



## Mr. John Prudhoe

November 7, 1932 - May 6, 2019

John Prudhoe, 86, of East Peoria died at 5:30 PM on May 6, 2019 at his home. He was born on November 7, 1932 in Askam, PA to John and Lillian (Naylor) Prudhoe. He married Wesley Melton in September 1955 in Louisville, KY. She survives. Also surviving are 2 sons Mike (Susan) Prudhoe of Tampa, FL and Greg (Pamela) Prudhoe of Little Elm, TX; and 4 grandchildren John Michael, Emi, Scottie and Essie Prudhoe. John was preceded in death by 1 son Scott and 1 brother Bob. John graduated from the University of Louisville with an accounting degree where he was an All American basketball player. He later played in the National Industrial Basketball League with Caterpillar for 10 years. John is in the Hall of Fame of Basketball in Kentucky and Illinois. After playing he continued his love for sports by volunteering as a youth basketball and baseball coach. John worked at Caterpillar for 37 years as an accountant, never missing a day of work. He was the first FOLEPI soldier. Services for John will be on Monday, May 13 at 11 AM with a visitation an hour prior at 1st Baptist Church in Peoria. Memorials may be made to his church or Alzheimer's Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Peoria  
411 W. Lake Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61614  
(309) 682-5491

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Prudhoe*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *My memories of John go way back to our first semester at UL. He was a lovely person and I know a lot of the girls in the pledge class of 1950 are thinking of him today. He was always a gentleman, and very kind. Love and prayers Wesley.*

**Ann H. Stewart** - October 08, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ *Dear Wesley and family. I am sorry I was not able to attend John's service. John was a wonderful Man and I am proud to say he was my friend for many years. At Caterpillar when I ever needed help or financial advice on a project, he always had time for me with good answers. In spare time we would discuss sports. At church John always greeted me with a smile. Except during the (Grudge basketball game in Fellowship Hall with the Doubles Class vs The Home Builders class.). I don't think I have to tell you the out come. It was a lot fun and drew a big crowd. Family, in your grieving period, try to remember all the good things John accomplished. Your friend and fellow church member Cal Webber*



**Calvin Webber** - May 14, 2019 at 09:50 AM

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“ Dear Prudhoe Family.

*My heart goes out to you in your sudden loss. John was always such a kind and nice man and will be missed. He helped me with my finances after my husband Dean Kelley passed away from a heart attack. I also have many wonderful basketball memories when he played for Caterpillar.*

*The Memorial service was very nice. I especially noticed the beautiful cover of the program with the basketball.*

*I wish Wes the very best. We "Cat" wives meet every month for lunch and she was able to join us until this past year. She is very special and was a great encouragement to me when I had breast cancer.*

*God bless you all.*

*My love and prayers,*

*Hilda Kelley Brenkman*

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**Hilda Brenkman** - May 13, 2019 at 09:20 PM

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“ Dear Wes and family,

*The East Peoria Woman's Club sends our condolences for your loss of John.*

*EPWC members*

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**Phyllis Yerby** - May 13, 2019 at 11:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Prudhoe.*



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May 12, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family of John Prudhoe. I knew him only briefly but what a great individual and a very kind person.*



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**John Hinz** - May 10, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ *I remember throughout the years of Little League in East Peoria, Mr. Prudhoe being around as well as a lot of the other fathers that were involved. My condolences to the Prudhoe family.*

*Jeff Tate*

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**Jeffery Tate** - May 10, 2019 at 08:57 AM