



John Thomas French, 75, of Springfield MO, (formerly of De Soto MO) passed away on July 27, 2026. The beloved husband of Ali French; son of the late Charles and Clara French; loving father to his daughter, Bethany French and his son, Shaun French; adored grandfather to Erik Mohn, Elijah French, Noah French, and the late Samuel French; dear brother to Jack (Joyce) French, Judy McCay, the late Janet (Alvin) Nance, Steve (Sandy) French, Terri (Chris) Kientzel; and cherished "Bonus Dad" to Paula (CJ) French and Stephen French.

He was a fun uncle, a great cousin, and a dear friend.

A decorated Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp, John was well respected during his service in the military and equally well respected in his career. John was wicked smart and kind-hearted. He was always someone you could count on when you needed him. He could fix anything. He loved his family, and he always enjoyed spending time with them over a cup of coffee and playing cards...lots of playing cards! There is a quote from John Wayne that reminds us of John..."I define manhood simply: Men should be tough, fair, and courageous; never petty, never looking for a fight, but never backing down from one either." He will be remembered as a genuinely great guy, and he will truly be missed.

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