

John Hemsley

Dec. 20, 1933, Mar. 20, 2021

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John Hemsley, 87 of What Cheer, died March 20, at Si-gourney Care Center. A grave-side service will be held at 2 p.m. April 3, 2021 at Sixteen Cemetery near Thornburg.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the family.

John Everett Hemsley was born in What Cheer, December 20, 1933, the son of Everett and Madge Lawrence Hemsley. He was graduated from What Cheer High School in 1952. In 1956 John was drafted by the U.S. Navy where he served with the United States Naval Construction Battalion (Sea-bees) in Guam.

On April 6, 1963 John was united in marriage to Connie Jo Wilhite in Gibson. To the union came two sons, Ross and David.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he returned home where he began working as a mechanic for Hemsley Chevrolet.

John eventually became the owner of the car dealership until it's closing.

He also worked at the VA Hospital in Iowa from 1991 until his retirement in 2005.

John enjoyed riding his motorcycle and touring the entire country with his friends, Cecil Middleton and Emmett Ewing. He will be remembered as a quite gentle soul who enjoyed conversations with his friends and family.

John was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Marjorie Allgood.

He is survived by his wife Connie Hemsley; two sons, Ross (Amy) Hemsley and David (Cheryl) Hemsley; a brother-in-law, Rex Allgood; three grandchildren, Chelsea (Brandon) Molyneux, Shanoah (John) Sullivan, Nathan (Brandi) Hemsley. John also leaves behind eight great grandchildren.