

John D. Avery 2006-2007



I am a native of Wayne, Michigan. I have a Master's in education with extensive post-graduate work in counseling. A Certified Thanatologist in Death, Dying & Bereavement, Funeral Service Professional and a Professional Family Counselor. A teacher for thirteen years in the State of Michigan. As a diaconal minister in the United Methodist Church, serving fifteen years in pastoral counseling, church music, and education

administration.

In 1997, John and Peggie began Civil War reenacting as members of 8th MO Infantry. Zouaves and Ladies Auxiliary. In 1998, I purchased a 1860s hearse, restored it and in 1999, began my impression of a Civil War undertaker/embalming surgeon .

I joined U.S. Grant Camp #68, in 1999, under my gr. gr. Uncle, Private Charles Avery of Co. H, 5th. Michigan Cavalry. Served as Department Eagle Scout Coordinator & Department Commander of Missouri. I am a Sergeant in the 4th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Peggie and I live in Manchester, Missouri. We have four daughters, seven grandchildren, one great granddaughter and two dogs.