



## John Paul Rodwell

July 29, 1940 - December 7, 2024

John Rodwell, 84, of Oskaloosa passed away Saturday evening, December 7, 2024, at the Oskaloosa Care Center.

John Paul Rodwell, son of John Joseph and Helen (Semanski) Rodwell, was born July 29, 1940, in Albia, Iowa. John attended school in Albia until his parents moved to Givin, a small hamlet in East Des Moines Township, Mahaska County. He finished grade school at Givin and was a 1959 graduate of Oskaloosa High School. He worked for 1½ years with Clow Valve Company before going to work building pole barns for Edwards and Campbell. On August 29, 1963, he was inducted into the army. He worked as a carpenter state-side for two years and was discharged on May 29, 1965. He married Joyce Ann Dykstra on September 4, 1965, and they made their home in Givin. He returned to work with Edwards and Campbell but was soon hired by Hawkeye Pole Builders to manage a crew. He remained with Hawkeye for almost ten years. He then established R & W (Rodwell & Winkelman) Construction, which he operated for five years before working for Howard DeJong. John retired in 2000 after six years with Howard. John continued building cabinetry, remodeling, and structural carpentry even after retirement. He enjoyed doing gratis work for his friends and family from his shop in Givin. He also enjoyed many hours of hunting and fishing.

His family includes a brother, Robert “Bob” Rodwell of Givin; a sister-in-law,

Janice Maxson of Lyndon, IL; nephews: Doug (Denise) Rodwell of Oskaloosa, Michael (Amy) Rodwell of Givin, and Jeff (Debbie) Maxson of Morrison, IL; and nieces: Julie Crandall (Faye O'Daniel) of Orange Park, FL and Jennifer (George) Paris of Clayton, NC; and several great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Joyce, on May 25, 2020.

Funeral services for John will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Pastor Mike Sereg. The burial will be in Hennessey Cemetery. The Oskaloosa Honor Guard will present Military Honors. Visitation will be held from 9:30 to service time on Tuesday morning. Memorial contributions can be made to the Oskaloosa Honor Guard.

# Cemetery Details

## Hennessey Cemetery

1863 285th ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
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# Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Chuck And. Jackie Ferree lit a candle in memory of John Paul Rodwell*



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**Chuck and. Jackie Ferree** - December 12, 2024 at 10:03 AM

JC

“ *Johnny drove the little Chevy carryall bus his senior year, '57-'58, his lady, Joyce Dykstra always rode shotgun & I rode back seat. Johnny & Joyce were always friends to the wife & I, & visiting them in Given was always a joy.*

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**Joe Covey** - December 09, 2024 at 09:57 AM

JF

“ *Met John in high school while working at Hawkeye Lumber, super nice man and very friendly. Loved his sense of humor and work ethic. It was an honor to call John my friend. RIP Jeff & Jill Ferguson*

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**Jeff & Jill Ferguson** - December 09, 2024 at 08:00 AM

JC

“ *Uncle John was always a fun, loving guy... We had wonderful memories of staying at their house... Joyce and John did not have any children of their own, but they sure knew how to spoil us nieces and nephews.. Always so much fun... He loved to tease us..and always had fun things to do at their house.. such a hardworking guy, that loved Woodworking and cabinetry.. rest easy John as you join Aunt Joyce* ❤️🙏😊😊

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**julie Crandall** - December 08, 2024 at 02:20 PM

LW

“ *Lavoe Worrall lit a candle in memory of John Paul Rodwell*



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**Lavoe Worrall** - December 08, 2024 at 01:28 PM