



John E. Witt

January 6, 1936 - May 8, 2024

DEERFIELD- John Edwin Witt, age 88, of Deerfield, Michigan died Wednesday evening, May 8, 2024, at the Hospice of Lenawee Home surrounded by his family.

John was born on January 6, 1936, in Deerfield, MI the son of William L. and Ardis A. (Fitch) Witt. He graduated from Deerfield High School, with the Class of 1954, where he played on the football, basketball and baseball teams. John proudly served in the United States Army from 1955-1957. On May 4, 1957, John married Joan Shettleroe at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Deerfield, MI.

John was employed as a commercial carpenter for Ann Arbor Ceiling & Partition before retiring after 35 years of service. He stayed active after retirement by volunteering at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church where he was a member. He was also an active member of the Deerfield American Legion Post 392 and volunteered at many of their events. John played softball on the lott Insurance travel team and was a part of several bowling leagues in the area. He will be remembered as a sociable and outgoing person who enjoyed working with his hands, building and fixing things. Above all else, John was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who loved his family dearly.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 67 years, Joan; daughter, Vicki M. (Cameron) VanArsdalen of Defiance, OH; son, John R. (Lori) Witt of Brooklyn, MI; sisters, Gaynelle Sharrock and Patricia Wright; grandchildren,

Amy VanArsdalen (Bo Clum), Kyle VanArsdalen, David (Alison) VanArsdalen, Ryan (Ilka) Witt, Amanda (Jon) Dezelske, Shannon (TJ) Quinn and honorary grandchild, Wesley Keller; 8 great grandchildren along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends who will miss him dearly. John was preceded in death by his parents, son, Billy Witt, brother, James Witt and brothers-in-law, Harley Sharrock and Victor Wright.

A Mass of Resurrection for the soul of John will be celebrated by Fr. Jeffrey Poll on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Light of Christ Parish, St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. The family will receive guests for a memorial visitation also on Friday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until Mass begins. Inurnment will occur at St. Alphonsus cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Hospice of Lenawee. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Light of Christ Catholic Parish - Deerfield
222 Carey St.
Deerfield, MI 49238

Mass of Resurrection

MAY 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SV

“ *Joan and family - Although we didn't get to know each other very well, when we bought your Lake House (less than a year ago) we can see so many memories that that you had as a family in this place. Thank you for sharing part of your history with us. We hope to live up to memories, (meaning respect and honor) you created in this place as we create new memories for our family . John and Sue VanHersett, and family and Connie Mueller and family*

Sue VanHersett - May 17, 2024 at 08:14 PM

BW

“ *I'm sorry I wasn't able to be at the church to pay my respects but please know I enjoyed the chance to have met John and know that he will be dearly missed.*
Barb Wielfaert

Barb Wielfaert - May 17, 2024 at 05:41 PM

TB

“ *I always enjoyed sharing fishing stories (maybe lies?) with John.He usually brought me some of hismost reason catch when he came to see me.*

I am sure he will be missed by his family and the many friends he made over the years.

THOMAS G BOLDT - May 16, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John E. Witt.



May 16, 2024 at 07:45 AM



“ Mrs. Witt and Family,
Mr Witt was a great family man, a good friend to our family. He will be greatly missed.
Steve, Denise and Jacob Brehmer

Denise Brehmer - May 15, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John E. Witt.



May 14, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ Jamie & Greg Ianni Karen & Bob Gomez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Witt.

Jamie & Greg Ianni Karen & Bob Gomez - May 14, 2024 at 06:00 PM

RR

“ *Joan and Witt family-*

I have so many fond memories of John at the lake that will last me a lifetime. He had such a way of making you feel like family and I will never forget that about him. I'm not sure how he did it but I could be standing on the end of the dock some 50 yards away from the porch where he was standing with my back to him and he somehow he always knew it was me. I'll miss that always friendly "Hey Ry!! How ya doing? coming from Mr. Witt.

I won't be able to attend the service on Friday but you all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Ryan (Cox) Retzlaff
Marr Lake*

Ryan Retzlaff - May 14, 2024 at 02:51 PM

BW

*I'm pleased to hear you'll hold dear memories of time spent with Jon.
Barb Wielfaert*

Barb Wielfaert - May 17, 2024 at 05:39 PM

JA

“ *Julie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Witt.*

Julie A. - May 14, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John E. Witt.



May 13, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of John E. Witt.



May 13, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ *Ralph, Garrett & Karen Wickham* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John E. Witt.

Ralph, Garrett & Karen Wickham - May 13, 2024 at 08:52 AM