

John Allen Muzik, son of John W. and Alvina (Johnson) Muzik, was born on June 25, 1933 in Alexandria, MN. John graduated from Alexandria's Central High School in 1951, then went to work for the Douglas County Highway Department. In 1953, he enlisted in the United States Army. After two years of honorable service in Germany, he returned to Alexandria and his job at the Highway Department.

One day, while driving down the road with a friend, John offered a ride to a young lady named Lois Nelson. The couple was united in marriage on November 5, 1955 at the Lanesboro Catholic Church. They settled in a beautiful home on Maple Lake in Forada, built by John himself, and raised three children: Renee, Steve and Lola.

John retired from the Douglas County Highway Department at the age of 60. Soon after, he retired from the Forada Fire Department with 30 years of service. John would always remain active in his community. He belonged to many organizations including the Forada Lions, Minnesota Darkhouse Spearing & Angling Association, Rod & Gun Club, VFW and Hudson Cemetery Board.

John loved the outdoors. He paid special attention to his garden and lawn and was often spotted riding the lawn mower over to trim neighbors' yards. He also loved to hunt, fish and spear, and became well known for his hand carved spearing decoys. He had learned the art from his grandpa and passed the tradition to grandkids and great grandkids of his own. Spending time with his family was always most important to him. His kind and gentle nature made him "Forada's grandpa," and he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

On Sunday, May 31, 2020, John died at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by his wife Lois; parents, John and Alvina; one daughter, Renee Muzik; and two brothers, Rickie and Dennis Muzik. He is survived by his son, Steve Muzik of Forada; daughter, Lola Randt of Forada, grandchildren, Jen Muzik, Tara (Stan) Nelson, Cassie (Randy) Schwartz, Travis (Jamie) Randt, Jared Randt, and Hanna (Nick) O'Brien; great grandchildren, Miranda Muzik, Christian, Isaiah and Rachel Schwartz, Mya, Alivia and Ellie Nelson, Brayden Randt, Lexie, Lanie and Josie O'Brien; and sister, June Kay (Dale) Braaten of Holmes City.



***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
But let my spirit calm your fears,
I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone...
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

In Memory of
John Allen Muzik
June 25, 1933
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May 31, 2020



Graveside Service
Hudson Cemetery
Hudson Township, MN
Saturday, June 6, 2020
1:00 PM

Officiant
Reverend Jill Sanders

Military Honors Accorded by
Minnesota Honor Guard
American Legion Post #87
Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #936
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #235
Marine Corps League Detachment #1409