



John Claude Donnelly

January 27, 1927 - February 21, 2024

John Claude Donnelly, a beloved father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on February 21, 2024, at the age of 97. Born on January 27, 1927, to Joseph Patrick and Estelle B. (Vollmer) Donnelly. He married the late Margaret “Jean” (Glancy) Donnelly and shared 70 years together before her passing in 2019.

John was a man known for his simple pleasures and unwavering dedication to his family. He proudly served his Country in the United States Army during World War II.

Throughout his life, John found joy in the everyday moments, from riding his John Deere lawnmower to meticulously hosing down his driveway. He cherished family gatherings, where he could be found with a cold beer in hand, surrounded by loved ones. John took great pride in his grandchildren's sports activities, faithfully keeping meticulous stats to cheer them on with unwavering support.

John's warm smile and compassionate spirit touched the lives of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends, who were fortunate enough to have shared in his love and kindness.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers: William Joseph Donnelly and Clement Donnelly; and grandson, Corey Donnelly.

Survivors include his children: Peggy (Mark) Simpson of Wildwood, Missouri, Jack (Kathy) Donnelly of Columbus, Ohio, Joe (Ann) Donnelly of Jackson, Missouri, Jim (Kathy) Donnelly of St. Louis, Missouri, and Melissa (Jerry) Poore of Wildwood, Missouri; sister, Ann Massey of St. Louis, Missouri; grandchildren: Tom & Christine- Wyatt; Chris & Gina- Jared & Megan; Nick & Jessica- Abby & Ally; Scot & Wendy- Maya & Tyler; Jeff & Kim- Morgan & Liam; Brice- Oscar & Everett; Anna & Michael; Valerie-Alexandria, Rachel, Robert, Drew, Peter & Mary; Cliff & Danna- Morgan: Sarah; Kim & Scott- Audrey, Owen & Harper; Katie & Nick- Lexi, Elle & Charlee, Jay & Amy- Caroline & Julia; Jessica; Ashley.

A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Infant Church, 627 Dennison Drive, Ballwin, Missouri. A private family graveside service will be held at Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri, with full Military Honors under the direction of Valhalla Funeral Chapel, St. Louis, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Catholic Cemetery

5239 W Florissant Ave.
St Louis, MO 63115

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Infant Church
627 Dennison Drive
Ballwin, MO 63021

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Barbara F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Claude Donnelly.

Barbara F. - March 05, 2024 at 09:50 AM

MS

“ I always knew when the weather was nice, because I'd hear Mr. D fire up the lawn mower! I will miss my neighbor dearly. Hoping great memories will help the everyone in days to come. He and "Aunt" Jean raised a wonderful family!!

Martha Sellenriek - March 04, 2024 at 02:52 PM

MS

“ Martha S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Claude Donnelly.

Martha S. - March 04, 2024 at 02:49 PM

NM

“ I loved Uncle Johnny's laugh and smile. An incredibly warm man who lit up a room.

NED MASSEY - March 04, 2024 at 08:33 AM

EM

“ Edward M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Claude Donnelly.

Edward M. - March 04, 2024 at 08:31 AM

JC

“ Always looked forward to John and Jean visit to Columbus Ohio went out to dinner great conversations beautiful couple Great family Patty and Jeff Cornwell

Jeff Cornwell - March 03, 2024 at 09:48 PM

KP

“ Kevin and Claire Poore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Claude Donnelly.

Kevin and Claire Poore - March 01, 2024 at 06:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Claude Donnelly.



March 01, 2024 at 06:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Claude Donnelly.



February 29, 2024 at 08:48 AM

LC

“ Leon Uniform Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Claude Donnelly.

Leon Uniform Company - February 29, 2024 at 08:48 AM

LA

“ It's been decades since we worked together at Coinco, but I'd recognize that smile anywhere. John used to walk the halls with an unlit cigar in his mouth, pacifier style. I'd tease him "get rid of that thing! It's giving me a headache! I'm gonna be sick!" and he'd growl back "But it's never even been lit!" Then we'd each walk on, laughing under our breath at ourselves & each other.



Laura - February 28, 2024 at 12:59 PM

TF

“ The Hoft Family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of John Claude Donnelly.



The Hoft Family - February 28, 2024 at 11:19 AM

LD

“ Love, JoAnne Donnelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Claude Donnelly.

Love, JoAnne Donnelly - February 26, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Claude Donnelly.*



February 26, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ *Bill, liz, Mary and Will Donnelly. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Claude Donnelly.*

Bill, liz, Mary and Will Donnelly. - February 24, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ *Bill, liz, Mary and Will Donnelly. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Claude Donnelly.*



Bill, liz, Mary and Will Donnelly. - February 24, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ *Alice Donnelly Madden purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John Claude Donnelly.*



Alice Donnelly Madden - February 24, 2024 at 06:16 PM

AM

“ Alice Donnelly Madden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Claude Donnelly.

Alice Donnelly Madden - February 24, 2024 at 06:16 PM

KB

“ Kay Brody planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Claude Donnelly.

Kay Brody - February 24, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Claude Donnelly.



February 24, 2024 at 06:02 PM

TF

“ The Robbins Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Claude Donnelly.



The Robbins Family - February 24, 2024 at 05:21 PM