



John Frederick Moller Sr.

December 28, 1945 - June 20, 2021

John Frederick Moller, Sr., 75, of Johnston, Iowa, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 20, 2021 as he celebrated a special Father's Day surrounded by his family. He was born on December 28, 1945 to Ira and Lucille (Hamilton) Moller at Still Hospital in Des Moines. John grew up as a proud "East Sider" and attended East High School before graduating as a Captain from Kemper Military School in Booneville, Missouri.

John is well-known in the Des Moines area not only for his generosity and selflessness but also for his 50-plus years of service in the funeral industry. Following in his grandfather, Lee Hamilton's footsteps, as well as his father's footsteps, he became a third-generation co-owner of Hamilton's Funeral Homes along with his brother, Bill Moller. Through the years, John served his client families with respect, dignity and grace, providing them with confidence to ensure their every need was met. With the occasional humor thrown in, he soon found himself getting to know families well, as they continued to ask for him when their loved ones died. His passion for the funeral industry as well as caring for the people of Des Moines and surrounding areas is proudly carried on by his son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Debra, and his daughter, Jaime, who will continue to honor his legacy and well-respected reputation.

In 1970, John and his wife, Linda, had a daughter, Joan Michelle. In 1973, they welcomed a son, John Jr. into their Beavertdale home. In 1987, John met

Judy Johnson and together they blended their families to include the addition of a son, Brad and a daughter, Jaime. In 2003, John and Judy wed and their family grew to include their children's spouses, 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren

Aside from helping his family with their needs, John made numerous friends over the years as he loved talking to people whether it was with his coffee club at HyVee in Johnston, a glass of red wine with his friends at Greenbriar or attending a train or a gun show. John's passion for trains soon grew into an entire room where he loved showing his grandkids how the trains ran and the newest car he had added to his collection. In addition, John was a member of many lodges, organizations and groups – too many to name – but most recently was proud of his membership with Lionel Collectors Club of America.

Throughout his 75 years, John was known as a kind and incredibly warm gentleman who helped anyone that needed him. He lit up the room with his smile and personality and wanted to make sure everyone around him was happy. He loved his golden retrievers and enjoyed helping transport rescue goldens in his retirement years.

John was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. He spoiled everyone with his quick wit, charm and love and cherished the opportunities he had to tell a joke, offer advice or simply smile from cheek to cheek to let everyone know it would be okay.

The relationships he developed with each of his family members and friends will be cherished memories as we remember the effect he had on each of us. How blessed you were if you knew John.

John is survived by his wife, Judy, who lovingly cared for him; daughters, Joani (Jeff) of Grimes, IA; Jaime (John) of Altoona, IA; sons, Johnny (Debra) of Ankeny, IA; Brad (Karyn) of Des Moines; grandchildren, Jenna (Gustavo),

Michael, Macey, Mason (Shelby), Brea, Cameron, Kaleb, Macalister, Josie, Maesi, Maddie, Sophie and John Michael; great-grandchildren, Noah and Luca; sister, Norma Lee of Scottsdale, AZ; and brother, Bill of West Des Moines IA; along with many other nieces and nephews. We would be remiss not to mention his beloved dog, Greta, who stayed by his side day and night and will greatly miss him.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his in-laws, Bob and Norma Jeane Schmeling, brothers-in-law, Mike Schmeling and Al Bush; sister-in-law, Jayne Sullivan.

A Celebration of John's life will be on Friday, June 25, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. immediately followed by a time in which we encourage friends and family to share stories honoring John at West Des Moines Christian Church, 4501 Mills Civic Pkwy, West Des Moines. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM Saturday, June 26, 2021 at the church with burial to follow at Masonic Cemetery in Des Moines.

Condolences may be expressed at [DyiamondMemorial.com](https://www.DyiamondMemorial.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to either AHeinz57 Pet Rescue & Transport (4002 Ash Street, De Soto, IA 50069) or Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism (PO Box 2157, Farmington, MA 01703).

