NOVEMBER IS EYE DONATION MONTH



John Luallin

cornea donor

When asked to describe her brother John Luallin, Mary Strait uses terms like “wild, wooly, silly, kind, smart and ornery.” He was a talented mechanic, loved music, and had a wicked sense of humor.
John died in 2023, exactly 25 years after his mother had received a kidney transplant. It was after that transplant that he became a registered eye, organ, and tissue donor. After his death, Luallin’s wish to be a donor was honored, and his corneas were transplanted into two different people.
“To know we were able to honor his wishes and help someone has brought great comfort to our family,” Mary says. “We hope the people he was able to help are able to live their best lives and embrace every adventure life throws at him.”

It only takes a minute to register as a donor: iowalionseyebank.org

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