



Jon Douglas Hovey

February 12, 1942 - November 1, 2025

Jon Douglas Hovey, 83, of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, passed away peacefully on November 1, 2025. He was born February 12, 1942 and was raised by his parents Seth and Viola in Ruthven, Iowa.

On March 1, 1997, Jon married Betty Hovey and they began their life together, creating a home that reflected their shared love, kindness, and joy.

Jon will always be remembered for his big heart, lively personality, and sense of humor. He brought joy to everyone around him and was known for his kindness, generosity, and steadfast spirit.

A proud American, Jon honorably served his country in the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1968. His love of country and respect for fellow veterans remained a guiding force throughout his life. Following his service, he became an active member of the Sunrise Beach American

Legion, where he forged lasting friendships and continued to serve his community with pride.

We will always picture Jon playing cards with friends, sharing stories and laughter, and enjoying time by the lake with his family. His memory will live forever in the hearts of those who loved him.

Jon was preceded in death by his parents, Seth and Viola Hovey of Ruthven, Iowa, and his daughter, Jana Canny of Des Moines, Iowa. He is survived by his loving wife, Betty Hovey of Sunrise Beach, Missouri; his sister, Carolyn Felker of San Diego, California; his son, Stacy Hovey and daughter-in-law, Michelle Hovey of Des Moines, Iowa; his son-in-law, Todd Canny of Des Moines, Iowa; and his fifteen grandchildren, who will always cherish his love, humor, and strength.

Jon's life was one of service, laughter, and love—values that will continue to inspire all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life honoring Jon will be held at the Zack Wheat American Legion Post 624, 852 American Legion Rd., Sunrise Beach, Missouri, on Saturday, November 22nd, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All who knew and loved Jon are warmly invited to join in

remembering a life well lived.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624
852 American Legion Drive
Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Jerry Head lit a candle in memory of Jon Douglas Hovey*



jerry head - November 14, 2025 at 09:43 AM

JH

A good man. Prayers to Betty and his family. Larger than life teddy bear

jerry head - November 14, 2025 at 09:45 AM

SV

“ *Jon was my classmate and friend so I knew him for 78 years. Loved his laugh and his love of fun. We were always going to have another class reunion.....maybe in the next life, Jon.*

sandra vedane - November 06, 2025 at 10:04 AM

DE

“ *John snowed me at first, he seemed like a gruff, old guy. I realized later that it was all a front. We spent many hours at the Legion talking over the bar. I grew to really enjoy those times & John's stories. It seemed that, as his illness progressed, his stories got fewer. I will miss John and the real man he was. I am so glad to have gotten to know him... What a guy... 🙄*

Donna E. - November 05, 2025 at 09:50 PM

DB

“ Betty wish we could come for Jon’s memorial service to celebrate his life. We got to know him at the Baxter cousins reunion. The cruise together was fun. We lost our son Terry Aug. 5th, 2025. Some day we will all be together again.
Love and prayers for your family. Don and Carol Baxter

Don and Carol Baxter - November 05, 2025 at 08:08 PM

BB

“ One thing I could always look forward to when visiting Jon and Betty was his knack for coming up with hilarious Navy jokes and razzing me with them. He had a great sense of humor and I’m sure gonna miss his good-natured Navy cut ups only a fellow service member can appreciate. Always enjoyed being around him.

Brian Baxter - November 04, 2025 at 07:00 PM

CM

I only met Jon once at his son’s house and enjoyed his sense of humor. I believe I was laughing most of the time. What a great time with Jon and Betty. Wish I could have seen them both again. Prayers for Betty and her family and Stacy and his family.

Chryl Mooney - November 04, 2025 at 10:25 PM

MH

Jon already had a great smile and was always fun to be around. I’m sure he will be missed by all his friends and family. Sending prayers and hugs.

Mary Hicks - November 05, 2025 at 07:49 PM

CA

Jon only seemed to remember that I was an old lady, and I always told him no matter how old I get he'll always be older than me. And of course my orange dress our Mom made for me to go to the prom with Jon and his girlfriend. We had a lot of laughs over that. Jon always seemed to be in a good mood and fun to be around. I have so many memories as his sister and shall miss him terribly. Love to Betty and family and Stacy and family and all the children and grandchildren that were in Jon's life. He will certain be missed. Love to all! Carolyn (sister)

Carolyn - November 05, 2025 at 08:16 PM

BI

Jon was a very good friend and we had lots of laughs together. One thing for sure he was an American Patriot. He loved Betty, his country and playing cards. I let him win once and a while. (right Betty) Calling Betty was a hard call to make. I did it because Pammey called crying and my thoughts were (what did I do now). Prayers for Betty and family. Until we meet again my friend. RIP

Bill - November 05, 2025 at 10:27 PM

KL

Jon's great conversations will be missed by me and many. His heart was big, humorous, zanny, quirky and his laughter could fill a room as big as the universe. I miss you Jon, may you dance in heaven and make the angels dance with you. You are loved 🥰

Katherine Lacroix - November 05, 2025 at 11:09 PM

VD

Jon will be greatly missed. I will miss him yelling "Come on in" and saying "Hi Blondie. He always took great joy in teasing me but he certainly had a soft caring side. Steve loved to visit you. I'm sure he helped greet you in heaven and now you can continue your conversations. Betty, you know I love you dearly and will be praying for you and your family.

Victoria DeForest - November 17, 2025 at 07:24 AM