



John Potter

October 12, 1957 - April 6, 2015

John Potter, age 57, of Royal Oak, formerly Birmingham and Keego Harbor, passed away April 6, 2015. He was born October 12, 1957 in Detroit. John was a graduate of both Seaholm High School, where he was on the tennis team, and Michigan State University. He was an integral part of H.D. Edwards, one of the oldest companies in Detroit, where he wore many hats during his 34-year career. Sports were his passion and John was a true diehard MSU and Detroit fan. He was an avid golfer, with a natural draw, and a jazz enthusiast. He also cherished his summers spent in Rockport, Massachusetts on Cape Ann (located north of Boston) where he enjoyed golfing, tennis, bodysurfing in the cool ocean waters and entertaining his friends from Michigan. John was the loving son of Bud and Sally Potter of Bloomfield Hills; dear brother of Bill Potter of Ferndale; and cousin of Susi Cook of Farmington, Tim Potter of Bradford, MA, Steve Potter of West Bloomfield, Mary Andrews of New York, Peggy Andrews of Connecticut, Nancy Andrews of Amherst, MA, Janet Andrews of Arizona and Craig Andrews of New York. A memorial service will be held Friday, April 24, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. A luncheon will be held after the service at the Birmingham Athletic Club (where John honed his racquet skills), 4033 West Maple, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to S.A.Y. Detroit, c/o Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, 150 Stimson Street, Detroit, MI 48201 or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1471 E. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuner

aldirectors.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Christ Church Cranbrook
470 Church Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Bud & Sally you both have my heartfelt sorrow for the Death of Your Beloved Farher John.

James Saunder - May 08, 2015 at 11:32 AM

LF

“ I send my sympathies to John's family. I thought of John as a best friend and one of the best in our circle of friends in high school. He was such a nice guy and always seemed to be smiling! I have great memories of John and am just so sorry for for your loss. R.I.P.
Lisa Lowman Feser

Lisa Lowman Feser - April 22, 2015 at 07:28 PM

JM

“ My heart goes out to John's family and friends. We are still in shock over his passing. All his neighbors thought he was out of town for another golf outing.

Having been neighbors for 13 years, John was a man of habit. He loved his golf, the Spartans, and pretty much all things Sports related. Almost nightly in the summer, he'd fire up his charcoal grill and would make BBQ chicken at 8 or 9 at night. I can remember the smells wafting in. On a quiet sports day, if the sun was out, you could catch John pool side; soaking up some rays.

Juli Surian Mallory

Juli Surian Mallory - April 21, 2015 at 12:10 PM

NS

“ *My heart goes out to John's family. He was adored by all in high school—truly one of the funniest and sweetest guys ever. Have great and fond memories to this day.*

Nancy Ganiard Smith

Nancy Ganiard Smith - April 18, 2015 at 02:53 PM



“ *I've only known John for about 15 years and really enjoyed working with him over that time period. His quick, dry wit and eagerness to debate led us to many a long conversation about the state of the world and Detroit. We agreed on most issue, disagreed on a few, but always had lively, interesting conversations that lasted hours. John and I worked on many local construction projects together, specifically in jobsite safety. When you see Greektown Casino, MGM Casino, Ford Field, the Detroit Gateway, and many more - remember John.*

A fervent Sparty fan, John also found it in his heart to cheer for my Buckeyes in important games (maybe just cheering for the BIG10 but I took it as support)....

Prayers to Johns friends and family. You will be missed and remembered.

*Adam Behrend
AB Marketing Solutions Inc.
Painesville, OH*

Adam Behrend - April 18, 2015 at 01:10 PM

WF

“ Have not seen John for at least 25 years but we played a lot of golf back together in the 70's and early 80's. John always seemed to be in a good mood. I loved his upbeat positive outlook on life. He was a great friend for many years. Wish more people were like John.....

Wally French - April 17, 2015 at 03:20 PM

TM

“ When didn't didn't appreciate something, he let you know. But he had a heart of gold. I couldn't help but like him.

*Tom Muckian
The Whitmore Manufacturing Company.*

Tom Muckian - April 16, 2015 at 03:41 PM

CD

“ I worked with John many years and I can remember this one time many years ago, at an FDIC show where a whole bunch of us went out clubbing and we started a pool game. At some point those of us who were playing pool realized that everyone with cars had left except for John. This kind man, didn't even drink or play pool but he stayed with us until the wee hours of the night just so we'd have a ride home. But that was John, heart of gold and always looking out for his friends.

What a great man .. He'll be missed for sure.

Rest in peace John,

*Chantal Dubé
Niedner Inc.
675 Merrill Street
Coaticook, QC CANADA J1A 2S2*

Chantal Dube - April 16, 2015 at 09:18 AM

PA

“ John will always be a large part of my memories of summers in Rockport when we were kids. They were such good times. And as we all grew older it was a pleasure to see John when we were up there. He always seemed to be smiling and laughing.

Peggy Andrews - April 16, 2015 at 07:44 AM

NA

“ Watching the Fourth of July parade in Rockport, sitting on the stone wall, just won't be the same without John Potter. Who will forget not being able to locate John and Janet only to find them in the middle of Whale Cove in our little styrofoam dinghy. Very young.4, 5, 6????
Gotta smile!

Nancy Andrews - April 15, 2015 at 07:23 PM

MA

“ *When I think of my cousin John, I see a big smile and hear a hearty laugh. With his quick mind he was open to debate. Mary Andrews*

Mary Andrews - April 15, 2015 at 06:40 PM