



## John Diefenbach

April 12, 1952 - October 13, 2019

John A. Diefenbach

Age 67, October 13, 2019

Beloved son of the late John H. and Dolores (nee Schulte) Diefenbach/  
Loving brother of Joan (Tom) Dillard, Janet (Dave) Houston, Jim (Kim)  
Diefenbach, and Julie (Tommye) Washburn. Dear uncle of many nieces and  
nephews.

Visitation at the Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks  
E. of Van Dyke)

Utica Thursday, October 17 from 2-8pm. Funeral Service Friday, October 18  
11am at the funeral home. Interment St. Lawrence Cemetery Utica, Michigan  
Family request donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St.  
Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 ~ [www.stjude.org/tribute](http://www.stjude.org/tribute), Brookdale  
Hospice ~ <https://www.brookdale.com> or Red Cross ~ <https://www.redcross.org>,  
or Parkinson Foundation 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Franklin, MI,  
48025 ~ [www.parkinsonsmi.org](http://www.parkinsonsmi.org)

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# Cemetery Details

## St. Lawrence Cemetery

Auburn Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CZ

“ I too worked with John for about 27 years and he was not only a very diligent employee but also a kind, wonderful and generous gentleman. He was very knowledgeable and open to helping new hires get up to speed and to assist anyone with a difficult project. He had numerous areas of expertise and people were always interrupting him and asking for assistance, and I never heard him lose his patience with anyone, or tell them that he just didn't have time. I was his assistant for many years and would often tease him about his verbosity in material he would give me to type and he would take the teasing with good grace. John later moved to other areas of the office as his role changed and our paths then only crossed occasionally and I missed working with him on a daily basis. John was one in a million and will always be fondly remembered by so many of us.

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**Carol Zajac** - October 17, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Diefenbach.



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October 17, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Diefenbach.



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October 17, 2019 at 09:12 AM

DH

“ I worked with John for almost 20 years and found him to be a very capable and knowledgeable person. He also was a very calm person which was welcome in that often hectic Wyatt environment. I don't recall John ever saying a negative thing about anybody or anybody a negative thing about him. If you made an obviously unreasonable request from John on a project he would simply give you that little half smile, say “okay Don”, and then get the job done. On the golf course he would also keep track of my game and only make kind comments. He was a great guy that will be sorely missed....Don Harthorn

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**Don Harthorn** - October 17, 2019 at 09:08 AM

JR

“ I too enjoyed working with John for many years. He was a true professional. He was very engaged in his work and always very generous with his time and knowledge. I recall on my first day of work he and George explained amortization to me and that was the first of many helpful lessons i received over the years. I enjoyed hearing about the highlights of his softball games and golf rounds and about his cars and his observations on life. I will miss seeing John at our periodic gatherings, but i enjoy recalling the memories. Rest in peace John.

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**JoAnn Riopelle** - October 17, 2019 at 01:27 AM

CC

“ I worked with John for over 27 years. All the comments others have posted about working with him I would agree with 100%. He was a great person to work with. Some of the best things about working with John were the things he didn't do. He didn't say unkind words to or about anybody. Despite a lot of stress and constant deadlines, he didn't lose his patience or his temper. And he rarely if ever said, "I don't have time to help you." May God bless you John; you will be missed.

Clay Cprek - October 16, 2019 at 10:38 PM



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



October 16, 2019 at 02:45 PM

GS

“ I remember John in my chemistry class at Lakeview. I hadn't a clue what I was doing and he always helped with our labs. I am saddened to hear about his struggle with Parkinson's. I have lost my mother to that terrible disease and my beautiful sister Wendy has struggled over 10 years with the debilitating disease. I pray we can find a cure in our lifetime!

Gayle Miller Scrase - October 15, 2019 at 04:02 PM

GS

I am Gayle Miller Scrase. Class of 1970.

Gayle Miller Scrase - October 15, 2019 at 04:02 PM

SK

“ John was the best neighbor when we lived next to him in Berkley. He was patient with our young kids (at the time) and always watching and keeping our neighborhood safe. He will be missed.

Sarah Kosciuk - October 15, 2019 at 03:22 PM

JA

“ Last time I saw John, we golfed at the beautiful and beloved Oakland U golf course with Edmond Jung on a very hot summer day. I do not remember discussing mathematics at all!  
Rest in peace John,  
Jim Anderson


Jim Anderson - October 15, 2019 at 02:37 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Diefenbach.



October 15, 2019 at 10:36 AM

 Lauren Rongo-Gander

“ Although I never met John I know his sisters Joan and Jan. I am positive he was a wonderful, kind, and extremely smart person just as they are. I am so very sorry for your families loss. My Aunt Esther said every time one of her brothers or sisters passed away she lost a little piece of herself. May he Rest in Peace. I am extending condolences to all of his siblings.

Lauren Rongo-Gander - October 15, 2019 at 09:14 AM

CG

“ I worked with John at The Wyatt Company and we always joked about who would end up being on the top 10 list of longest service associates, as John kept the list updated - I made it to #5, John! We enjoyed many years of fun at the Wyatt golf outings and other functions! I will miss you, John! God Bless. My condolences to the family.

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**Cheryl Gaudette** - October 15, 2019 at 07:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Diefenbach.



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October 14, 2019 at 11:39 PM

GD

“ John was 5 days older than me and he started working at the Wyatt Company in 1976, about 10 months after I started there. We always shared birthday parties and had a lot of laughs together along with collaborating on many tough projects. John was a totally dependable co-worker and would work on problems tirelessly until he solved them. He also had a great love of music and we'd talk about that. We retired on the same day in 2007...that was sure a long run for both of us. I'll miss ya, John.  
Godspeed,  
George

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**George Dubrish** - October 14, 2019 at 10:55 PM

CN

“ I met John when I started working at the Wyatt Company in 1990. He was not only a great co-worker (always willing to help, lend a hand on a project), but a great friend as well. We became great golf buddies and played in many golf leagues and tournaments over the years. Not only did we enjoy the golf but the 19th hole as well. He will be missed. Rest in peace, John!

Your friend and golf buddy, Cathy.

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**Cathy Nagy** - October 14, 2019 at 04:34 PM

FO

John and I met at the Wyatt Company . I don't remember the year but it was the day he started. He was always so kind and a wonderful person. When I retired in 2001, he was the one who stayed and helped me clean out my office. A true friend. He will always be remembered in my heart.

Flo

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**Florence Oatridge** - October 14, 2019 at 08:34 PM

KP

I also worked with John at The Wyatt Company. He was a great friend and great associate to work with. Rest in peace.

Kathy Palazzolo

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**Kathy Palazzolo** - October 15, 2019 at 10:25 AM

GJ

John and I were selected by Bell to visit the Bell Labs as high school seniors. He was stellar in math. I remember him fondly

Gerard Jozwiak

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**Gerard Jozwiak** - October 15, 2019 at 02:09 PM

AP

*I worked on the same team with John at the Wyatt Company. He was consultant to Bundy Corporation's pension plans and introduced me to the Frozen Initial Liability actuarial cost method. Needless to say, Bundy valuations generated a laugh a minute along with the requisite normal costs and liabilities. John was tactful and smart and the consummate professional. Requiescat in pace, old friend.*

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**Anthony F Pivetta** - October 15, 2019 at 08:14 PM

GG

*I also worked with John at The Wyatt Company. He was a great associate to work with. Rest in peace. John, I donated to The Parkinson Foundation in your memory*

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**Gerard Graw** - October 17, 2019 at 04:15 AM