



## John Edward Grainger

January 2, 1943 - March 20, 2016

John Edward Grainger 73, of Hawk Point, Missouri, passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at Troy Manor, Troy, MO. He was born on January 2, 1943 in Santa Ana, CA, a son of the late Alvin S. and Esther B. (Brooking) Grainger. .

John graduated high school and served in the United States Army (1961-1968). He was deployed twice to Vietnam as a Combat Medic. During his second tour, while assigned to the 1st Air Cavalry, 7th Cavalry Division, John was wounded in action and retired with the rank of Staff Sergeant in 1968. He continued his education in Cupertino, CA, attending De Anza College. He was a very quiet man and had comforting blue eyes. John truly loved his Greyhound dogs, especially his three babies: Nallah, Sally and Jeffrey. He had a passion for electronics and it really showed when it came to computers. John enjoyed collecting guns and RC Radio Control Airplanes.

He is survived by son, John David Grainger and wife, April of Fremont, CA; one daughter, Erin R. Grainger of Lompoc, CA; grandson, John Carl Grainger of Fremont, CA and many cousins from Troy and Hawk Point, MO. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Charles Clive Grainger

As per John's wishes cremation rites were accorded. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Pets-A-Lone-Sanctuary, in care of Kemper-Millard-Keim Family Funeral Chapels, P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Millard-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 41 Farm Lane, Hawk Point, MO 63349. Online condolences may be made at [www.kempermillardkeimfamilychapels.com](http://www.kempermillardkeimfamilychapels.com) Phone 636-338-4375.

# Comments

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“ I would like to send my condolences to all that knew John and may see this. While it has been some time now since his passing, I hope someone will see this. I came across this sad news while looking up addresses for Christmas cards. Since I was having some success, I thought I would see if I could find John. I had tried to find him some years ago, but could not. Very sorry to be too late.

When I new John, he was referred to as Buck. His brother was Chuck. I was sort of a step cousin for a while, as my father had married his Aunt, Berneice. Buck's parents were my Uncle Al and Aunt Esther. I worked for them at there Chevron gas station, as did Buck and Chuck. Buck did not work there, when I was there, but I saw him often as he came there frequently.

I recall he had a hotrod Plymouth, that he seemed to wash frequently. After washing it, it had to be dried. The best way to do that was by taking it for a fast drive down the Central Express Way. I went on one or two of those drying runs, and they were pretty exciting. The car dried fast. Uncle Al said the thing made 500 horsepower. Later Buck had one of the very first Honda cars. It was a little square yellow thing. Buck was pretty big, the car was pretty small. For a time, the reverse gear was broken in it. If he had to back up, he merely opened the door, and scooted the car back by pushing with his left foot.

I also got to go out with him a couple of times to RC airplane meets, and to fly his powered glider. He took me up hwy 280 once when the center section was not yet complete. That was in the hot rod too. Where we were going, I can not recall. Anyway, he was always a great guy to me. I knew he had served and had been wounded, but I'd never heard that he was a medic. I also recall him being very excited about some of the "cool new stuff" he was learning in college.

I really wish he was still with us, I would have loved to talked with him again. In the late 70's I went off to the Navy for 20 years, and was usually many miles away from all the folks at Grainger's Chevron. After my father passed, I had a falling out with my stepmother, but before that I remember visiting Uncle Al at his final resting place. So sad to know they are ALL gone.

Please rest well good cousin Buck and say hello to to Al and Esther and Chuck and Pam, I miss you all.

Thank you so much for this opportunity!

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