



John Warren

April 10, 1948 - November 26, 2025

John Warren, 77, passed away Wednesday November 26, 2025 at 7:02 A.M at Alton Memorial Hospital.

John was born on April 10, 1948 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Alton, IL to the late Edgar M. Kinsley and Evelyn M. Nelson. John was later adopted by his step-father Freamon O. Warren, who preceded him in death. John joined the Army in 1965 and served 3 years where he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and a Bronze Star. After his time in the Army John went on to get his degree from Lewis and Clark Community College and later, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Music Education at SIUE. He retired from Shell Oil Company and Equilon after 35 years of dedicated service as a lab analyst. John also worked at Lewis and Clark Community College as a Saxophone teacher; he also taught private lessons for many years.

John's love for the Sax started at the age of 8 and he carried that throughout his life. Over the years he has played in several area Municipal Bands. Up until his passing he was a proud and active member of the New Horizons Band of Godfrey. Being a kind person and a great friend to many is something John is well known for.

John is survived by two sons Matthew Warren (Jennifer), Joshua Warren, one daughter Kimberly Cruz, a loving significant other Cherly Webb, several grandchildren to include Kelsey Hawkins, Morgan Deardeuff, and Joshua Reese, great grandchildren, and one brother James Warren.

Along with his parents he is preceded in death by his life partner Sandra Reese.

A memorial visitation will be held at Gent Funeral Home in Alton on Tuesday December 9, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family is asking that memorials be made to New Horizons Band and VFW Post 1299 in Edwardsville, IL. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. www.gentfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 9. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ John was a good friend and a long time member of the Lewis and Clark concert band that I conducted for several years. Jim wilcox. He will be missed.

James Wilcox - December 09, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ Cheryl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Warren.

Cheryl - December 08, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Warren.



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“ John Warren was such a special man. He could always make you laugh by telling a joke or brighten up your day with kind words from his heart. He never hesitated to be there for others, helping out any way he could. He was a great teacher. His vast knowledge was amazing. He could've been on Jeopardy, but he just chose to watch the show everyday and talk to anyone about anything. He loved music, and he enjoyed playing the saxophone and singing. He would always sing on long car rides, and he would often sing Happy Trails. I think that's how he would like to be remembered, always smiling, being his true self, and singing that song, hoping that everyone around him would join in singing along with him! He will truly be missed by so many.



Kimberly Cruz - December 06, 2025 at 08:14 PM