



## John R. Milroy

July 7, 1925 - January 10, 2025

John Robert Milroy was called home on January 10, 2025, at the age of 99. He was born in Kalamazoo on July 7, 1925, to Robert and Norda (Schoonmaker) Milroy and resided there for 47 years.

When John was 18, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and he ultimately served in the 94th Infantry Division in France, Germany, and Czechoslovakia in 1944-45. John rose from a PFC Scout to Technical Sergeant in charge of a platoon.

After graduating from Western Michigan University in 1949, John began a banking career in Kalamazoo, and then after a brief move to Ft. Dodge, Iowa, ultimately to Alpena.

On September 12, 1953, John married the former Joyce Ann Petersen at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kalamazoo. They were married for 67 years.

John enjoyed University of Michigan football games, community service, traveling—especially to 94th Infantry reunions—and his family. He is the author of three memoirs and loved handing them out.

Surviving are children Jan Milroy, Des Moines, IA, Michael (Kathy Clark), Grand Rapids, Timothy (Vicki), Battle Creek, and James (Lori), Saginaw. In

addition, John is survived by six grandchildren: Casey Milroy (Michael Beaudoin), Brianne Milroy (Nate Siudak), Andrew Milroy, Izzy Milroy, Erin Farnsel (Curtis), and Ellen Frost (Jack). He is also survived by six great-grandchildren: Kenley Beaudoin, Cameron Beaudoin, Margot Farnsel, Jay Farnsel, Jack Frost, and Addison Frost.

John was predeceased by his beloved wife Joyce, a brother, Bruce Milroy, and a sister, Nancy Reade.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no service. His remains will be interred at Ft. Custer National Cemetery.

The family thanks Covenant VNA Hospice, Homestead, and the staff at Independence Village (Wescourt) for their devoted care and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc. 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Custer National Cemetery**

15501 Dickman Road  
Augusta, MI 49012

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was so sorry to hear of John's passing...  
I was doing my regular shopping at Meijer on Tittabawasee in  
Saginaw, when I noticed this sweet senior citizen sitting behind a  
table by the pet department...  
He was passing out papers telling people of his book "Old Man's  
Memories Lucky Johnny Milroy" and how to get it..  
I was attracted by his words  
"Do you like to read?"  
Well yes... I LOVE to read, so I walked over...  
We talked alittle and he gave me a paper telling me how I could  
order his book and if I came back next week, he would sign it for  
me..  
Well I was disappointed when I went back the next week about the  
same time and he wasn't there...  
I always wondered about him...  
He told me he was 99 years old..  
The other day when I was looking for another obit, I saw his name  
at the same funeral home...  
Sure enough after I read his obit I knew it was him!!  
He never got to sign my book, but I will always treasure in my heart  
that I got to meet John  
and talk with him for those few minutes..  
Until we meet again, John...❤️❤�

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**Debra Brandt** - January 28, 2025 at 06:00 AM

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“ Gary And Elsa McClain lit a candle in memory  
of John R. Milroy



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**Gary and Elsa McClain** - January 14, 2025 at 12:29 PM

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*He was a good and Faithful servant of God His rewards are awaiting in His Heavenly home, We always looked so forward to seeing him on the 4th and 5th Sunday of each month at Independent Village formerly WesCourt he will definitely be missed.*

*Our Condolences and Prayers for the Milroy family May God comfort and give you all strength.*

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**Gary and Elsa McClain** - January 18, 2025 at 08:00 AM