



## John Otto Ridenhour

August 12, 1948 - December 13, 2023

John Otto Ridenhour, 75, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the S. Mitchell Mack House.

He was born August 12, 1948, in Iredell County, to the late John Adam Ridenhour and Alice Louise Gurley Ridenhour. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by brothers, Kenneth "Bebo" Ridenhour and Jeffery Ridenhour; sister, Donna Ervin and granddaughter, Briana Martinez.

He was a truck driver. John proudly served his country in the US Army. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and yard work. He was a huge sports fan, especially the Atlanta Braves. John loved being with his family and adored his grandchildren. He was a "Papaw" to many.

He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Cheryl Beckham Ridenhour; children, Tammy Brown, John Michael "Bo" Ridenhour, Kisha Foust (Jack), Melissa Geiger (Thomas), Felicia Manriquez, and Victoria Shuffler (Eric); sister, Sandra "Sam" Lail; grandchildren, Valerie Loucks (Adam), Madison Keller (Mark, II), Chrissy Hopkins (Mark), Alyssa Brown, Devon Geiger, James Martinez, Aiden Neill, Hallie Geiger, Natalee Neill, Mason Geiger, Penelope Worthington, Mila Geiger; great-grandchildren, Chrislyn Hooper, Brayden Loucks, Boone Loucks, Barrett Loucks, Jeremiah Keller, Mark Keller III, aka "Mak", and Blake Neill, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Memorial Service will be Wednesday, December 20, at 6:00 PM, in the Chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral with Mike Cook officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be from 7-9 PM also at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Iredell County Hospice and Palliative Care, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Ridenhour family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC **20**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Receiving Friends

DEC **20**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leila Hobbs lit a candle in memory of John Otto Ridenhour*



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**Leila Hobbs** - December 16, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ *Prayers and condolences for all!*

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**William D Bumgarner** - December 15, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Otto Ridenhour.*



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December 14, 2023 at 08:22 PM

DK

“ John's wife Cheryl worked with me at Parker and I know that John loved his wife because no matter how bad he felt he would always be here to eat lunch with Cheryl that is a special memory. Also me and my husband visited with them both when he was getting his radiation treatment and I never laughed so hard due to he was in very good spirits and he was such an inspiration to us. He talked a lot about his grandchildren and how special they were to him. He will definitely be missed. Sending lots of prayers, love and hugs to the family.

God Bless

Donelle and Dwayne Kiser

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**Donelle & Dwayne Kiser** - December 14, 2023 at 05:36 PM

BH

John is my cousin, his dad and my mother were brother and sister , I remember growing up and playing together, John was always a nice person and a clown .

I love him very much , didn't see him much after we grew up .

Will miss him ,,

He loved his wife and family

Prayers to the family

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**Barbara Helms** - December 14, 2023 at 07:17 PM

KW

John was a special man who loved his family fiercely. Highly respected and would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He would do anything humanly possible to help anyone. Such a great loss. Much Sympathy to Cheryl and his girls! You all are in my prayers.

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**Kristen Winseman** - December 30, 2023 at 04:23 AM