



John P. Shannon

September 13, 1943 - May 8, 2020

John Patrick Shannon, resident of Macomb Township, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 8, 2020. He was 76 years of age. John fought a long, courageous battle with cancer and has now been called to his heavenly home.

John was born in Perrysburg, Ohio on September 13, 1943, son of the late John Thomas and Helen Marie (Bowers) Shannon. He was the beloved husband of 49 years this August to Roberta (Bobbie) and loving father to Patrick Shannon and Holly (Todd) Goike. He is survived by two brothers, Richard (Denise) and Robert (Linda) Shannon and many nieces and nephews.

John had a unique childhood having lived on Mackinac Island where his grandparents owned the island's general store. He attended first through third grades at the Island's school which met in the old Thomas W. Ferry School, converted at the time from a 19th century Indian Dormitory, now a historic museum. His family later moved to Lansing, Michigan where John graduated from St. Mary's High School and took classes at Michigan State University. In 1962, John decided to end his college days and enlisted in the U. S. Air Force where he was stationed at Biggs Air Force Bas in El Paso, Texas. He served our country honorably and was discharged in 1966. John returned home to Lansing and worked various jobs. He loved sports, was a track and football athlete in high school, and played for the Lansing All-Stars, a semi-professional football team.

John later moved to the Detroit area and lived in Birmingham, Michigan where he got a sales position with National Rent-a-Car. He called on many companies, one being Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Company. It was at this company where he met his soon to be bride Roberta (Bobbie), introduced to him by his contact at the company. On August 7, 1971 John and Bobbie were united in marriage at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Detroit. They were blessed with two wonderful children, Patrick and Holly. In the 70's, John decided to secure a job in the trades. In 1973, he went to work for TRW Automotive in Sterling Heights and became trained and certified in machine repair and worked there until 1990. After that, he went to work for Detroit Diesel Corporation until his retirement on October

31, 2007. Soon after retirement, he was blessed with four grandchildren beginning in 2008-2011, whom he adored and babysat for as much as possible. Unfortunately, his diagnosis with prostate cancer soon came as well and in 2009, his battle began and his fight was long and hard but his focus was always to be there for his family, to see his grandchildren grow, and watch them play sports for as long as possible.

John was a strong, hardworking and caring man with an Irish fight for life. He was an avid sports fan and especially loved his Spartans, Lions, Tigers and Wings. He was always ready to talk sports, enjoyed golfing, photography and keeping in touch with his buddies. A Loving husband, father, papa, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and friend to many, there was never a doubt that he loved his family that his family loved him. We were blessed to have him and he will be truly missed. Rest in Peace dear John until we meet again. GO GREEN!

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his honor to The American Cancer Society, your favorite charity, or directly to the family.

Cemetery

Christian Memorial Cultural Center

521 E. Hamlin Road

Rochester Hills, MI,

Comments



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Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - May 12 at 08:28 AM



“ Rest in peace Neighbor, Your friendly neighbor smile and greetings will be missed. Hoping that your Family can find peace knowing that you are no longer suffering.

Joyce and Wally Muklewicz

Wally Muklewicz - May 12 at 08:19 PM



“ Rest in Peace dear Brother-in-Law. You will be missed by all your family and friends who had the privilege of knowing you. Prayers, love and hugs to Bobbie and Patrick, Holly, Todd, and the grandkids Brady, Carter, Gavin, Ella.

Roger & Fran Muehlbrandt

Fran Muehlbrandt - May 11 at 07:23 PM



“ John was always a quiet presence throughout our years of school together at Holy Cross and St. Mary's In Lansing. A very nice boy turned into a very nice man
Christine Schneider Brown

Christine M Brown - May 11 at 04:17 PM



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Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - May 11 at 11:09 AM



“ I worked with John for several years. Always a joy to work with. I never had an argument or disagreement with John. John had a great sense of humor and he had a tremendous work ethic. My condolences to the Bobbie and the Shannon family. Rest in peace, my friend.....

Rick Collins

Rick - May 11 at 10:11 AM



“ Always remember John with a smile on his face and always happy. The funniest story that John and I always joked about for 35 years after it happened was back when our youngest daughter Lisa was 5 years old (1985) and she was over the Shannon's house playing with Holly and somehow Lisa got Slime in her hair and the kids were worried they were going to get in trouble and Patrick decided to fix the problem by cutting the Slime out of her hair. The problem was he cut the middle section of her bangs out along with the Slime and her kindergarten school pictures were being taken the next week after this. Bobbie was at work during this incident and John was watching all the kids because I was working too and when Bobbie got home John told her she better call me and warn me about Lisa's hair. Lol.

Kathy Macioce - May 10 at 11:53 PM



“ Pam & I are saddened to hear about Johns passing, but he's in a better place now. Praying for the family. Rest In Peace John.
Pam & Dan

Dan - May 10 at 11:06 PM



“ Dan & Pam Zalenski lit a candle in memory of John P. Shannon



Dan & Pam Zalenski - May 10 at 11:04 PM



“ I worked with John at Detroit Diesels. He was a very nice and kind person. John will be greatly missed. May he RIP

Pam Hixson - May 10 at 08:29 PM



“ I recall John as a quiet, likable young man. I enjoyed the many pictures of his youth and young adult years. I respect him as a veteran. I wish his family God's blessing.

Dennis English - May 10 at 07:54 PM



“ You couldn't want a better friend or a more fun guy. Loved and took pride in his family and followed lions.

Daniel M Jones - May 10 at 05:00 PM



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