



JOHN SYDNEY HAUSER

April 11, 1937 - April 28, 2024

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John Sydney Hauser, age 87, of Minneapolis, formerly of Harmony and Caledonia, MN, passed away April 28, 2024 at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.

John was born April 11, 1937, in Caledonia, to Hazel Hauser. He was a graduate of Caledonia High School and attended Winona State College, where he met his future wife, Judy Newman. They had 4 children and later divorced. In the 1970's he owned and operated Big John's Drive In, in Caledonia. In the late 1990's he met Kris Benson. Together they shared 23 years of companionship and travel adventures, until her passing in December 2020. Their favorite pastime was to visit small meat markets and grocery stores where they enjoyed and loved to purchase specialty meats and cheeses and share them with his children and grandchildren at family gatherings. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Airforce, Army, and Air National Guard, where he served in Honduras, Panama, and Azores. He retired as a Master Sergeant after 35 years. He was active in the VFW, and served as Commander, After retiring from being an Electronic Technician, he volunteered to take veterans to their various appointments.

He loved his family and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and a good meal! He loved to cook for his family and friends and for many years enjoyed hosting an annual family reunion for all his relatives to bring everyone together!

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Stenberg; son, Brett Hauser;, grandchildren, Eric (Miranda) Hauser; Stephanie (Brandon) Holcomb; Heather Stenberg; Elijah Hauser; numerous great-grandchildren; siblings, Sandy (Paul) Tollesrud, Jan Burroughs, and Sylvan (Elaine) Hauser

He was preceded in death by his mother, a daughter, Susan Hauser; a son, Peter Hauser; son in law, John Stenberg.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 am, Saturday, May 11, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Father Andrew Vogel will officiate. Military Honors will be given at the church. A luncheon will follow, then burial will be in Stone Church Cemetery, Houston, MN. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to a veteran's organization such as Wounded Warriors.

The funeral will be live-streamed on St. Mary's, Caledonia, Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church
513 S Pine St
Caledonia, MN 55921
(507) 725-3804

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of JOHN SYDNEY HAUSER.*



May 10, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *Kathy Coffman, Lori Boisclair and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOHN SYDNEY HAUSER.*

Kathy Coffman, Lori Boisclair and family - May 10, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *To John's family...I got to know John when he and my sister Kristie got together...He was a very caring and considerate guy we did have some fun times together .. Kris and John enjoyed life and had many years together doing lots together ...maybe at home and maybe some road trips ...I know you will miss him but hold all those memories ..some will make you cry but I am guessing you will laugh a lot when remembering things he said and did....*

Sharon Goede - May 07, 2024 at 05:37 PM