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## **John T. Giles, Jr.**

August 15, 1926 - October 31, 2014

### ***Service:***

### ***Visitation:***

A gathering of relatives and friends will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Piasecki-Althaus Funeral Home, 3720 39th Avenue.

### ***Memorial:***

In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances to Safe Harbor Humane Society, 7811 60th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142 would be appreciated.

### ***Obituary:***

John T. Giles, Jr., age 88 of Kenosha, died in his home on Friday, October 31, 2014.

Born in Peoria, IL on August 15, 1926, he was the son of the late John T. and Mary (Myers) Giles, Sr. He attended local schools and was a graduate from Mary D. Bradford High School.

On February 28, 1958 in Elmhurst, IL, he was united in marriage to Ellen Mae Wallace.

John was employed as a skilled trade electrician for AMC/Chrysler Corporation, retiring in 1991. He always loved to learn new things and would keep up to date with many electrical codes and procedures by taking various electrical courses. John also earned a degree in hotel/motel management and briefly owned a motel in Danville, KY.

He was a member of the IBEW Local #150, Tesla Society, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Navy Club Ship #40, World Explorers, Kenosha Genealogy, the Sons of American Revolution (SAR) and Kenosha Flying Sportsmen.

John was a great story teller from way back when. His many stories kept everyone in their seats. He received a Black Belt in Judo and enjoyed traveling.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ellen Giles; his two sons, Tom (Donna) and Bruce (Paula) Giles; his four daughters, Cathy Smith, Bette (Todd) Heyden, Nancy (Verne) Wolfe and Colleen Giles; his grandchildren, Chad, Amy, Jessica, Jude, Tanya, Amy, Vanessa, Crystal, Tasha, Wayne, Miranda, Karina, AJ, Stephanie, Dustin, Logan, Cameron, Mariah, Jeremy, Joseph, Melissa and Don; 43 great grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren. John is further survived by his brother, James (Darlene) Giles; his sister, Joyce (Hank) McNellis; his aunt, Martha Clay; many cousins, nieces and nephews; and his two grandkitties, Capone and Rum Tum.



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In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters, Lori Pierce and Kitty Koski; his brother, Herbert Giles; his sisters, Virginia West and Mary Lou Michetti; his grandson, Anthony Giles; and his granddaughter, Jennifer Giles.

*The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Joshua Bloom and his "Country Club" friends at cardiac rehab.*

## **Condolences**

**Posted on: November 02, 2014 | By: Kathy & Rene Haebig**

Dear Giles Family, Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. He will be dearly missed by those lucky enough to have known him. Take comfort in knowing you now have a special guardian angel to keep watch over you. With Deepest Sympathy, The Haebig Family

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**Posted on: November 03, 2014 | By: Sharon Gambrel-Mcelroy**

With greatest sympathy for your loss. John was a great guy and one wonderful story teller. My prayers are with you.

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**Posted on: November 03, 2014 | By: Sally Esser**

Ellen & family, you have my sympathy. I think about you & John often. John & Arnie were close friends. I don't have wheels and my children live out of town so I won't be attending the wake or funeral. I hope you understand. I'll say some prayers. Sally

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**Posted on: November 05, 2014 | By: James West**

John's infectious smile will never be forgotten. We offer our sympathy for John's family. Wish we could be there for the memorial service. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Posted on: November 05, 2014 | By: Anita Kolback**

There is no doubt that I will miss my Uncle Johnny! I am so grateful for his kind words and actions, childhood stories, and time that he spent with my mother (his sister Mary Lou) near her end. I know she really appreciated it. My hope is that someone will be there for Ellen and his children as he was there for me. I wish I could attend his memorial, but am currently living quite a distance away. I live in Texas. I would especially like to extend my deepest condolences to my Aunt Ellen and all of my cousins in their time of deep sorrow. My prayer is that God gives them comfort and wonderful blessings.