



## John Elden Landmesser

May 4, 1930 - November 13, 2021

John Elden Landmesser, 91, of Dresden, NY (formerly of Powell, PA), passed away, Saturday, November 13, 2021, at Geneva General Hospital, Geneva, NY, following a period of declining health. Born May 4, 1930 at Mills Hospital, Towanda, PA, he was the youngest son of Clarence & Ella Mae (Northrup) Landmesser of Powell, PA.

Before graduation from the Towanda High School in 1949, John enlisted in the Navy Reserves. It was during lineup for senior pictures that he met the love of his life, Bernice Berry. In 1950, John enlisted with the US Marine Corps. He served in Korea where he was awarded the Purple Heart. Following his honorable discharge, John and Bernie were married on February 14, 1953 (He always joked that if it was on Valentine's Day, he was sure to never forget their anniversary). They settled in their home in Monroe Township and it was there that John honed his carpentry skills, remodeling room by room over the years.

Following a few years of employment with DuPont, John was employed with GTE Sylvania in Towanda for 27.5 years, retiring in 1986. He contributed to three patents during his employment. After retirement he and Bernie spent many winters in Florida. They were avid campers with the French Choppers camping club and spent vacations camping with their family on trips from Canada to Florida. He was always up for a good squirt gun fight with the younger members of the camping club. Pitching horseshoes was a favorite activity for John and he managed to win a few trophies for his efforts. He also

grew several types of apple trees. He and Bernie were quite the team for peeling apples for pies and applesauce. John liked to keep busy in his woodworking shop – making furniture ranging from bookshelves, gun cabinets, tater crates, rocking chairs for dolls and a dulcimer.

John was a member of the Monroeton United Methodist Church and attended the Dresden United Methodist Church. He enjoyed music, be it hymns, pop or classical. He was especially fond of the Lawrence Welk show and the PA Polka TV show.

John was a 32nd degree Mason with Union Wyalusing Lodge No. 108. He was a member of the Marine Corps League 445 Penn-York detachment MCL, and Towanda American Legion Post No 42.

John loved to “go” places. He and Bernie covered many miles traveling the country roads in the Endless Mountains area and visiting the various public gardens in central Florida. Many folks will recall their annual trek to southern PA to bring back nearly 40 bushels of peaches. They really enjoyed family picnics, weekends on Seneca Lake and Sunday hikes and hotdog roasts on Barclay Mountain.

John will be remembered for his quick wit and sense of humor and his enormous sweet tooth.

John was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and his brothers Clarence L. “Buddy”, Carl Edward, and Robert Eugene.

John, is survived by, son, David J. (Sue) Landmesser of Towanda, daughters, Nancy Sarver of Dresden, NY, and Susan (Rick) Rossetti of Largo, FL, brothers-in-law Gordon Berry of Clearwater, FL and G. Dale Berry of Towanda. He is also survived by granddaughters Jenifer Landmesser Johnson (Matthew), Sara Landmesser Brown (Joshua), Gilyan Barrett Buxton (Mike) and grandson Jacob Barrett. John is survived by three great granddaughters, Marlee Grace and Emilee Rose Johnson and Elizabeth Susan Buxton.

Calling hours will be from 12:30PM-1:30PM Sunday, December 5, 2021 with a memorial service to follow at 1:30PM at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home,

217 York Ave, Towanda, PA 18848. Please observe current COVID-19 safety guidelines when attending the service. Officiating the service will be Pastor Catherine Dawes. Burial will follow at the Standing Stone Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in John's name, to the Monroeton United Methodist Church, the Towanda American Legion, the Quilts of Valor Foundation, P.O. Box 191, Winterset, IA 50273 or other charity of your choice.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Standing Stone Cemetery

2500 River Road  
Wysox, PA 18854

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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217 York Ave.  
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(570) 265-2272  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Elden Landmesser*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *John Elden Landmesser*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *John Elden Landmesser*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *John Elden Landmesser*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *John Elden Landmesser*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Elden Landmesser.*



December 01, 2021 at 07:19 AM

GS

“ *Cousin John and family were our neighbors, right across the road, when we lived in the Powell area in the 1980's. And we saw John and Bernice several times over the years, mostly in restaurants! They were such nice people and enjoyed every encounter. In October, 2019 I took this picture of John and my mother (Marge Birdsall Seymour) when we all were at Bishop's Restaurant in Ulster. Mom died September, 2021 at age 92. I think she and John were the last two first cousins at that time. Deepest sympathy to the family.*



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**Gary Seymour** - November 25, 2021 at 10:46 PM

NS

*Gary, thank you for sharing this story & photo. I had come across it, but didn't know who the woman was. Dad always loved seeing an old friend, especially a cousin. Sorry for the loss of your mother, too.*

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**Nancy Sarver** - December 10, 2021 at 08:55 AM

VS

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy.*

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**VFW Post 1536, Sayre** - November 23, 2021 at 07:36 PM

CU

“ Thank you to John's family for mentioning Quilts of Valor Foundation in his obituary. We were honored to present John with a Quilt of Valor for his service in Korea.

Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss.

Bradford County Chapter Quilts of Valor Foundation

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**Carol Ullo** - November 23, 2021 at 02:42 PM

DE

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to family and friends. I'm glad I got to see John get his quilt...

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**Donna Edsell** - November 22, 2021 at 01:14 PM

JM

“ I'm sorry for your loss. The summer of 1949 we played baseball just North of Powell, Johnny pitched 3 innings for some games. My dad Henry Mingos and Earl Brown founded the Monroeton team. John Mingos formerly of Monroeton tedimax@msn.com Sarasota FL

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**John Mingos** - November 19, 2021 at 05:32 PM

NS

Thank you, John for sharing. We kids have heard stories and seen pictures of Dad's baseball days. I think he was a pretty good left-handed picture.

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**Nancy Sarver** - December 10, 2021 at 08:58 AM