



John "Chicken John" Staley

March 2, 1949 - October 7, 2025

ADRIAN- John Edward Staley, age 76, of Adrian, Michigan passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, with the support of Elara Caring Hospice.

John was born on March 2, 1949, in Three Rivers, Michigan, the son of Ron Staley and Barbara Dickerson. He graduated from Adrian High School and went on to serve in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. John was a truck driver while he was stationed in Germany.

After John returned to civilian life he worked in various factories. John was known for raising chickens and cock fighting. It was during this time he was tagged with the nickname "Chicken John". He enjoyed going to casinos and luck was on his side when he won \$16,000 playing Keno. He will be remembered as a loving father and grandfather by his family.

John is survived by his sons, Chad Staley and Eric (Amanda) Staley; grandchildren, Samantha, Danielle, Brandon, Bentley, Kendalyn and Pierce; great granddaughter, Aven; and sister, Eileen Comar. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Angela Staley; son, Robert Staley; and sister, Rhonda Gutierrez.

A memorial gathering will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian; with military honors taking place at 11:00 a.m.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

OCT **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Tribute Wall

TG

“ Eileen, so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother, We had alot of good memories from school and growing up. Love and hugs to the family



Terry Griewahn - October 15, 2025 at 06:13 PM

MH

“ I worked with John at Demlows and always enjoyed our conversations after retirement when we saw each other. He was a kind and gentle man. May the Lord give you peace and fill your hearts with the hope of everlasting life as you grieve his loss.
Melodee Hoff

Melodee Hoff - October 12, 2025 at 10:44 AM

SL

“ I worked with John at Demlows. We had some fun. I enjoyed picking on him. He always took it in stride. Condolences to you all.

Sherrie Lindsey - October 09, 2025 at 08:40 PM

ML

“ So sorry to hear about John. We have been friends since we were little kids on wilmouth rd. He lived with "Granny". She was Granny to me too. Great guy who loved chickens more than most people will ever understand. So long, John until we meet again!

Mel Lewis - October 08, 2025 at 08:31 AM

CF

Condolences to the family 🙏

Cynthia Fisher - October 12, 2025 at 09:08 PM

JB

“ I got to know John in his late years. Really great guy. He will be missed. My condolences to his family.

Jerry Butler - October 07, 2025 at 08:45 PM