



# John Joseph Karpriel Jr

November 2, 1946 - December 28, 2021

John Karpriel Jr. 75, of Marietta, OH died Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at Marietta Memorial Hospital, Marietta, OH.

He was born November 2, 1946, in Wheeling, WV, the son of the late John Joseph Sr. and Sophia (Petic) Karpriel

He was a retired coal miner, #6 Ohio Valley Coal Mine, he was a member of the Church of Christ in Portsmouth, OH. John was a Veteran of the US Air Force where he served in Vietnam War.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a daughter Karen Mathes Eller.

Surviving is his wife of 22 years, Margaret Mathes Karpriel; two sons, John Franklin Karpriel of Moundsville, WV, and Jason Michael Karpriel of Orlando, Florida; son-in-law Rod Eller of Proctor; two sisters, Sally Burton of Lyndhurst, IL and Patricia McGee of Orange, CA.

Private services and interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements entrusted to

Grisell Funeral Home, 751 Third St., New Martinsville.

Sympathy expression at [grisellfunerahlhomes.com](http://grisellfunerahlhomes.com)

# Cemetery

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## **Grisell Crematory**

Moundsville, WV,

# Comments

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“ Lisa Burton lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Karpiel Jr



**Lisa Burton** - January 05 at 11:31 AM

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“ My brother, John, was still in school when I left home to begin life on my own. I will always remember him as my little brother. In my mind's eye, I still see him as that little boy. He was adorable. He had a favorite teddy bear and an array of boy toys. He had cowboy outfits, including toy cap guns, and when older, he had a treasured BB gun that he sometimes, grudgingly, let me touch once-in-a-while.

Our lives and years passed quickly. I could see on trips home to visit my parents how he had grown into a fine, young man. Shortly, the United States Air Force claimed him. Surely, this was difficult for him, or any young man from a small town leaving home for the first time, going off to war in a strange country. But John did this without hesitation.

After John's honorable discharge from the service, he returned to West Virginia, fell in love, married, and was blessed with two wonderful sons: John Franklin and Jason. My brother was a hard working man who came from a good family.

My sister, Sally, (now deceased) had married and left home too. John stayed in West Virginia with his family. We siblings saw less of each other as years slipped away. Mother was the glue that held the family together, dispensing news to each of us children, how the others were doing.

I choose to hold in my heart, the precious childhood memories of my brother as the little boy, and as the young, proud man. You, John, were loved from the day of your birth, and that love is perpetual. Be at rest, John, in the arms of Jesus.

**Patricia McGee, Sister** - January 03 at 11:38 PM

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“ Patricia McGee, Sister lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Karpiel Jr



Patricia McGee, Sister - January 03 at 10:50 PM

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“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of John Joseph Karpiel, Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....

US Air Force Veteran, John Joseph Karpiel, Jr., is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 01 at 05:25 AM

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“ I went to Union with John, such a nice guy. Prayers for all his family and friends.



Karen Fordyce - December 31, 2021 at 07:03 PM

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“ To Johns family,we worked together for many years in the mine.Jonh was good guy to work with and had a great sense of humor.I send you my condolences and prayers.Kim McFarland

**Kim McFarland** - December 30, 2021 at 04:16 PM