



## John A. Knapp

December 4, 1944 - March 18, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of John A. Knapp, who departed this life on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at the age of 80. He passed away peacefully at his residence in Harrison Township, Michigan.

John was born on December 4, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan, to Edwin Louis and Mary Elizabeth (Gallaher) Knapp. His formative years were marked by a deep sense of duty and service, which led him to enlist in the Armed Forces in 1962. He served his country with honor until his discharge in 1965 at Fort Hood in Texas.

John spent his professional career at Stanley Black & Decker Engineered Fasteners, where he was both respected and admired by colleagues and peers.

A devoted family man, John was the beloved husband of 27 years to Roberta F. (Shapiro) Knapp, who resides in Harrison Township, MI. He was a dear father to John Anthony Knapp II and a cherished stepfather to Sandra (Jeff) Seader and Betsi (Brian) VanFossen. John was a proud step-grandfather to Aron, Leelen, and Emily.

John is survived by his loving siblings, Louis, Mary Lou, Margaret, Michael, Julie, and Anne. He is predeceased by his siblings Edwin, Joel, James, and

Thomas Knapp.

John's life will be commemorated with Military Honors on April 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at The Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan, where his legacy will be honored and remembered.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [stjude.org/donatetoday](https://stjude.org/donatetoday), as a testament to John's lifelong commitment to helping others.

John's gentle spirit, unwavering dedication, and kindness will be profoundly missed, but his memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who loved him.

# Previous Events

## Military Honors

APR 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Observe me now as you pass by,  
As you are now so once was i;  
As I am now so you shall be,  
So take my hand and follow me*

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**john knapp jr.** - March 25, 2025 at 08:48 PM

AB

“ *The best fishing trip I've ever been on. I miss him with my whole heart.*

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**Ava Briggeman** - March 21, 2025 at 07:41 PM

BL

“ *I have known John most of my adult life. He has always been kind and a great person to have a conversation with. He will be truly missed.*

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**Bill Lackowski** - March 21, 2025 at 11:53 AM