



John Peter Osterman

March 5, 1942 - July 14, 2025

It is with profound grief and sorrow that we wish to inform you of the peaceful passing of John Peter Osterman on July 14, 2025, at the age of 83.

John was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His journey on this earth was one marked by love, compassion, and his belief that people were the most valued asset of any organization.

After leaving Mt. Clemens after high school and spending four years in the US Army, John returned to Mt. Clemens where he met and would later marry his wife, Sandra.

John worked in the tool and die and equipment building industries when he founded his first company Tru Bend in 1974. John had the entrepreneurial vision to launch and develop multiple successful businesses over his entire life including the Skate Loft, JP's Clubhouse, Surfside Stamping and Selective Industries, Inc. to name a few.

John's legacy lives on through his wife of 61 years Sandra and his loving children: Tammy (Michael) Black, Sherri (Timothy) Teller, Michael (Laura) Osterman, and Dawn (Derek) Wagner. As a grandfather, he reveled in the laughter and joy of his grandchildren: Cory, April (Andru), Nicholas (Caitlin), Noah, Hope, Adam, Chloe, Aaron, and Lukas. He took immense pride in his

great-grandchildren: Cheyenne, Cameron, Calus, Zariah, Cash, and Ella, each of whom brought him great happiness.

He loved travelling with his wife and family. They enjoyed decades of travel and made friends all along the way. Their travel adventures would take them from Michigan to Florida, Rhode Island to Mississippi, and from Hawaii to the Caribbean. John and Sandy's RV treks across the country were legendary with some tales having better endings than others.

John was never scared to take on new opportunities. He thrived at taking on projects that others had passed on because they were too difficult or "couldn't be done." John did everything with honesty and integrity. He had very strong values and was well liked by everyone, mostly due to his positive energy. John had incredible patience, and always made time to help others. He was inviting and easy going and had a young-at-heart quality.

John loved to golf with his friends and family and it was one of his favorite past times.

Those who knew John will remember him for his infectious smile and his unwavering commitment to spreading love and kindness to everyone he encountered. He had a rare gift for making others smile and laugh, leaving a lasting impact on all who crossed his path.

His passing has left a void in the hearts of his family, friends, and many more whose lives were touched by him. We ask that you remember him not for the way his life ended, but for the way it was lived, and for the profound impact it had on the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Although John's physical presence may no longer grace our lives, his spirit will continue to inspire and uplift us. May his memory be a blessing, and may we

carry forth his legacy of love and compassion in all that we do.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests contributions to charities close to John's heart. His memory will forever remain in the hearts of those he touched throughout his memorable life.

Visitation 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 20, 2025 at the Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel, 35259 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore.

Funeral Service will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the funeral home.

In Lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to New Day Foundation for Families Website: <https://www.foundationforfamilies.org/>
Donate Page Only: <https://give.foundationforfamilies.org/campaign/565601/donate>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ Some of my earliest memories are of times spent on Hennings with Uncle John and Aunt Sandy. I can remember Uncle John taking Tammy and I for rides in his pick up truck and steering with his knees, he even let us sit on his lap and “drive”. I thought he was the coolest and still do!!! RIP Uncle John.

Stacy Greene - July 19, 2025 at 04:28 PM

JV

“ John’s passing was definitely a surprise. I met John at Riverside and played many a round of golf with him. I will truly miss his laughter. I know that he is going to leave a big hole in the Riverside family. Marilyn and I wish Sandy and the whole Osterman family our deepest condolences. Hope that Sandy will consider coming back to her family at Riverside.



John and Marilyn

John Vessie - July 19, 2025 at 01:57 PM

RD

“ Dear Osterman family,
As described by so many we will always remember John’s big welcoming smile, positive energy and happy young at heart attitude. We know there are no words to ease your pain at this time, but please know this: All of those positive pieces of your Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa are clearly visible inside each of you. Continue to share those traits with your beloved Matriarch and the world.

