



## John R Accornero

May 13, 1946 - November 11, 2020

John R. Accornero, age 74 of Troy, IL, died Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at his residence in Troy, IL.

He was born on May 13, 1946, in Boston, MA, the son of Rudolph and Anna (nee Calabro) Accornero.

He was a member of St. Jerome Catholic Church in Troy, IL. He was also a member of KBS Gun Club in Tamalco, IL; Highland Pistol and Rifle Club; and Pocahontas American Legion.

John was born in Boston, MA and at age 3 his family moved to Millersburg, IL. He was a graduate of St. Paul High School in Highland, class of 1964. After graduation he joined the US Army during the Vietnam War, serving in Germany. After his discharge he attended SIUE, earning a Masters Degree in Urban Development. He worked for the Civil Service as an Urban Planner for the US Military. He worked world wide including Alaska, Japan and Korea. He retired in 2008 and ran the 100 year family farm. John had many hobbies including beekeeping, shooting trap and skeet and several area clubs, was a Safety Range Officer at Olin, collected trains and loved to read.

Survivors include:

Wife - Glyn F. Adams, Troy, IL

Step Daughter - Belynda J. Loftus (Fiancé Justin Brown) , Glen Carbon, IL

Grandchild - Abigail Loftus

Brother - Richard J. (Karen) Accornero, Pocahontas, IL

Brother - James S. Cryder, Trenton, IL

Sister - Anitamarie A. (Martin) Nahstoll, Wildwood, MO

Nephew - Nicholas Nahstoll

Nephew - Chad (Liesl Gaffner) Accornero

Niece - Jody (Bob) Howard

Great Nephew - Tyler Howard

Great Nephew - Cody Howard

Great Nephew - Alex Howard

Great Niece - Abby Howard

Great Niece - Emma Accornero

Great Nephew - Finn Accornero

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Rudolph Accornero - Died 4/2/2000

Mother - Anna M. Accornero, nee Calabro - Died 2/8/2009

Aunt - Erma M. Accornero

Aunt - Patsy Accornero

Uncle - Louis Accornero

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Private Visitation and Funeral Mass will be at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Troy, IL, with Father Kevin Laughery, officiating.

Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Pierron, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.



# Tribute Wall

JK

“ I met John in 1983, when he reported to Fort Wainwright Facilities Engineers to fill the Master Planner slot. I was a biologist with the Environmental Branch. Neither of us fit well with the "engineer mentality", but we got along well together. John and I became apartment mates when my wife left for law school for a year. That gave us plenty of time to "discuss" the crazy decisions being made by the engineers (who rarely considered either the people or the environment that would be affected). John taught me a lot about planning and real estate.

John and I were always happy to talk firearms and shooting, but never spent much time on the range together. Each time John moved to another assignment, we would keep up with each other. I remember his stories of daily teargas clouds in Korea, but I think he enjoyed it anyway. I should not have been surprised when his final assignment was with the Environmental Squadron of the MAJCOM at Scott AFB.

I was present at his retirement from Scott AFB, in Illinois and got to visit him on his organic farm several times since his retirement. John was so proud of his bees. My final visit was with John and Glyn at their home in Troy, in November 2019. Even in the face of a terrible diagnosis, he was still upbeat and a joy with whom to converse.

God's speed John. I look forward to seeing you again.

Junior.

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**Junior Kerns** - December 13, 2020 at 11:03 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to John's family. I will never forget how John welcomed me to the HQ AMC/CE Intramural Skeet Team back in 1993 and tried his best to teach me how to shoot even though I could not hit the broad side of a barn. After his patience and lots of scotch tape on my shooting glasses, he at least allowed me to be a substitute on the team. His good natured personality made him a joy to be around, and while us old time HQ AMC/CE Alumni did not get together as much as we would like, it was always a blessing to cross paths with John. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.  
Sincerely,  
Ken Smith  
HQ AMC/CE 1993-96

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**Ken Smith** - November 24, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of John's passing. I worked with John for many years at Scott AFB, and saw him often at St Jerome on Sundays. My sincere condolences to the family.  
Anne Mongiovi

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**Anne Mongiovi** - November 24, 2020 at 11:28 AM

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“ John and I were Trap Range friends for many years. I will miss his friendship! He had a great sense of humor and had a calm way of instructing new shooters. He will be missed!

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**Steve Wilton** - November 13, 2020 at 06:44 PM

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“ John and I were very good friends at SIUE and grad school. Even when he lived in exotic locations, he would visit me in Texas. He thought Texas was way too hot! My dad though John was a great guy, and they were often seen talking on the SIUE campus. He was fun, funny, and a good and loyal friend. I will miss him. Hollea White Miller

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**Hollea White Miller** - November 13, 2020 at 02:54 PM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss. Please accept this electronic message in lieu of a Sympathy Card. Local National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) volunteers provide help in reporting the death of any federal civilian retiree or a retiree's spouse to proper authorities. They will explain the process as needed and if requested, can report the death to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM 888-767-6738) for you. They can also assist in filling out claim forms for survivor benefits and life insurance You may call either of our Service Officers, Jim Haley at 618 795-5174 or Dean Hemmer at 618 233-3819. If unable to reach either, you may call Gene Wiggins at 618 566-7980.

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**Allen G. Wiggins NARFE Chap 1019** - November 12, 2020 at 06:41 PM

JA

“ Deepest sympathy to Glyn and John's family. I always enjoyed talking to John after Sunday mass at coffee and doughnuts. He was “Mr. Sunshine”! Loved his smile and way of making people feel included and comfortable with his friendly manners and enjoyable conversations! He was definitely a special person and will be missed! Joyce Ackerman

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**Joyce Ackerman** - November 12, 2020 at 05:26 PM