM

SR

“ Sorry to here of Johns passing he was a fine officer and a great person We always could count on him at Lakeview Steve Ralph

steve ralph - August 15, 2020 at 10:05 PM

LN

“ It's going to be awfully quiet mowing Mystic every week without you there...you will be missed. Thoughts and Prayers for Johns family.

*Lynne & Scott Norman*



Lynne Norman - August 15, 2020 at 06:31 PM

EK

“ I always enjoyed seeing John, especially at The Silverbell. He was so much like his dad, just a really nice man! Jim and I are out of town but will be thinking about The Neidig family. Jim and Elise Koester

Elise Koester - August 15, 2020 at 03:43 PM

CH

“ Another of the Good guys Gone way too soon! He was always a good friend! Col. James P. Hollingsworth ISP Retired. Jim.

Col. James P Hollingswortj - August 15, 2020 at 11:50 AM

KB

*My sincere condolences to Paul and Joe and the Neidig family. Your father led a distinguished career in law enforcement. A man of true principle and character. Keith Bagby*

Keith Bagby - August 19, 2020 at 02:04 PM

FS

*“ Families: Sina Murphy, Jerry Hollis, Trish Sugalsk purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of John Edward Neidig Jr..*



Families: Sina Murphy, Jerry Hollis, Trish Sugalsk - August 15, 2020 at 09:45 AM

JD

*“ Judy and Allen Drake , Kitty and Gary Drake purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of John Edward Neidig Jr..*



Judy and Allen Drake , Kitty and Gary Drake - August 15, 2020 at 07:12 AM



*“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - August 14, 2020 at 11:42 PM