



John W. Dicks

September 15, 1930 - December 23, 2019

John Walter Dicks, 89, passed away on the evening of December 23, 2019. In his final days and until his final breath, he was surrounded by his family. John was born in Saline, MI on September 15, 1930 to John Selah Dicks and Una (Lamb) Dicks. He grew up on a farm in that same town and attended school until graduating from Saline High School in 1949. He worked at Universal Die Casting until he joined the Army. He served in Korea for which he was awarded several medals. In 1952, while still in the Army, he met and married his wife of sixty-seven years, Ruby Buzan of Santa Barbara, California. After leaving active duty, he served as an active reservist and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after twenty-eight years of service. In the decades after leaving active duty, he worked as a gunsmith and managed Cochran's Sporting Goods. In the 1980s, he went to work in the Randall Lab at the University of Michigan, from which he retired in 1994. He was an avid outdoorsman and hunter, but his true passion was competitive shooting. He was a distinguished marksman in the Army, where he competed for many years, winning many competitions and earning several awards. John was a longtime member of various organizations including the NRA, Tri-County Sportsmen's League, Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, Saline Masonic Lodge #133, Order of The Eastern Star, The American Legion, and First Presbyterian Church of Saline. He is survived by his wife Ruby, daughter Cindy (Chris) Kelly of Flint, granddaughter Brooke Kelly of Grand Rapids, grandson Christopher Kelly III of Flint, brother Lloyd (Marge) Dicks of Saline, niece and

numerous nephews, and dear friends Paul and Karen Losey. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Roger Dicks, and sister Elizabeth Greene of Medford, Oregon. Family will receive friends on Sunday, December 29, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline with a Masonic service at 5:00 P.M. A funeral service will take place on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to the Saline Masonic Lodge #133 or the Saline American Legion and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Finally, the family would like to thank Victoria's House of Flint, MI and the staff of Heartland Hospice for taking such exceptional care of John in his final days. To sign John's guestbook, leave a memory, for directions, or for more information, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Masonic Service

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline
143 E. Michigan Avenue
Saline, MI 48176
<http://salinepres.org/>

Graveside Service

DEC 30. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery
227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Dicks*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *When I was growing up my uncle was the kind of guy that would give you a good noogie at family gatherings. After I went through Marine Corps boot camp and law enforcement training I could finally talk 45 cal with him. I did get to learn some good things from him. Never did get to do much hunting or shooting with him. He will missed.*

Mark Dicks - December 31, 2019 at 09:43 PM



“ *Well there was one thing about ole Dicks once you got him started on a gun subject he could talk for hours about it RIP*

Theopolis Broadway - December 30, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ *I will miss our talks on a wide variety of subjects . It was very enjoyable to exchange with someone with that combination of wisdom , intelligence and humor . He always had great stories to tell I never could get enough of them . I have many great memories from going out to the old farm when I was a kid . He was always working on a gun he would test it there at the shop in the old days . It was a honor to have known him , my Uncle John .*
Jim Greene

Jim Greene - December 29, 2019 at 10:03 AM

SM

“ Dear Ruby and Cindy,
I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. My family and I have known John most of our lives. My dad, Frank Carter was a good friend and fellow shooter. Mom, Elaine Carter, graduated from high school with him. My brother David worked with John at the U of M lab. I had Mrs. Dicks, his mom as my 4th grade teacher. When my mom passed in October, he called me to see if there was anything he could do for us. That was so kind of him. My prayers are with you all.
Sue (Carter) Mulka

Sue (Carter) Mulka - December 29, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ Ruby,

I am sorry to see the love of your life has passed. A life well lived and a man well loved. Kind thoughts and prayers.

Carter R. Bishop III

Carter Bishop - December 28, 2019 at 08:23 AM

TC

“ I have worked with John as a Michigan Hunter Instructor he taught me many things. Rest in peace Colonel your friend CSM THOMAS CARMICHAEL.

Thomas A Carmichael - December 27, 2019 at 06:07 PM

DW

“ I remember returning from Army basic training and advanced school in the winter of 1986. Dad was the Commander of the American Legion post and John, Frank Carter and Orville Finkbeiner were at the Legion that afternoon when we came up. I remember how honored I was to be congratulated and thought of as a fellow soldier by these men, these Army Veterans I had know growing up. They had a surprise for me, Frank gave me one of his Army Engineer castles he had wore on his uniform. Those three guys made my Dad one of the proudest Dads in town that day. John was always interested in how I was doing, following my career and my shooting with the marksmanship team as he had done. John was there when I returned home from the desert and gave me a knowing handshake, letting me know he understood, he had been there as well. He will always be Mister Dick's to me, even though he always told me to call him John. Thank You Sir, for the honor of knowing you.

Dan Webster - December 27, 2019 at 03:52 PM

TO

“ Peace be upon your soul brother John w.Dicks

Tom Ousman - December 26, 2019 at 09:00 PM