



John Clyde Denzer

May 9, 1950 - February 24, 2016

John Clyde Denzer, 65 of Enon passed away Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in Enon. He was born May 19, 1950 in Dover, Ohio to the late Clyde and Josephine Eisinger Denzer. John was a Vietnam War Veteran having served in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base where he retired after over 20 years of service. He is survived by his daughters, Heather Gunther of Slanesville, West Virginia and Jennifer Ainsworth of Ontario, Oregon. He is also survived by his grand-daughters Jessi Lemer, Amanda Gill, Mackenzie Gunther and Paige Gunther along with his great-grandchildren Wyatt Gill, Cambree Lemer and Thomas Gill. A private burial with military honors will be held at a later time. www.adkinsfunerals.com

Previous Events

Private Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ As life has granted nowadays, with the internet and such, I was searching for the man John Denzer and found him. Rest in peace John! So, very nice to read all the joyful and grateful comments about John.

Here's my story. I was a wide-eyed, young 1-stripper kid fresh out of technical school and assigned to the 31st Avionics Maintenance Squadron, (AMS), Instrument Shop at Homestead in May 1974. Initially, assigned to dayshift, I soon found myself on midshaft working for Staff Sergeant John Denzer. Wow, what an experience to work for John. He taught me ways to fix the problematic F-4E phantom aircraft instrument systems which were not specifically spelled out in the tech orders by means of my hands and head, using twists and turns, contortions in some cases, blood in others, lots of sweat and even some tears. Granted, he was all about safety and doing it correctly, but John taught me how to think my way through problems, troubleshoot the entire system and to fix it right the first time. I owe John a great deal of gratitude and thanks because many, many of the maintenance things he taught me stayed with me and served me well throughout my 25-year USAF career retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1998.

On slow Friday nights, well after midnight, when the work was all done and we needed to stick around for some un-godly reason, John also taught and skilled me well in Pinochle, Black Jack, 5-card Stud, 7-card draw. The AMS night super and a couple others were summoned by John, he'd lock the doors and we'd play cards until dawn—talking, learning, laughing, and sometimes crying, when I'd lose a hand or two. I worked several part-time jobs with John. Back in the day, a SSGt did not make a lot of money and John had a wife and family and I think one or two children. We washed new cars at one of the Homestead, FL car dealerships and did odd jobs around the lot. At another job, we delivered new cars from a different dealership to some outfit in North Miami Beach. This must have been some type of lease-arrangement. John would roundup 4 or 5 of us and we'd all drive brand new cars to some business, drop them off and all squeeze into the remaining car to return to Homestead. On other occasions, we'd all pile into a single car, head

north and bring cars back south. I think on those trips, I got \$20 which was good money for a few hours back then.

Here is the irony of life. I lived and worked right there in OH for 15 years (1998-2013) not knowing John worked at WPAFB and lived in Enon. I was a logistics / supply chain contractor at WPAFB and lived in Beavercreek, OH. I would have fallen over with joy if I had run into him at Kroger's, the mall or Giovanni's in Fairborn. It's all good though and I am blessed to have known John and worked for him for 18 months. I now reside in FL and have friends and family in OH. I make it up there a couple of times a year. Anyone who knew John and would care to give me a call and tell me about him and his life, I would enjoy that (937-477-4946).

V/r, Bill Steinbrueck

Bill Steinbrueck - June 07, 2021 at 09:44 PM

DK

“ *I worked with & for John for 13 years, first at Homestead AFB then Wright-Patterson, AFB. He showed a rough exterior, but he was made of blood, bones and soft tissue. Every now and then, he'd let his guard down and show who he truly was, what he was truly made of. I hadn't seen John since 1994 and often thought about him, and what he was up to. I pray the Real John, in all his Humanness - is now Eternal.
May GOD Keep John.*

Dan Karam - June 01, 2016 at 10:46 AM



“ Chief Denzer was a stand up kind of guy who always got the job done. But what seems to stick with me is his friendly smile, pleasant attitude and all around good nature. I really enjoyed any conversation with him. I know he is fondly thought of and will be missed by all of the former 906th members.

Tracy Hunt

Tracy Hunt - May 25, 2016 at 09:17 PM

MK

“ John was always a great supervisor to work for TDY or Night Super. Rest in peace Chief.

Mary Kemp hues - May 25, 2016 at 07:39 PM

JP

“ I first met John on active duty at Homestead AFB in the 70s. Worked with him later on at Wright-Patterson AFB in the 80s. Good guy and hard worker, always very detailed and dedicated. R.I.P.

Jeff Powers - May 24, 2016 at 09:02 PM

JG

“ My heart is sad to learn of the passing of such a kind man. My deepest sympathies to his entire family.

Jane Gram - May 24, 2016 at 08:54 PM

CA

“ John was a most dedicated professional in the years I worked with and knew him in the 906 FG (AFRES) at Wright Patterson. Me and Tami extend our sincere condolences to the family. Godspeed John!

CMSgt Dale Amsden - May 24, 2016 at 08:36 PM

CC

I have a lot of good memories with John. We did several tdy's together and a few beers as well. Fun fun times.

CMSgt Ray Combs. - May 24, 2016 at 09:23 PM

JG

“ *Was very shocked & saddened to hear of John's unexpected passing. We were comrades in the best Fighter Squadron in the world & I was always impressed with John's professional knowledge at work. I was freshly divorced, living in a 1 bedroom apartment & I had a severe auto accident on the way to work. John rushed to the scene to see if I was alright & took pictures that I would later need in a law suit. Later that evening, John showed up at my apartment with a fist full of cash to offer to me to help me get through these extra tuff times. THAT'S the kind of Guy Chief Denzer was. I will sincerely miss him.*

John Gregory - May 24, 2016 at 08:12 PM

CB

“ *John was a best friend and a true patriot. I worked with John throughout the 906th years and he was an untiring worker with a great attitude and work ethic. He was caring, precise and particular in every endeavor and was one of the main reasons for the success of the unit. I will sorely miss John and all of the good memories and his friendship. God bless "My Friend"!*

CMSgt Donald L. Bush - May 24, 2016 at 02:41 PM

JG

Well said, Chief.

John Gregory - May 24, 2016 at 08:13 PM