All floral deliveries may be made to the West Des Moines Christian Church, 4501 Mills Civic Pkwy, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Live stream the service on Saturday at <https://www.wdmcc.org>

Cemetery Details

Masonic Cemetery

1550 48th St
Des Moines, IA 50311

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

West Des Moines Christian Church
4501 Mills Civic Pkwy
West Des Moines, IA

Time for Sharing

JUN **25**. 7:00 PM (CT)

West Des Moines Christian Church
4501 Mills Civic Pkwy
West Des Moines, IA

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

West Des Moines Christian Church
4501 Mills Civic Pkwy
West Des Moines, IA

Tribute Wall

LR

“ Johnny and Debra,
We are so sorry for your fathers passing. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We're keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.
Kirby and Linda

Linda Roberts - June 26, 2021 at 09:10 AM

NL

“ Judy,Johnny,Joani,Bill and family: I'm so very sad for the loss of John! He was a very loving and kind brother! I know his memory will be blessing for all of us. Lisa and Tom join me in sending along our deepest sympathies and love. We will be viewing via live stream tomorrow his celebration of life service. 🙏

norma lee - June 25, 2021 at 07:04 PM

NL

With love, Norma Lee

norma lee - June 25, 2021 at 07:29 PM

LJ

“ Johnny, Debra and family,
We are so sorry to hear about your father's passing. Sending our sympathies to you and your family. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers, Linda, Sandy and Darlene Josten



Linda Josten - June 25, 2021 at 06:44 PM

BF

“ *Deb, Johnny and the entire family; we are so saddened to hear about the loss of your Dad. Reading his obituary he clearly was a man that meant so much to so many and didn't leave many pieces of life undiscovered.*

We are here for you all in any way we can help you through this loss.

Blaess Family - June 25, 2021 at 02:47 PM

JL

“ *Dear Judy, Joanie, John and family,*

My sincere sympathy to you in the recent death of John. Over the years your family has been friends to our family; good neighbors and Joanie, a special friend of Kim. Family was with us at the time Vic passed away and cared for our funeral arrangements in a special way. He will be missed and my heart goes out to you.

Most Sincerely,

Judy Lundy

Judy Lundy - June 24, 2021 at 11:43 PM

DH

“ *Many wonderful memories!!!! Deepest condolences. Don & Sunny Hollesen Colorado Springs CO.*

Don Hollesen - June 24, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..*



June 24, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ *Jeff & Nancy Roland and the Roland Wilbert Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..*



Jeff & Nancy Roland and the Roland Wilbert Staff - June 24, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ *John was a great guy. Always kind, genuinely was interested in how you were. My condolences to the family.*

Steve Raymond - June 24, 2021 at 01:44 PM

DR

“ To Billy, Judy, Johnny, Debra, Joani, Jaime, and family: We share your grief and wish you strength in the coming days and weeks. I have known John since we were young children, and we worked together for almost 40 years. Even in retirement, he frequently checked in with us to spread cheer and make sure we were well. Like his father, Ira, he treated others with the grace and dignity we all deserve, and he spread kindness wherever he went. He enriched many lives and made our community a better place. We will miss him and treasure the memories, pranks and all. Rest in peace, John.



Jerry Johnson & Debbie Richards

Debra Richards - June 24, 2021 at 09:42 AM

JM

“ John was the most thoughtful and caring man that I have ever known, He was a friend to everyone. This a very sad day for me and many others. If anyone deserves a place in Heaven it would be this man. Rest easy my friend you will be missed.

Jerry Matalone - June 24, 2021 at 08:25 AM

JF

“ Joani's AFSP Central Division Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..



Joani's AFSP Central Division Family - June 24, 2021 at 12:28 AM

LY

“ So sorry for your families loss. John and Judy were very special people in our lives. We met at a Simpson College softball game. We were “freshman” parents of a freshman softball player. Not knowing anyone John and Judy were the first to make us welcome and feel at ease. Their daughter Jamie was on the team and has and still is making a lasting impression on us. It is easy to understand where it all came from, John and Judy. Whether we were in Indianola, Florida, San Diego, Virginia or the NCAA Div 3 finals they were always there to pave the way, showing us the do’s and don’ts and all the places to go and to stay clear. John knew so many people from all walks of life and John greeted all he met, laborer or management, truck driver or lawyer and young and old with the same friendly welcoming smile. Although we hadn’t seen John or Judy for a few years about a year and a half ago when we had an occasion to meet it and it was if we had just been together last week. Remember the past and cherish your memories. We will of John.

Larry & Nancy Young - June 23, 2021 at 11:28 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..