Remi and Lynn Durand - July 19, 2025 at 11:55 AM

RK

“ With heartfelt sorrow, John Osterman is remembered as a dear family friend. His presence in the family for over four decades was a true blessing, filled with shared laughter, unwavering support, and cherished memories. He will be deeply missed and forever held in our hearts. The holiday vacations in Florida and April & Andru’s wedding in Colorado Springs were some of our fondest memories and good times. We’ll never forget his infectious smile and loving spirit. Deepest sympathies and prayers are with the family.

Robert & Michele (Steier) Knapp, David & Amanda Steier

Robert Knapp - July 19, 2025 at 11:19 AM

RS

“ Robert&Michele Knapp,David&Amanda Steier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Peter Osterman.

Robert&Michele Knapp,David&Amanda Steier - July 19, 2025 at 11:16 AM

RS

“ Robert&Michele Knapp,David&Amanda Steier purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of John Peter Osterman.



Robert&Michele Knapp,David&Amanda Steier - July 19, 2025 at 11:16 AM

L&

“ Linda & Tom purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Peter Osterman.



Linda & Tom - July 18, 2025 at 10:50 PM

LJ

“ Love, Adam & Amy Janusch purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Peter Osterman.



Love, Adam & Amy Janusch - July 18, 2025 at 08:27 AM

DW

“ You couldn't ask for a better father-in-law than John. He was a father figure that taught me so much during our time together. He was my go to man when I needed advice or had a mechanical question. He will be missed greatly, but his kindness, generosity, and love for for life will be carried on by his family. Love you John!

D Wagner - July 17, 2025 at 08:41 PM

RS

“ Ramco Specialties purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Peter Osterman.



Ramco Specialties - July 17, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Peter Osterman.



July 17, 2025 at 12:17 PM



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

July 17, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ For Mike and family... Sorry for the loss of your father.

Lynne Hoover - July 17, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ R tyler S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Peter Osterman.

R tyler S. - July 17, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ My deepest condolences for the Osterman family. Even though this is a temporary separation, we all will be reunited once again and know that your father is so proud of you Mike.

Charlie Thian - July 17, 2025 at 07:45 AM

CH

“ *Chelsea & Chad Hover purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John Peter Osterman.*



Chelsea & Chad Hover - July 17, 2025 at 07:13 AM

TB

“ *The BRAT purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Peter Osterman.*



The BRAT - July 16, 2025 at 11:53 PM

KY

“ *I grew up with the knowledge that my Osterman family is always there for me. For me, and all of us knew we were there for each other. Cousin John was a happy smiling face and a positive impact on all of our lives. I'm sure he is carrying his blessings in heaven. God speed John.*

Kathy McNally Yonka - July 16, 2025 at 11:11 PM

SS

“ *My Dad knew John through Tool and Die, he was always so pleasant to our family, as times grew us apart he always talked about him from time to time with big smiles, then I would think of him when I went to Skate loft every weekend. May he rest in peace.*

Sheryl Stone - July 16, 2025 at 08:04 PM

DT

“ *The world lost a great man and I lost one of the greatest people to ever enter my life. John has been my mentor, my father figure, my boss, a great friend but most of all one of the most influential people I have ever met. I am honored and grateful that he was a part of my life for so long. I will miss him as much as my own dad. RIP Johnny O! I'm 1LKYGUY for knowing you.*

DJT

Don Tatum - July 16, 2025 at 05:08 PM

ST

Dear Don, he loved you dearly. Thank you for the kind words.

Sherri Teller - July 16, 2025 at 07:34 PM

BS

My prayers are with Johns family. God bless

Brian A. Stroud - July 16, 2025 at 08:17 PM

BG

Dear Sandy, Gally and I were shocked to hear of John's passing. We enjoyed many great winters with you and John at Riverside and those memories will always be with us. Our prayers are with you and your family. we send our sincere condolences to you and your family at this difficult time. Beth and Gally

Beth& Brian Galbraith - July 19, 2025 at 05:57 PM