

Remembering John

John passed away June 26, 2024, at Pine Hills Assisted Living, Hot Springs, SD.

John was born in Lead, SD, on January 14, 1928, to John Charles and Marion Henrietta (Pomeroy) Britton. He lived in southwestern SD on various farms, working with family. At 14 he left home, went to Nebraska and worked with farmers and ranchers. He returned to his family before leaving after joining the U.S. Army. John was a WWII veteran, having served in Occupied Japan during the reconstruction after the bombing.

On discharge from the Army, he bought a gas station in Hot Springs for a short while. He met Ruth Marvin (Pond) at Deadwood Days of '76 and fell in love with the love of his life. They were married October 14, 1949; he gained two daughters with this union: Ruth Virginia and Cynthia Christine. He went to work at the Black Hills Ordnance (Army) Depot (Igloo) and in the years following Norine, Ella, John Joseph, and Jackie George were born.

Due to the closing of the base at Igloo in 1965, the family was transferred to Ft Irwin, Barstow, CA, then to Presidio, San Francisco CA where he retired in 1973 and returned to Hot Springs, SD. John and Ruth treated this time as an extended vacation and visited and traveled on his off time.

On return to Hot Springs, they settled on the Argyle, and he worked for TA Bonde at Maverick Truck Stop, delivering gas all around southwestern SD. He loved the job and visiting and talking to his customers. John loved to play cards, games and tinkering with the brothers and brother-in-laws. They had been married over 50 years when Ruth passed away in 2000.

John is survived by daughters Cynthia Benton (James), and Norine Baird (Robert) of Hot Springs SD; 24 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; 17 great-great grandchildren; several sister/brother-in-laws; numerous nieces and nephews; friends and acquaintances.

John is preceded in death, by his parents, wife, son, John Joseph, infant son, Jackie George; daughter, Ruth Virginia Braddish (Charles); brothers, Robert, Jesse, Charles (Lester), sisters; Marion Dodd, Karen McCleery; grandson Rudy Toman and great-grandson Cody Toman and 6 brother/sister in laws.

In Loving Memory



John Richard Britton

January 14, 1928—June 26, 2024

*Arrangements have been placed in the care of
Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home
Custer, South Dakota*

Drinking From My Cup

*I've never made a fortune
And it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much,
I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.*

*I don't have a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's touch.
But I've got loved ones around me,
And that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for his blessings,
And the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.*

*I remember times when things went wrong,
My faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke,
And the sun peeped through again.
So God, help me not to gripe
About the tough rows I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.*

*If God gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings,
I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy
To help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.*

- John Paul Moore

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Lead, South Dakota Hot Springs, South Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Pringle Cemetery
Pringle, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor John McKnight

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In The Garden"
"Old Rugged Cross"
"Beyond The Sunset"

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of John's Family and Friends

MILITARY HONORS

Hot Springs Honor Guard
United States Army

LUNCHEON

Pringle Community Hall
Pringle, South Dakota

COMMITTAL SERVICES

Pringle Cemetery
Pringle, South Dakota

MEMORIALS

Memorials may be given to Argyle Volunteer Fire Department