



John Groninga

May 5, 1945 - January 24, 2025

John Groninga, 79, of Mason City, passed away at his residence on Friday, January 24, 2025.

John D. Groninga was born in Hackensack, New Jersey on May 5, 1945 to Jack and Frances Groninga. He grew up in Butler County and graduated from Dumont High School in 1963. He received his B.S. and M.S from Iowa State University. He served in U.S. Army from 1968-69 and was a Vietnam veteran.

John taught English and reading at Mason City High School from 1970-80. He was an English instructor at North Iowa Area Community College from 1985 to 2010 and served as division chair of the department during part of that time.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, served on the board of Lime Creek Nature Center and was on the Mason City Planning and Zoning Commission for 22 years.

John represented North Iowa in the Iowa House of Representatives for 10 years, where he was involved in many issues regarding taxes, insurance, economic development and environmental issues. During his legislative service he managed the passage of Iowa's REAP legislation and the Industrial Jobs and Training Act (260E Program).

He is survived by a brother Jim Groninga (Regina), Clyde, Texas, nieces, numerous cousins and a wealth of friends.

Memorials should be directed to Lime Creek Nature Center or North Iowa Community College Foundation. Cards can be sent % Coni Samsel 361 S. Pennsylvania 3-A, Mason City, IA 50401.

Per his wishes, no services are planned at this time.

Tribute Wall

PL

“ *A truly monumental loss! John was my mentor in many ways. I had nothing but respect for the man. He will be terribly missed and always remembered.*



Pam Langhoff - January 25, 2025 at 10:08 AM

LN

John was a good legislator as well as a good man

Lowell norland - January 25, 2025 at 08:20 PM

KP

In 1978, I got out of the Air Force and started attending NIACC on the GI Bill. I was having trouble getting it started. I contact John and in no time I had the money in hand. He was a good man. RIP.

Ken Peterson - January 27, 2025 at 09:40 AM

JP

*John was a good friend in high school. Saw him at a few reunions since. So sorry to hear of his passing.
Joyce Freese Page*

Joyce Page - February 03, 2025 at 08:47 PM

SB

He was a good and kind man. Plus a great teacher. We are all lucky to have known him.

Shawn Burke - March 03, 2025 at 09:36 PM