



John Bertram Roark Sr.

September 17, 1935 - October 27, 2025

Date of Birth: 17 September 1935

Place of Birth: Kansas City, Kansas

Date of Death: 27 October 2025

John Bertram Roark, Sr., was born on 17 September 1935 in Kansas City, Kansas to Clarence Aldon Roark and Genevieve (Pierce) Roark. He was the youngest of four children: Clarence O., Doris, James, then John. All preceded him in death.

John married Juanita (Juana) (Bernal) Roark on 21 March 1959, in Muncie, Kansas. They went on to raise their four children: Michele (Kenneth) Garrett, John B. Roark, Jr. (Lori), Maria G. Roark, and Christopher S. Roark. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Juana, his son Chris, his granddaughter, Jessica N. Roark, and 5 infant great grandchildren: Garrett, Micaela, Henriken, Johnathon and Thomas.

John worked many years as an Electrician, and retired from Colgate Palmolive. He was a proud member of the IBEW. After retirement, he and his beloved Juana were able to travel around the United States and enjoyed much time with their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends.

John was a member of Sacred Heart/Our Lady of Unity Parish for over 50 years. He attended Mass until health issues curtailed his activities.

John always looked for ways to learn new things and was heavily involved in Electronics, Jazz or any good music, he learned basic Spanish, enjoyed his computers and had many good years of communicating with people all around the world being a ham operator. John proudly served his Country as a member of the United States Army. John also participated in a monthly lunch with his fellow retirees from Colgate Palmolive. He was a big fan of the Kansas City Royals, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas Jayhawks.

John is survived by his children: Michele (Ken) Garrett, John B. (Lori), Maria G., his grandchildren: Cristi (Wayne) Thompson, Steven (Charee) Garrett Suttle, Bruce Garrett, his namesake, John B. Roark, III (Phuong/Jasmine), Elissa (Josh) Wright, and 2 precious great grandchildren: Kenji Mateo Roark, and Leia Michele Wright. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews.

A visitation for John will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 9:00 - 10:00 AM with a funeral mass to follow at 10:00 AM. Burial will take follow services at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

1150 N 38th St.
Kansas City, KS 66102

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2646 S. 34th St.
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 677-1277

Funeral Mass

NOV 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2646 S. 34th St.
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 677-1277

Burial

NOV 15 (CT)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
1150 N 38th St.
Kansas City, KS 66102

Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of John Bertram Roark Sr.*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - November 11, 2025 at 10:56 AM

CJ

“ *Michele, I am so incredibly sorry to learn of your dad's passing. You and the family are in my thoughts.*



Cate (Bernal) Jacobs - December 09, 2025 at 03:44 PM

MG

Thank you so much, Cate. It's been daunting learning to live without him here on Earth. But it brings great peace knowing he is reunited with his beloved Juana again...

Michele Garrett - December 10, 2025 at 12:32 PM

JS

“ *John, Michele & Maria, So sorry for the passing of your Dad. May all your wonderful memories of your Dad give you comfort during this difficult time. Jeff & I are having a tree planted in his memory thru Memory Tree. Keeping you & your families in our thoughts & prayers. God Bless. Love, Jeff & Linda Seigler*

Jeff & Linda Seigler - November 19, 2025 at 06:41 PM

MG

Thank you so much. Dad (and the family) would be honored to have a Memory Tree in his name...

Michele Garrett - November 20, 2025 at 10:19 PM

LK

“ Linda K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Bertram Roark Sr..

Linda K. - November 19, 2025 at 06:28 PM

MG

“ Dad - I feel like I have a huge hole in my heart...but I know you and Mom are walking this life journey with us - you are still greatly loved - and always greatly missed...until we reunite at the Gates of Heaven...I love you, Shell/Baby



Michele Garrett - November 18, 2025 at 07:14 PM

MJ

“ Miss you...love John Roark III, Kenji, Jas purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of John Bertram Roark Sr..



Miss you...love John Roark III, Kenji, Jas - November 14, 2025 at 04:08 PM

MJ

“ Miss you...love John Roark III, Kenji, Jas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Bertram Roark Sr..

Miss you...love John Roark III, Kenji, Jas - November 14, 2025 at 04:08 PM

TK

“ Tuan Pham and family (Loan and Kim) purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John Bertram Roark Sr..



Tuan Pham and family (Loan and Kim) - November 14, 2025 at 03:56 PM

TK

“ Tuan Pham and family (Loan and Kim) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Bertram Roark Sr..

Tuan Pham and family (Loan and Kim) - November 14, 2025 at 03:56 PM

MG

“ Michele G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Bertram Roark Sr..

Michele G. - October 31, 2025 at 03:05 PM