



# John Lewis Hagenbrock

November 19, 1940 - November 30, 2020

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## Obituary

John Lewis Hagenbrock, age 80, died peacefully at home in Black River Falls on Monday, November 30, 2020. He was surrounded by his loving family and was under the compassionate care of Black River Memorial Hospital Hospice.

John was born on November 19, 1940 in Duluth, Minnesota to Lucille and Lewis Hagenbrock. As the oldest of twelve siblings, John knew the importance of hard work and taking care of others. He started working at a corner store in his Duluth neighborhood and later, when supermarkets came to town, he bagged potatoes. John graduated in 1959 from Central High School in Duluth, Minnesota. Upon graduation, he attended college for a brief time, but quickly realized that the workforce was where he belonged. He returned to the grocery business and later ventured into sales for a brief time. He also served in the Minnesota Army National Guard.

John married Jean Rosella Ozmun on September 8, 1962 in Faribault, Minnesota. Throughout the early years of their marriage they briefly lived in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and Indiana. In 1971, John and Jean had an opportunity to purchase a small grocery store in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, so the family relocated there. They named the store Town and Country IGA and through the next 34 years, it was a large part of the community of Black River Falls, although changing location and names several times. Throughout his career, John was also the owner and operator of grocery stores in Augusta, Arcadia, Richland Center, Boscobel, Lancaster, Wisconsin Rapids, and Eau Claire. John retired from the grocery business in 2005.

John was known throughout the community for his incredible work ethic. While he was often extremely demanding as a boss, he would never ask an employee to do something that he would not do himself. He was also amazingly generous. There are numerous organizations and individuals that have benefitted from his donations of time and financial assistance throughout the years. John never forgot his humble beginnings and was constantly striving to help others.

John is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jean Hagenbrock, of Black River Falls, and his children Wendy (Chris) Ferstenou of Eau Claire and Scott (Sharra) Hagenbrock of Celina, TX. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. While higher education was not for him, it was a priority that his children and grandchildren have every educational opportunity. He will be dearly missed by his grandchildren Whitney Dugan (Darin Niemi) and Taylor Dugan, both of Eau Claire, as well as

Michael Hagenbrock, Tyler Hagenbrock, and Madison Hagenbrock, all of Celina, TX.

Additionally, John is survived by his siblings James (Betty) Hagenbrock of Minneapolis, MN, Jerry Hagenbrock of Duluth, MN, Judy (John) Marshall of Cape Coral, FL, Jean Anderson of Black River Falls, JoAnne (Mike) Durand of Duluth, MN, Jeffrey (Barb) Hagenbrock of Black River Falls, Joe (Sue) Hagenbrock of Cape Coral, FL, Jorge (Eileen) Hagenbrock of Cape Coral, FL, Janet Davidson of Duluth, MN, Julie (Tony) Cossette of Brainerd, MN, and Joyce (John) Hanke of Johnson Creek, WI. John is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

John was preceded in death by his father, Lewis, in 1983 and his mother, Lucille, in 2007.

In addition to his love of family and his contributions to the Black River Falls community, John will be remembered for his unwavering loyalty towards the Minnesota Vikings. He also greatly enjoyed camping with his "bus" friends and attending country music festivals. He enjoyed traveling, but it became more and more difficult for him over the years. His highlight of last year was taking his family on an Alaskan cruise.

Visitation for John will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2020 from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at Torgerson's Funeral Service at 408 North Water Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin. A private family memorial service will be held on December 7, 2020 with Pastor Steve Rutter officiating.

The family would like to sincerely thank the Black River Falls Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Division for the numerous times they assisted John over the years. Additionally, they are deeply appreciative of the dignity and care given to John by Black River Memorial Hospital Hospice in the last week of his life. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests any donations be made to the above organizations.


The Torgerson Funeral Home of Black River Falls is assisting the family with arrangements, 715-284-4321.


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## Events

### DEC 6 Visitation

 Sunday, December 06, 2020  
2:00PM - 5:00PM

 Torgerson's Funeral Service  
408 N. Water Street  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

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A private family memorial service will take place on Monday, December 7th.

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#### Torgerson's Funeral Service

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