



## John David Butler

September 19, 1930 - April 22, 2018

John David Butler, 87, of Sarasota, formerly of Indiana passed away on April 22, 2018. John was born in French Lick, IN on September 19, 1930 to Wilmer and Laura (Bledsoe) Butler. He enjoyed gardening, playing shuffleboard, bowling, golfing, playing cards, traveling to all 50 States, and pitching horseshoes, and he was a former member of Indian Creek Christian Church in Indianapolis, IN, having moved his membership to Sarasota Christian Church prior to his death. John served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and was employed by Ryerson Steel for 34 years. John is survived by Mary Ellen (Jackson) Butler, his devoted wife of 63 years, loving children Brenda (John) Heeringa of Punta Gorda, FL, John David (Pam) Butler, Jr., of Hamilton, New Jersey, Mary Ann (Dr. Robert) Rea of Lincoln, IL and Barbie (Dr. Larry) Hunefeld of Scottsburg, IN. He is also survived by 12 cherished grandchildren and 7 precious great grandchildren, and dear sisters Betty Lou Winger of Lafayette, IN, , Jeanne Stalcup of Paoli, IN, & Ruth Saeger of Greencastle, IN. Visitation will be from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 26th at Sarasota Christian Church, 2923 Ashton Road, Sarasota, FL 34231. Services will follow at 12:00 noon at the church with Pastor Lee Robison officiating. There will also be visitation from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm on Monday, April 30th at Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Greenwood, IN with services following at 1:00 pm and burial immediately following in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Prader-Willi Syndrome Association, 8558 Potter Park Drive,

Suite 500, Sarasota, FL, 34238, [www.pwsausa.org](http://www.pwsausa.org). To send condolences, please visit [www.toalebrothers.com](http://www.toalebrothers.com). Toale Brothers Funeral Homes, Gulf Gate Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.*

May 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please extend our sympathy to the family of Johnny Butler..we remember him well from high school days in Orange County. Former basketball rival and skated at the West Baden rink. We know he will be missed by all.*

**Duane and Mary A Radcliffe** - April 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family of John David Butler. May the love of family and friends comfort you. Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Mt. 5:4.*

**CC** - April 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *To all the Butler family - We were sorry to hear of your loss. We have many fond memories of Uncle Johnny's smile and laugh.*

**Mike and Suzette Phillips** - April 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss Brenda! Thinking of you and your family. May God comfort you knowing that your dad has gone on to a far better place to his heavenly reward!*

**Becki Borkes Philhower** - April 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Brenda*

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**Frank and Penny Horseman** - April 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *John and family, our prayers and thoughts are for and with you all. Your family and ministry at FBC reflected a father who raised you well and lovingly. We praise the Lord for you and them. We were blessed because of them. Warmest regards..Pastor Ted and Ruth Martens*

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**Ted Martens** - April 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM