



John Poole

May 2, 1944 - February 15, 2020

John F. Poole passed away on February 15th, 2020 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, MI. He was born on May 2nd, 1944 in Chicago, IL to James and Dorothy Poole, and spent his childhood in Mount Prospect, IL; East Grand Rapids, MI; and Birmingham, MI.

John graduated from Michigan State University, where he majored in Mechanical Engineering, though he could speak on most subjects as though he had studied them for years. He retired from Borg Warner, where he dedicated many years of his career. He began working with the company when it was known as Holley Carburetor, and his colleagues referred to him as "The Holley Radical" for his progressive views. He made a home in Royal Oak, MI with his loving wife, Lucia, and their children, Jim and Vicki. After retirement, he and Lucia also lived in Empire, a small town in Northern MI.

John loved spending time with his family outdoors, taking them on road trips across the country and camping where he spent time fly-fishing. He had a penchant for ducks, and appreciated watching them from the edge of ponds and carving wood into the shape of them. He traveled to area duck decoy competitions where he could see decoys carved by others. He and Lucia enjoyed traveling by train across the country where they visited many states. They also spent time during the winters cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. He was a lifelong Spartan and avid sports fan. He collected

books, and owned enough to open a library. He loved chocolate malts, and enjoyed listening to jazz and classical music.

John was predeceased by his parents, James and Dorothy Poole, and his sister Susan Byelich along with her husband Don and their children Michael and Bradley.

He is survived by his loving wife Lucia J. Poole, children James Poole (John Higgins) and Vicki Murray (William Kotewa), grandchildren Katie (Kyle) Klass, Mariel Murray, Lindsey Murray, Lauren Murray, great granddaughter Collette, sister Nancy (Phil) Engelhardt, sister-in-law Sue O'Rourke, and nieces and nephews Amy (Tim) Kalbfleish, Phil (Liz) Engelhardt, Paul (Carly) Engelhardt, Kathy O'Rourke (Tim Moriarty), Tim (Joy) O'Rourke, Colleen (Brian) Taylor, TerriAnne (Andy) Gould, Amanda Gladhill, and James Gladhill, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service will be held on his birthday, May 2nd to honor his life. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall

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“ At the age of 3, John was my best friend when we moved to Mt Prospect in 1948. His sister, Sue, was one of my sister Carol's best friends. I am sorry to see she predeceased him and I have passed this information onto my sister. I remember riding my tricycle around the block to his house on the corner of Pine and Evergreen to play with him, the big maple tree in their backyard where he and I were going to build a treehouse and his ire at the veterinarians when his cocker spaniel puppy died - apparently the puppy had worms - but he called the veterinarians the "dog killers." The last time we saw the Poole family was at Macinac Island in the summer of 1953. Over the years I would try to track him down online but now, the only way I found him was through his obit. Sorry we never caught up with each other in the remainder of our lives. My condolences to his family. Donald Feige, 111 East Schuyler Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901

Donald Feige - June 13, 2020 at 09:51 AM

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“ Most adventurous Uncle I have ever had! Never made a rash decision, always knew where the fun events were, and showed up to enjoy everything he could! ❤️

Colleen Taylor - February 21, 2020 at 06:40 PM

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“ I loved the look on his face when he looked at his granddaughters. He was a good grandpa

Laura LeBlanc - February 18, 2020 at 05:39 PM