June 23, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..*



June 23, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ *Such a character and nice guy as I knew John through my dad working with him at Hamiltons. So sorry for the loss of this great life he will be missed. My prayers are with John's family at this trying time. 🙏*



Stacey Johnson-Askland - June 23, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..*



June 23, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Loved John! He was always so nice, supportive (along with Judy!). A great man. My heart goes out to the whole family. I am truly sorry.*



Gina - June 23, 2021 at 01:48 PM

MB

“ *John will always be a treasured and blessed memory. My deepest condolences to Judy and family.* ”

mary j. blair - June 23, 2021 at 11:58 AM

LH

“ *Linda and Jim Holcomb purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..* ”



Linda and Jim Holcomb - June 23, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..* ”



June 23, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..* ”



June 22, 2021 at 09:45 PM

VS

“ Vicki Shepherd lit a candle in memory of John Frederick Moller Sr.



Vicki Shepherd - June 22, 2021 at 08:11 PM

VS

“ Judy, Jaime and family: I am so very sorry for your tremendous loss. John had a wonderful (and ornery) personality that made his shine. He will definitely missed by all who knew him. May you all find peace and healing during this time or sorrow and in the days ahead.

Vicki Shepherd - June 22, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..



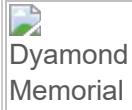
June 22, 2021 at 07:17 PM

JS

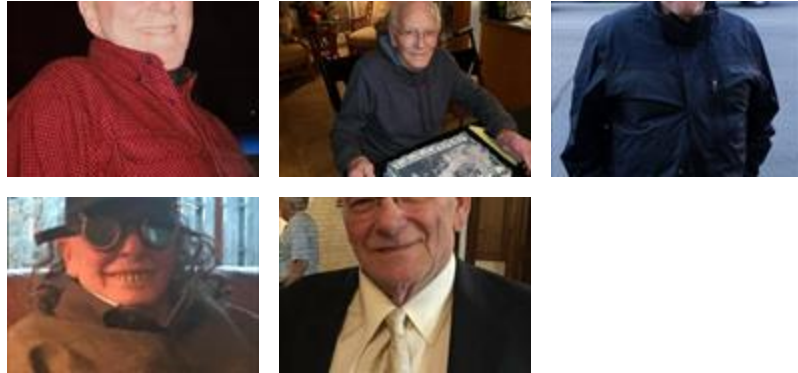
“ He was always so kind to a young boy, who was dealing with so much tragedy, way too early in his life. He always gave me a moment, and my family had to use his services manytimes...so we got to know him quite well.....

J. D. Sampson

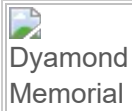
John D. Sampson - June 22, 2021 at 05:32 PM



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Dyamond Memorial - June 22, 2021 at 04:22 PM



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Dyamond Memorial - June 22, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ I met John at Webster grade school. We lived down the street from him. He always was a nice person. I'm not surprised that he was well liked by everyone and will be missed. Barb Rittgers

Barb Diehm - June 22, 2021 at 02:51 PM



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Dyiamond Memorial - June 22, 2021 at 10:52 AM

DE

“ *John was a wonderful person. I got to know him after my son, John Caes married his daughter Jaime, also in the funeral business . He was so kind and funny.*

Delores Ewing - June 22, 2021 at 10:04 AM

JW

“ *John, you and your brother Bill, we're the very first ones who actually made me feel welcomed, when I first started working at Hamilton's, I will never forget that!! Our friendship continued throughout the years, even though there were a few miles separating us. Your mere presence could light up a room, your knack for making people smile, and the ability to put individuals at ease when making funeral arrangements, was legendary. I am but one of many, who will definitely miss you!!*

Jerry Whiteley

Jerry Whiteley - June 22, 2021 at 01:41 AM

RW

“ *Rebecca s Whiteley purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..*



Rebecca s Whiteley - June 22, 2021 at 12:24 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..*



June 21, 2021 at 11:23 PM

RB

“ *Wonderful mentor and coach. My deepest condolences to John Sr's entire family. Truly a legend and one of the best. Ronda Berkey - Chandler AZ*

Ronda Berkey - June 21, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Frederick Moller Sr..*



June 21, 2021 at 07:44 PM

AF

“ *I am so sorry to hear about John. I got to talk to him on the phone after my mom died. He was always so kind and funny. I pray he didn't suffer and that you all have peace. With love Amy Fehn*

Amy Fehn - June 21, 2021 at 06:56 PM