



## John Robert Crison

April 27, 1954 - October 3, 2016

HOLLAND, MI – John R. ‘Bob’ Crison, of New Jersey, passed away Monday, October 3, 2016, at the age of 62.

He was born April 27, 1954, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the oldest son of John and Margaret (Toma) Crison.

After graduating from Adrian High School with the Class of 1972, John continued his education at the University of Michigan, earning a B.S., M.S. and PhD in Pharmacy.

On May 10, 2003, he married Lucia Tin, and she survives.

John was an accomplished scientist in pharmaceutical research holding numerous patents and publications. He was frequently invited to lecture throughout the world at conferences, research institutions and regulatory authorities including the FDA and was an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan and University of Albany. Although he retired from Bristol-Myers Squibb, John remained active in consulting for global pharmaceutical companies. John’s lifelong work has saved lives and inspired future generations of scientists. John enjoyed traveling with his wife, hiking and visiting many cities in the world, as well as spending time with family.

In addition to his wife, Lucia, he is survived by his sister, Betsy (Michael) Lackey of Adrian; treasured nieces and nephews: Drew (Sarah) Carter, Erin (Jeremy Aungst) Crison, Jolie (Brittan) Masters, Katie (Travis Appleton) Crison, Jacob (Libby) Crison, and Taylor Crison, as well as eight grand nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Crison in 2010.

Funeral services will take place at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 8, 2016, at Wagley Funeral Home with Helio Rincon officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park in Adrian.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lenawee Hills Memorial Park

1291 Wolf Creek Hwy.  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
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<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Robert Crison*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *john was the great love of my life and I have always kept him in my heart. news of his death has left me beside myself with grief. my heart is so badly broken. i also suffer for betsy, michael and drew and all of john's brother's children. they meant the world to him.*

*my life is richer for having spent so many years with john. he opened new worlds to me by sharing his brilliant, creative mind. and he made me laugh. john carried more pain and burdens than he deserved. i trust he's at peace now and in good hands.*

*bye, my pie.*

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**mary c. crison** - October 24, 2016 at 05:07 PM

FJ

“ Selma and I offer the deepest sympathy to John's family, and we share in their grief. He has been a big part of our lives since we were all in college. I know how much he loved his entire family, and his pride and joy were his nieces and nephews (and their spouses). The last time we spoke on the phone, he told me how lucky he was to have nieces who were helping him transition into a new home and the next phase of his life. He was glowing!

John, I have never been able to pass by an unusual musical instrument or particularly offbeat photo somewhere without wondering, "What would John have to say about that?" and I guess that will never change. Selma and I miss you like crazy already, and we love you.

Brothers in every way,  
Fred

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Fred Jaskowski - October 09, 2016 at 04:01 PM

VE

“ Oh this is so sad! John was my co-adviser in my PhD; I learned a lot from him. I always remember him and am proud to have known him whenever I present the work. Life is so unpredictable that such short acquaintances can leave a lasting impression on many people like myself. I cannot believe that I can never meet him again. Rest in peace Dear John!

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Venugopal - October 09, 2016 at 12:35 PM

ML

“ John was a good friend and like a brother to me. Despite living on different sides of the country, we knew that we could pick up the phone and carry on our conversation like there was never a gap in either time or distance. Always positive, creative, resourceful, friendly, and full of an unending reservoir of surprises, my wife Dawn and I will miss John. His spirit will remain with us and be maintained through our relationship with Lucia.

- Mark Longer

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**Mark Longer** - October 09, 2016 at 10:58 AM

CM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. The Spring Run community is here for you.

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**Carol Mastroianni** - October 08, 2016 at 05:18 PM

AB

“ Please accept our sympathy on your loss, neighbor. If there is any way we can help you at this sad time, please let us know. Be at peace! Love, Al & Pat Beronio

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**Alfred Beronio** - October 08, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ *Dr Crison has been an Adjunct Professor of Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences since 2011, and a member of President Advisory Council. He contributed his time and resources to teach students, advise student leaders, mentor and help faculty like me. We are in debt to John, but he had left his role model and legacy in Albany. We miss him.*

*Here is a face book link with a video of a lunch gathering with ACPHS Students and AAPS student chapter officers in 2011. He did not eat too much during this lunch, keeping talking to the students.  
<https://www.facebook.com/roshan.tasgaonkar/videos/10150855246740567>*

*HaiAn Zheng, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*

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**HaiAn Zheng** - October 08, 2016 at 06:42 AM

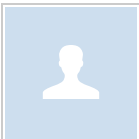


“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Robert Crison.*



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October 08, 2016 at 01:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Crison.*



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October 07, 2016 at 11:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Crison.



