



John J. Bush, Jr.

April 14, 1952 - April 1, 2010

John J. Bush, Jr., age 57, died on Thursday, April 1, 2010 surrounded by his loving family at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Beloved son of John and Eileen Bush, John was born and raised in Royal Oak. He was a long time resident of Ann Arbor and spent the last year of his illness living in his childhood home. A graduate of Bishop Foley Catholic High School in Madison Heights, John received an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University, followed by a graduate engineering degree from the University of Michigan. He continued his education throughout his professional life, going on to receive an MBA. In his youth, John served as an altar boy at St. Dennis Parish, caddied at Red Run Golf Course and spent summers during his college years working with his brother Ralph for Leonard Brothers Moving & Storage Company. John worked at Ford Motor Company as a Climate Control Engineer, and through reorganization continued his career with Visteon. He retired from Visteon in April of 2007. His varied interests included running, cycling, photography and reading. John was an avid golfer and enjoyed golf outings with friends. He devoted time and energy to family even during his illness. John was a member of conservation and nature organizations, many professional organizations and supported numerous charities. John is survived by his mother, Eileen Bush; seven sisters and brothers, Elaine Bush of Kaleva, MI, Ralph Tammy Bush of Sterling Heights, Mary Bush of Royal Oak, Chuck Julie Bush of Houston, TX, Margaret Mike McNally of Hamburg,

MI, Liz Todd Cunningham of Rochester Hills and Kate Pete Pultz of Royal Oak; 13 nieces and nephews; and one great-niece. He was preceded in death by his father, John J. Bush, in 2001. Memorial visitation will be on Sunday, April 11, 4–7 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E. of Woodward, Royal Oak. A memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 12 at St. Dennis Parish, 2200 E. 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

MI

“ *John, You were a great wingman. Michael UM '78*

Michael - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *John was a kind person whom I always respected during our years at St. Dennis and Bishop Foley. My prayers are with the family at this difficult time. Sincerely, Julia*

Julia Kell Hanawalt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *Dear Mrs. Bush and family, please accept my sincere sympathy at this time of loss. I enjoyed my contacts with you and John in the last year or so at St. Dennis, and I appreciate him even more since our recent discussion. May God welcome John into his eternal embrace. And, may our questions one day be answered as we wonder about this mystery called life. Many people are better off because John was here. For that, I am grateful--and so is God.*

Fr. Bob Malloy, O.F.M., Cap. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Dear Mrs. Bush, Katie and Pete, Elaine, Ralph, Mary, Chuck, Margret and Liz. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sure that John is at peace and proud of the legacy of his life that he's left with having a family such as yours. All I can do is pray that the Lord will be with you in your time of sorrow. With all my heart, Susie*

Susie and Michael McCarthy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I have fond and vivid memories of John from high school. He was an academic achiever, and a leader. I lost touch with him after graduation, as often happens. How poignant, then, his death right at the time the Bishop Foley High School reunion committee has been reaching out to reconnect for our 40th reunion. My condolences to all the family.

Gina Tinetti Forbes - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ John was a very special friend of mine during our high school years. We attended school together since the first grade. I will fondly remember him for his kindnesses to me. He was an important member of the Bishop Foley High School class of 1970 and we will sorely miss him. Although I did not keep up with him after school it does not surprise me that he had a long list of accomplishments. He was that kind of guy. My condolences to his family.

Nancy Hagedorn-Fidler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Mrs. Bush, Elaine, Ralf, Mary, Chuck, Margaret, Liz and Katie - I am very sorry for your loss, and I pray that God will heal the pain.

Robert J. Piaskowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Eileen and family, I only knew John these last few years but I am glad to have known him, his gentleness and kindness that he shared with all, as well as his sense of humor. I know he is in God's Loving Care. May you know God's Strength and Love to carry you through this difficult time.

Mary Rydman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *May you be blessed with peace and comfort during this most difficult time. I will miss him singing the "Beverly Hillbillies" song to remember my name. What a great family you all are blessed with. Love, Bev radiation oncology*

Bev Robertson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ *I was so sad to hear about my cousin John. I will never forget all the happy times we had when we came to visit in Royal Oak The baseball games, trips to the zoo, all the times you came to Jackson to see Grandpa and Grandma Bush. Sending love and prayers to all. Patty Ziemba*

Patty Ziemba - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Dear Eileen and family, we are very sorry that John has left us. He was a delightful, gentle man. We were impressed by his candor and friendliness in his illness. The neighborhood is less without him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Patricia and Gary Grundy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM