



John Anderson Magill

August 20, 1937 - July 21, 2021

MANITOU BEACH– John Anderson Magill, age 83, of Manitou Beach, transferred to heaven on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at Henry Ford Allegiance Hospital in Jackson, Michigan with his family by his side.

Born on August 20, 1937, he was the only son of Emil “Mac” and Sadie (Anderson) Magill of Atlanta, Georgia.

John had a thirst for knowledge, a passion for learning and a love of teaching others that started early in life. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from North Georgia College and, many years later, his Master of Arts degree in Education from Oral Roberts University. He was commissioned out of college as an officer into the United States Army where his eventual focus was in Logistics. He was stationed for a time in South Korea before returning to the U.S. and continuing his service in the Army Reserves. In addition to the military, John worked for many years as an administrator for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA. In 1985, John took an early retirement from the C.D.C. to return to active duty service in the Army, where he spent time in Germany and Kuwait. John, along with his first wife Donna and their son Micah also spent a year in China teaching English as a Second Language. His many careers and travels took him all over the U.S. and the world. Having already retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1994, he finally retired as a government civil servant in 1996. John was a member of the

Lifeshouse Ministries Church in Tipton, MI and a proud follower of Jesus Christ. He was a ferocious reader and loved researching the history and meaning of words. His trusty copy of Strong's Bible Concordance was always close at hand. When called upon, John was also known to have made a mean batch of homemade cheese biscuits.

In March of 1963, John married Donna Lee Fondren and they were blessed with two sons, Matthew and Micah before her passing in 1998. They had many adventures and touched many lives. John was blessed to find love again, and married Karen Schultz on April 18, 2004, bringing her children into the Magill family. Their union was a wonderful gift for all.

In addition to his loving wife, Karen, he is survived by his children, Matthew Magill of Atlanta, GA, Micah Magill of Tulsa, OK, Tonia "Tonnie" (John) Sprague of Cement City, Vicki "Victoria" Schultz of Manitou Beach, Daniel (Linda) Schultz of Brooklyn and Darcie (Scott) Row of Tulsa, OK, Jamie Wooten of Concord, MI and Samantha Tipton of Olathe, KS; many remarkable and well-loved grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his sister, Sara Blanton of Spartanburg, SC; and his four-legged companion, Essie. He was preceded in death by his parents and first wife, Donna.

Memorial services for John will be on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian, with Pastors Brian and Denise Grothe, and Daniel Schultz officiating. Visitation will take place from 1:00 PM until the time of service. Burial will take place at a later date in South Carolina. Memorial contributions may be made to Lifeshouse Ministries Church in Tipton, MI.

A live streaming of the service will be accessible from John's tribute wall on www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com where a link to view the recording will be available for 90 days. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **31**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of John Anderson Magill*



Wagley Funeral Home - July 30, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ *John Anderson Magill*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *My heart is heavy today knowing I can't visit or speak to Dad Magill again here on earth. I have joy knowing I will see him again in heaven.*

John and Donna showed me the love of Christ when I was just fifteen. They told me I was loved and didn't have to do anything except love Jesus because I was enough just as I was.

Karen and family I will continue to pray for each of you. You are loved!!

Charlene Padgett - July 31, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *John was a good man! John is kind and uplifting soul! John will be missed greatly by all that knew him!*

Saunders Lake House - July 31, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wagley Funeral Home - July 29, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of John Anderson Magill.



July 28, 2021 at 06:30 PM

MG

“ John, Our hearts are sad because we will miss you so much. Lifehouse was so blessed to have you and Karen apart of our Family. You brought such spiritual insight to scripture, in our gatherings. Thank you for being such an example of leadership for Men. You walked in the Fruit of the Spirit and as an intercessor in the Power of the Spirit. Brian and I love and deeply admire both you and Karen, and we are forever thankful to have Pastored you both for these 3 years. You have taught us what it looks like to love and serve others with such passion, and perseverance. Laying your lives down for Jesus and walking in obedience to the Pastor call that was on your lives. We will see you again and worship together, our Great Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We love you John,
Pastors Brian and Denise Grothe

Margaret D Grothe - July 28, 2021 at 10:47 AM

MG

“ Margaret D Grothe lit a candle in memory of John Anderson Magill



Margaret D Grothe - July 28, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Anderson Magill.



July 27, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John Anderson Magill.



July 27, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ I had the extreme pleasure of meeting John and Karen while they were coming to our office. I feel extremely blessed that I was able to meet this amazing man of God if only for a few short months. He was truly a blessing and a light every time he was here. I will miss seeing him come in with his amazing smile and quoting scripture for us. He will be truly missed by all of us.



kelly - July 26, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ John has been a volunteer at WLMB for many years and it has been a true joy working with him. His tender heart and genuine love for the people he prayed with was so obvious as on more than one occasion he could be seen hanging up the phone with tears in his eyes reaching for Karen's hand so they could pray again together for whomever he had just spoken with. Equally precious was his true joy at each and every gift that would help the station stay on the air, as he hung up the phone with thanksgiving to the Lord on his lips. Between calls our conversations together were so rich and encouraging. He was a prayer warrior and it brought me comfort knowing some of my prayers were on his prayer list. He and Karen are true friends and John will be deeply missed. Karen, you are in my prayers. I love you guys. Misty Smith

Misty Smith - July 26, 2021 at 11:32 AM

MS

“ *Mark Vander Sande lit a candle in memory of John Anderson Magill*



Mark Vander Sande - July 25, 2021 at 05:30 PM

MS

“ *John was always cheerful, ever informative and willing to share.*

He was a father figure to me with encouraging words and prayer

I love you John, you will be missed, I await seeing you again

Shalom

Mark Vander Sande - July 25, 2021 at 05:27 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John Anderson Magill.*



July 25, 2021 at 05:24 PM