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October 07, 2016 at 10:54 PM



“ As an outstanding pharmaceutical scientist, John is sincere, kind, profound and insightful. Since moved to NJ, John traveled to Albany every year to give seminars and pharmaceuticals lectures. At Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, hundreds of pharmacy students have learned from Dr Crison. John always enjoy individual conversations with everyone on campus, from the college president to freshmen students. Your mentorship and kindness impacted many lives, especially to me. Rest in peace and in heaven.

*HaiAn Zheng, Albany, New York*

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HaiAn Zheng - October 07, 2016 at 10:26 PM



“ 1 file added to the album A good mentor



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HaiAn Zheng - October 07, 2016 at 09:59 PM

FK

“ I first met John when I was a student at Michigan where he taught me a mass transport class. Little did I know that I'll end up doing similar job in industry. I had the pleasure to continue working with John after I started working on initiatives across industry where he was a great leader. And to occasionally get together for a Michigan game. Both Lilian and myself will miss him dearly.

Filippos Kesisoglou - October 07, 2016 at 07:36 PM

SF

“ Shiyin Yee and Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of John Robert Crison.



Shiyin Yee and Family - October 07, 2016 at 04:36 PM

MN

“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Michelle Nipper - October 07, 2016 at 03:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Robert Crison.



October 07, 2016 at 02:43 PM

DG

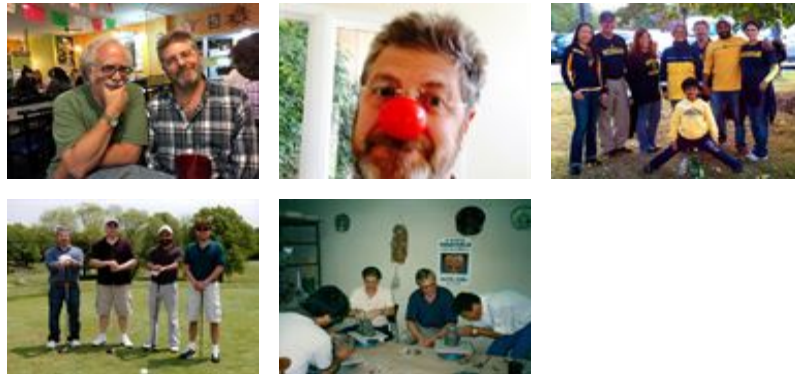
“ David, Jessica and Evalyn Good purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of John Robert Crison.



David, Jessica and Evalyn Good - October 07, 2016 at 02:42 PM



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Wagley Funeral Home - October 07, 2016 at 02:06 PM

DG

“ We’re deeply saddened by the sudden passing of a cherished friend and mentor. John had a tremendous impact on our scientific community and the many patients served by his work. John’s kind and gentle spirit brightened our lives. We’re very fortunate to have shared many personal and professional memories with John. Through our research pursuits at BMS and common interests in all things Maze and Blue our lives have been greatly enriched. John will be greatly missed and we will always treasure the time spent together. Our thoughts and prayers are with all his family and friends.

*David, Jessica and Evalyn Good*

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**David Good** - October 07, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Crison.



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October 07, 2016 at 01:15 PM

DS

“ My prayers are with the Crison family. My name is David Smith and I ran cross country with Bob and graduated with him as well.

*Godspeed buddy*

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**David Smith** - October 07, 2016 at 12:05 PM

CT

“ Carolyn Toma purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Robert Crison.



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**Carolyn Toma** - October 07, 2016 at 11:55 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Robert Crison.



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October 07, 2016 at 10:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Crison.



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October 07, 2016 at 08:30 AM

HL

“ Hans Lennernäs & Peter Langguth purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of John Robert Crison.



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**Hans Lennernäs & Peter Langguth** - October 07, 2016 at 08:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Robert Crison.



October 07, 2016 at 08:09 AM



“ *George and Deborah Sabo* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of John Robert Crison.



**George and Deborah Sabo** - October 07, 2016 at 07:51 AM



“ *Pat, Renee, Patrick and Kathryn Sinko* purchased the *Ocean Breeze Spray* for the family of John Robert Crison.



**Pat, Renee, Patrick and Kathryn Sinko** - October 06, 2016 at 10:29 PM



“ *Viera Lukacova* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of John Robert Crison.



