



## John Henry Brimmell

July 22, 1959 - January 12, 2024

John Henry Brimmell, a resident of Clarkston, passed away on Friday, January 12, 2024, at the age of 64. Son of John and Arlean Brimmell, he was born on July 22, 1959 in Royal Oak, Michigan. John studied at Motech Technical College and began his career as a mechanic. He worked as a transmission specialist for multiple Ford dealerships in the metropolitan area before assisting other mechanics as a consultant on the Ford Hotline. John's most recent position with Ford was in overseeing test vehicles, pre and post vehicle sign-offs, quality checks and inventory management.

When John was away from work, he would spend lazy days on his pontoon boat or tinker with his jet-skis. John loved to spend time loving his puppy, Sophie, wrestling and playing games with her and going camping with her and Shelley. An accomplished marksman, John could fire any gun at the range or in the field. John had an appreciation for Harley motorcycles and Jack Daniels whiskey, and a sense of humor that could not be matched. He will be missed dearly by friends and family.

Beloved life partner of Shelley Powers. Loving father of Justin John (Jessica), Brandon Lee (Irina), and Alicia Marie (Spenser) Brimmell. Cherished grandfather of Brenden, Aliya, Noah, and Jaxtyn Brimmell; Aaliyah, Jocalynn, and Gabryella Justice; Jack, Henry, and Kira Brimmell; and grandcats Isidore and Theodore. Dear brother of Sandy (the late Robert) Rissman. Loving dad

of his fur baby Sophie.

A visitation for John will be held on Friday, January 19, 2024 from 2:00 pm until time of funeral service at 6:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067.

Donations in John's memory may be made to Detroit Dog Rescue, P.O. Box 806119, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 19. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ John have so much of himself... He was always there to help his family and did so much for my parents, who were his in-laws.. He saved me so many times by repairing my vehicles...❤️

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**Cean Little** - January 20, 2024 at 06:23 PM

BJ

“ I was so lucky to cross paths with John, we shared starting at the Ford Tech Hotline Auto Trans group on our first day together. I still remember our group driving over to the P&A building to get our employee badges. John was so steady lending a hand at helping anyone who needed advice, or a buddy to ride motorcross with, or a warm and dry place to tear apart a transmission.

John had so many great stories to share about his dozens of years working at the Dealership, and all the characters he met a long the way.

In those days, when you spend 8-12 hours a day shoulder to shoulder with a bunch of gearheads and you can hear everyone else's conversations constantly, you really become like a close family.

I remember John being so proud of his 3 kids. He bragged about them every chance he got. We only heard him maybe tell just one “knucklehead” story. All the other stories were of his proud moments as a father.

Later on as our careers changed direction, on the rare occasions I made it back to Ford HQ, I always jumped at any chance I got to go to Livonia ATNPC. You never had to guess where John was, always hard at work, but willing to take a few moments to remember a friend and share a few moments during break time.

Wishing for peace and love to John's family in these difficult times.

Brian and Amy Jay, Houston Texas

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Brian Jay - January 18, 2024 at 09:54 PM

PO

“ Patricia O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Henry Brimmell.

Patricia O. - January 18, 2024 at 04:51 PM

GO

“ Greg & Debbie Ott purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Henry Brimmell.



Greg & Debbie Ott - January 17, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Henry Brimmell.



January 17, 2024 at 04:45 PM

IR

“ I'm so glad that I had the chance to meet John back in Nov '23, even tho it was a very short time I learned a lot from him, having the opportunity to work side by side with him was an honor.

He was a very good person, supportive, patient and willing to share his knowledge, he was always there whenever I needed his help.

He will be missed.

May he rest in peace.



Itan Romo - January 17, 2024 at 12:29 PM

ER

“ John was a valued colleague and friend, he was my mentor when I started at Ford Motor Company in 2000. Working side by side with him was a privilege and an honor. Our continued thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Ed & Natasha Roberts



Ed & Natasha Roberts - January 17, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Henry Brimmell.



January 17, 2024 at 11:33 AM

ER

“ Ed & Natasha Roberts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Henry Brimmell.

Ed & Natasha Roberts - January 17, 2024 at 11:33 AM

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“ Stan & Linda Zochowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Henry Brimmell.

Stan & Linda Zochowski - January 17, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Henry Brimmell.*



January 17, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ *Rich Fowler (Ford) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Henry Brimmell.*

**Rich Fowler (Ford)** - January 16, 2024 at 10:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Henry Brimmell.*



January 16, 2024 at 10:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Henry Brimmell.*



January 15, 2024 at 10:08 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Henry Brimmell.*



January 15, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ *So grateful to have had John as a friend all these years. He was hard working, hard playing, intelligent, generous, and just genuinely fun to be around. So many great memories out on the water boating, tubing, riding jet ski's, camping, shooting, and just chewing the fat about this crazy world. I'll meet up with you some day for a cold one buddy.*

**Steve Rymarczyk** - January 15, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Henry Brimmell.*



January 15, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ *"On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of John Henry Brimmell.*



January 15, 2024 at 10:11 AM