



## John Gregory Stock

March 3, 1941 - December 13, 2024

John Gregory Stock, age 83 of Dayton, passed away peacefully holding his wife Jackie's hand surrounded by his family on December 13, 2024.

John Gregory Stock was the second son born to Steve and Helen Stock on March 3rd, 1941, in North East Minneapolis. Steve and Helen Stock, had four children, Stephen; John; Joseph and Mary who was born 11 years after Joseph.

When John was 6, the family moved to North Mpls, where John attended St Bridget's Catholic School. In the mornings, John would help his little brother Joseph (age 4) get ready for school by helping him to get dressed, and by making their lunch consisting of butter and sugar sandwiches, as money was tight. On the way to school, John assisted Joseph in navigating the short cuts by helping him to squeeze through and jump over fences as they traversed the neighborhoods.

In 6th grade, John met the Love of his life, Jacquelyn Ann Goodin, (Jackie) during his phone conversation with their mutual friend, Kay Burch. John asked Kay, who's that giggling in the background? Kay said, "Oh that's Jackie!" John's interest in Jackie peaked and they all planned to meet at Folwell Park in Mpls. Sparks flew that day after they met, and John gave Jackie a "Buck" home on his bike," The rest is history, 71 years as soul mates with 65 years of Marriage.

John and Jackie were married June 27th, 1959 and soon welcomed their first born son John Martin in November that same year, where they occupied a one bedroom apartment with a shared bathroom in a triplex at 2410 Dupont Ave. Thirteen months later in December of 1960, Jennifer Ann was born and now their apartment was bursting at the seams holding their family of 4. It was so tiny that for a time they used a dresser drawer as a bed for Jennifer.

The family needed more space and soon they moved into a duplex at 39th and Colfax. While living on Colfax, John worked during the day for NSP as a janitor and went to school at Dunwoody Institute in the evenings to become a Transformer Mechanic, which meant money and space were very tight. During this time, in 1965, Joan Marie was born in a frenzy on a cold January night. John and Jackie now had a family of 5. After landing the Transformer Mechanic job, John and Jackie found their first home in Crystal, MN in 1967, and three years later welcomed their "End Cap to the Family," Justine Sophia in March of 1970.

John worked as a Transformer Mechanic for Northern States Power Company, now known as Xcel Energy, for 32 years before retiring in 1999.

John Gregory Stock was a faithful son, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandpa, friend, neighbor and co-worker. John was a man of integrity who spoke the truth and did not say or do things that he did not believe in. He taught his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, his friend's kids; neighborhood kids, his children's friends, as well as the many athletes that he coached over the years the importance of love; family; faithfulness; teamwork; responsibility; generosity; discipline; and most of all the importance of forgiveness! John believed in the value of hard work and a job well done!

One of John's God given talents was the gift of Encouragement! John was

gifted with a strong love and resolute desire to encourage and build up those around him, he was a "Builder Of People!!!" He never thought himself Better than anyone else, and always kept a humble heart toward God his Creator, Jesus his Son and the Holy Spirit. Prayer was a daily activity in John's life.

John had many beloved hobbies, one of his favorites throughout his lifetime was his love for fishing. John loved his Canadian fishing trips to Lake Saganaga (Sag) with his best buddies starting in his mid twenties and throughout his late thirties. As his kids and his friend's kids grew older, the Opening Fishing Trip expanded and moved to Leech lake with his big brother Steven's family to accommodate the growing group of family, friends, kids, his kids friends, and later on his grandkids to be part of the Fishing Opener Tradition! For John, the important element of the trip was always about the camaraderie, and for John that meant that he was going to "Love People Well!" Loving well on these trips for John meant bonding; deep talks, laughter; sharing one liners; joking; cribbage playing; bacon, egg and toast breakfasts; black coffee, and the famous fish fry! As well as a little imbibing with family and friends as they discussed and strategized on what the plan of action would be for that year to first locate, and then catch the Elusive Leech Lake Walleye.

John was born with a curious spirit that was always in a state of wonderment and amazement for God's creation of people, animals, wildlife, nature and especially clouds. John loved clouds and would always say when talking about painting clouds, "You can't screw up a cloud!" "God created every imaginable type of cloud, just paint it, you can't screw it up!" John possessed a gift for painting watercolor at a young age where he painted Blue Jays, trees and flowers for his Mother Helen. On his 40th birthday, in 1981, his sister Mary bought him a complete set of oil paints, complete with paper and brushes, this spurred John on to start painting again and it soon became for John, one of

his greatest passions and hobbies. John started with oil then moved toward both acrylic and watercolor. John's quiet place to paint during his working years was in a little corner room at NSP on his lunch breaks until he retired in 1999, where he continued to paint in his basement by the fireplace at his home in Dayton, MN.

In honor of the gifts and passions that God gave John throughout his lifetime and especially his gift for painting; the Stock family has a special request for all who are attending the funeral. If you have a painting that John painted for you, or were lucky enough to have won one of the many that were painted and then donated at raffles to support charities and organizations; the Stock family would Love for you to bring your painting with your name and phone number on the back to St Stephen's Catholic Church, Anoka, MN at 9:30am on the day of the funeral, where your painting will be placed on display in honor and in loving memory of John Gregory Stock.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Stephen and Helen Stock; brother, Steve (Kathy) Stock Jr. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 65 years, Jacquelyn Ann Stock (Goodin); children, John M. (Kim) Stock, Jennifer (Rick) Pilon, Joan Stock, and Justine (Steven) Koch; grandchildren, John (Kellie), Jeff, Jenna (Jesse), Jesse (Halie), Nick (Jenni), Corey (Renee), Kristie (Todd), Luke (Amy), Isaac, Silas, Martha, Drew, Felicia (Trevor), Barry (Abbie), Winnie, and Lane (Lauren); great-grandchildren, Avery, Adelynn, Isla, Esme, Brooks, Maddox, Jack, Bo, Graham, Lennon, Baker, Declan, Keagan, Brennan, Devin, Nora, Wynter, River, and Sawyer; brother, Joseph (Wendy) Stock, and sister, Mary (Bob) Majkozak; and many other loving family and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, December 23 at 11 AM with visitation one hour prior at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 525 Jackson St., Anoka. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Anoka)  
525 Jackson Street  
Anoka, MN 55303

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Linda lit a candle in memory of John Gregory Stock*



Linda - December 25, 2024 at 12:19 PM

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“ *Thank you for writing such a beautiful story of your father. May his paintings and memory be a blessing and consolation as you mourn his loss. Love, Don, Linda and family*

Linda - December 25, 2024 at 12:19 PM

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“ *Condolences for Uncle John. He will be greatly missed. I have fond memories of visiting your house as a child and always having so much fun! Niece Toni*

antoinette godin - December 23, 2024 at 11:53 AM

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“ *We are so saddened to learn of our dear cousin's passing. We loved him, dearly. Thinking of the Stock family and wishing you strength and peace as you navigate through these difficult times. May you hold on to your cherished memories, as we will, of John and may these memories bring you comfort. We love you all.*

Clarees and Bob Vesey - December 20, 2024 at 03:17 PM