



## John Edward Robbins, 82

August 31, 1942 - March 20, 2025

Sutton resident John Edward Robbins, 82, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, March 20, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of wisdom, service, and creativity.

Memorial services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the Stockham Community Church in Stockham, NE, with Pastor Rick Bartek officiating. In honoring his wish to be cremated, there will not be a visitation or viewing.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated later.

John Edward Robbins was born on August 31, 1942, in Peoria, Ill. He was the cherished son of William Allen Robbins and Flora Leona Marguerite (Hittle) Robbins.

John lived a life defined by curiosity, craftsmanship, and a deep dedication to both his family and his country. A lifelong learner, John mastered every hobby he took on—becoming not only a woodcarver, dulcimer maker and player, and magician, but also a man of immense skill in every endeavor he pursued.

Throughout his life, John wore many hats, holding occupations as a truck driver, locksmith, aerial spray pilot, flight instructor, maintenance electrical

engineer, paratrooper, and bakery worker. He served his country with honor in the U.S. Army from January 1, 1962, to January 1, 1964, as a proud member of the 321st Division Artillery.

He was a husband, a loving father, a grandpa, a treasured brother, a caring uncle, and a loyal friend to many. His presence filled every space with kindness, quiet strength, and thoughtful guidance. Whether flying the skies or whittling wood with his hands, John's work reflected his heart—steady, skillful, and generous.

John was preceded in death by his son, Johnny Allen Robbins, granddaughter, Kourtney Robbins and his sisters, Barbara Kirkman, Pearl Farni, and Marlene DeLeon.

He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Robbins, and his children: Mike Robbins, Cindy Lobeda, Sanya Robbins, Tina Kimball, and Chris Robbins.

John's memory will be lovingly carried on by all who knew him. May he rest in peace, knowing the world is better because he was in it.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

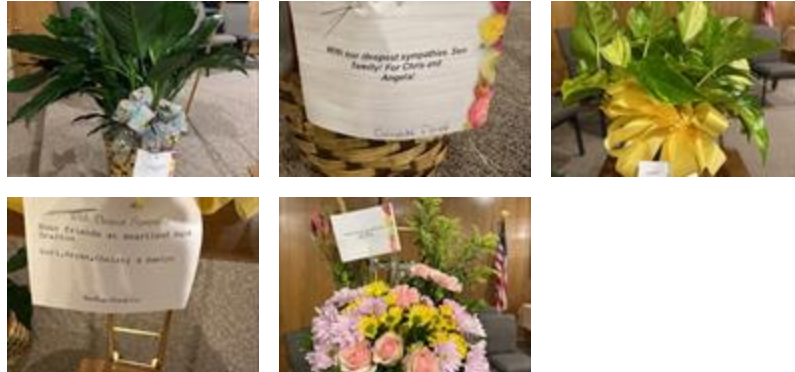
MAR **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Stockham Community Church  
401 Scott Street  
Stockham, NE 68818

# Tribute Wall



“ 16 files added to the album *Flowers*



**Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel** - March 29, 2025 at 01:37 PM

JB

“ *John And Sherrie Bartell lit a candle in memory of John Edward Robbins, 82*



**John and Sherrie bartell** - March 28, 2025 at 08:23 PM

SA

“ *Serr family! For Chris and Angela! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Edward Robbins, 82.*



**Serr family! For Chris and Angela!** - March 28, 2025 at 02:10 PM

BG

“ John was a great woodcarver. He shared his love while carving "the little guys" with so many people. John's love of the dulcimer also shined in his workshop. We will miss his friendship. Many great memories of Gretna carving and having fun with the friendliest people around.

*Tom and Becky Gilbert, North Platte Woodcarvers*

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**Becky Gilbert** - March 26, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Edward Robbins, 82.



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March 25, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Edward Robbins, 82.



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March 23, 2025 at 10:44 PM

BD

“ *John brought smiles and happiness everywhere he went. John was a great teacher and taught me a lot. I will never forget John. Thanks John for sharing your woodcarving skills with me. Rest in peace my friend. Prayers for all the family. Bob*

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**Bob Davis** - March 21, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Edward Robbins, 82.

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March 21, 2025 at 05:17 PM