



John Edward Bowsby

December 8, 1941 - June 5, 2026

John Edward Bowsby, a cherished husband, teacher, and friend, peacefully departed this life on Friday, June 5th, 2026, at the age of 84. John was born on Monday, December 8th, 1941, in the quiet town of Taylor, Michigan.

John dedicated his life to educating young minds and spent his career as a devoted teacher. His passion for learning and nurturing his students' potential left a lasting impact on all who knew him. John was admired for his kindness, patience, and unwavering dedication to his profession.

He is survived by his loving wife, Theresa Anne Bowsby, who shared 47 wonderful years by his side in Macomb. Children Karen (Howard) Cole, Craig (Gidget) Bowsby, Julie Bowsby, and Jim Craig. Dear brother to Sally VanWinkelen, and step father to Peter Caterina, Rose Cole, Anthony Caterina, and Charlie Caterina. John is also survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his fishing buddy, Tai Phan, and many great friends. John was preceded in death by his parents, Violet and Edward Bowsby, whose love and guidance shaped the man he became.

Family, friends, and all whose lives were touched by John are invited to pay their respects at a visitation on Wednesday, June 10th, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township, located in Shelby

Township, MI. A funeral service in celebration of John's life will follow at the same location, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Arrangements have been thoughtfully entrusted to Wasik Funeral Home-Shelby Township, where John's life and legacy will be honored with the dignity and respect he exemplified throughout his years. John's warmth and humor will be dearly missed, and his memory cherished by all who loved him.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
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Funeral Service

JUN **10**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Tom and Sherry Lambrecht purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Edward Bowsby.*



Tom and Sherry Lambrecht - June 09 at 08:04 PM

LS

“Papa John was my grandpa. And he was always there for me when I needed him. I loved him so, so much. We would always go fishing together, and I caught my first fish with him. I will always remember all of the memories we made together. Some of my favorite memories are from those fishing trips, just spending time with him and talking about anything and everything. Whenever I came over, he would make sure to prepare me a steak because we shared that as our favorite food. It didn't matter what else was going on, he always made me feel loved and cared about. He always had the best advice, and I will miss hearing his crazy stories. Even if I had already heard them about a million times, every time they were special because they came from him. I would listen to them over and over again just because I loved hearing him tell them. Papa John wasn't just my grandpa; he was my best friend. I talked to him about everything and shared some of my favorite memories with him. No matter what was going on in my life, I knew I could always go to him. He always gave the best hugs, and I always looked forward to them every time I saw him. I remember on the last day that I saw him, he gave me one of his great bear hugs and I started teering up, I'm not sure why, and I just whispered I love you papa. Those hugs could make even the worst day better. Papa was always there for me in everything I did and through all of the struggles I had in life, always making it a point to come to my basketball and softball games. He was my biggest cheerleader, and I know he will always be. No matter where I looked in the stands, I could always count on seeing him there supporting me. Even when he started to get really sick he would still always ask me how my sports were going, because he knows how much they mean to me. Even if he couldn't be there, I always knew how proud of me he was. And I know he will always be watching me and be my biggest cheerleader. I am so thankful for every memory we made together, every fishing trip, every story, every hug, and every steak we shared. I will miss him more than words can describe, but I will never forget him. He was, and will always be one of the most important people in my life, and I will carry the memories and lessons he gave me with me forever. I love you, Papa John, and I

will miss you every single day.

Rest in peace Papa John, I love you. 🕊️

Your great Granddaughter

Laila ❤️

Laila Sosnowski - June 09 at 04:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Edward Bowsby.*



June 08 at 02:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Edward Bowsby.

June 08 at 02:18 PM

TP

“ John was a long time neighbor, friend and fishing buddy. We have been fishing together for over 15 years. There was several times that when we came home from the trip our wives used to ask what were you two talking about. when you guys sit around in the boat. I would tell my wife, John tells me stories about his childhood, teaching and jokes of course. And John would tell Theresa, I teach Tai how to swear and tell him bad jokes. I just want to remember all the good times when we're fishing, seating in the back garage and most of all after cutting the grass, we sat on the back patio and have a Bloody Mary, he was the only one can get me drink. John's favorite saying is MAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE! Miss you and love you John. Your buddy Tai

Tai Phan - June 07 at 08:36 PM

BB

“ John was a long time friend. He was always honest and told it like it was. We laughed a lot together over the years. Worked together, golfed together, helped each other when it was needed. He was a good man and will truly be missed. He led a good life and lived it well. Thanks for all the memories John.

Bob Brisson - June 07 at 07:04 PM

DS

“ JOHN was a special friend to Jim and myself . Will miss him dearly.

Delores Stroup - June 07 at 06:44 PM

PZ

“ John and I were Best Friends for the last 49 Years, Shared feelings and interests. What a Kind Man! Peter Zientek

Peter Zientek - June 07 at 06:29 AM