

JOHN CLAPPER

HUMBIRD – John Edward Clapper, 68, of Humbird, died unexpectedly Saturday, January 10, 2015 at his home.

John was born April 6, 1946 in Sarcoxie, MO to Francis and Velma (Berrier) Clapper.

After graduating from high school he enlisted in the US Marine Corp in 1966. While serving he was trained in radio operation and repair. He received the rank of Sergeant and top honors in marksmanship. He was honorably discharged in 1971. Following the service he worked as a machinist in Missouri until moving to the Humbird area in 1973. He worked for Ludeman's South Alma Cheese Factory until he retired in 2011.

John married Gloria Miles on September 15, 1972 in Berryville , Arkansas. They were later divorced.

John was a member of Humbird American Legion Post #0320. He enjoyed playing softball, horseshoes and darts with friends.

John is survived by his children, Eugene Clapper of Fredericksburg, VA , Sheila Marie Crudup of Richmond ,VA , Sheila Dawnette Simonette of Hatfield, Tina Marie (Robert) Diggins of Black River Falls, Christopher Lee (Kathy) Clapper of Roseburg, OR, Travis John (Kathryn) Clapper of Alma Center and Crystal Gayle (Soren) Marg of Merrilan. He is further survived by one brother, Francis Clapper of Pierce City, MO; four sisters, Beatrice (Bill) Weaver of Mt. Vernon, MO, Juanita Clayton of Fresno,CA ,Lois (Carl) Phillips of Lufkin, TX , Marilyn (Norman) Holland of Pierce City, MO; 20 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and numerous extended family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Velma; brothers, Robert, Gary and Glenn; one sister, Jeanne Johnson.

Memorial services will be 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 18, 2015 at Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home in Hixton, with Rev. Terry Marg officiating.

Friends may call from 12:00 PM until the time of services at the funeral home on Sunday.