**Viera Lukacova** - October 06, 2016 at 09:32 PM

GF

“ *Grazyna & Robert Fraczkiewicz purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of John Robert Crison.*



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**Grazyna & Robert Fraczkiewicz** - October 06, 2016 at 08:56 PM

JD

“ *I did not work much directly with John, but my office was next to his, and I enjoyed many chats with him after hours. I will always remember him fondly as a gentle, thoughtful person.*

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**Jeff Dahlen** - October 06, 2016 at 08:39 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of John Robert Crison.*



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October 06, 2016 at 08:27 PM

JJ

“ *Jeffrey Jacob, Simulations Plus Inc. purchased the Sympathy Chocolates for the family of John Robert Crison.*



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**Jeffrey Jacob, Simulations Plus Inc.** - October 06, 2016 at 07:16 PM

JJ

“ *My deepest condolences to John's family. I never met him in person, but had communicated with him many times via phone and email from our office in California. I always really enjoyed speaking with him, and was very sad to hear the news of his passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time.*

*Jeffrey Jacob (JJ)  
Simulations Plus Inc.*

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**Jeffrey Jacob** - October 06, 2016 at 06:15 PM

JC

“ *I am very sad and shocked to hear that John has left us. Working together at Simulations Plus and attending University of Michigan, and sharing Gordon Amidon as our graduate advisor, we had some common experiences. At Simulations Plus, John took me under his wing and I always enjoyed the conversations we had with each other. I appreciated his kind heartedness, sense of humor, and scientific insights. The U of M College of Pharmacy community has lost a great friend.*

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**John Chung** - October 06, 2016 at 05:24 PM

FL

“ *Filippos Kesisoglou & Lilian Li purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of John Robert Crison.*



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**Filippos Kesisoglou & Lilian Li** - October 06, 2016 at 04:29 PM

FC

“ *From all your friends and colleagues in China purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of John Robert Crison.*



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**From all your friends and colleagues in China** - October 06, 2016 at 03:46 PM

NR

“ *I am very sad to hear that John has passed. I met John as I joined the faculty at the University of Michigan and he was finishing the PhD. Always will remember his profound questions in science, and the gentleness with which he treated everyone.*

*John will be missed by his many friends, colleagues, and specially students who study the insightful scientific work that he left us. My deep condolences to the family. We will always remember John.*

*Nair Rodríguez*

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**Nair Rodriguez** - October 06, 2016 at 01:16 PM

JG

“ *To John's Family and Friends,  
It's strange how a single meeting with John in the 1980's is recalled, but I'll attribute it to his wonderful character and spirit. John was interviewing for a faculty slot at UGeorgia-Athens when I was an Assistant Professor. He made a strong impression and unfortunately he decided on another position.  
My condolences to all who knew him....  
Best always, Jim Gallo*

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**Jim Gallo** - October 06, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Robert Crison.*



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October 06, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *John leaving us was a remind to me of how our lives can change in a moment. I was shocked to hear these so sad news. Much because John was such an active/sporty person. I remember seeing him with his wet hair in meetings after lunch at Bristol-Myers Squibb, where a had the pleasure and privilege to work with and learn from him in a few projects. He used to go to a gym close by to swim during lunch time and he would always say how that was a relaxing and invigorating activity for him. John had always a positive attitude and was a fun person to be around. We will miss him dearly!*

*To his family and friends, especially to Lucia, please accept my heartfelt condolences in this difficult moment.*

*Thiago Carvalho.*

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**Thiago Carvalho** - October 06, 2016 at 09:52 AM

RC

“ I am shocked to hear John has left us. I knew John as a Graduate student, then when he was at TSRL. John was kind, helpful to many, and a thorough professional and gentleman. All those who had the privilege to know him and to work with him will miss him greatly. My sincerest condolences to John's family.

*Ramachandran Chandrasekharan  
(RC)  
Mumbai, India*

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**Ramachandran Chandrasekharan** - October 06, 2016 at 08:39 AM

BA

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**Balvinder** - October 06, 2016 at 04:57 AM

GA

“ I am so sorry to hear of John's death. It is a shock to all of us who knew, respected, and cared about him. He has a tremendous network of professional friends who will be saddened at losing him. John had a great sense of humor, was a very talented scientist, and an individual who contributed much to pharmaceutical sciences. He always had a way of providing good solid insight to almost any scientific question.

*I had the pleasure of working with John at The Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo and encouraged him to go to graduate school. Of course the University of Michigan was a great choice - and, needless to say, Gordon Amidon was highly recommended by me as an advisor. John took my advice and made the most of it. And I was always honored that John, after so many years, still appreciated and acknowledged my playing a part in his life.*

*John was an excellent scientist, a fine person, a joy to be around, and a good friend and colleague. I will miss him. Everyone who knew him will miss him.*

*Sincerely*

*Greg Amidon*

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**Greg Amidon** - October 05, 2016 at 05:06 PM