



John L. Schmidt

December 6, 1957 - May 10, 2022

John Schmidt, a resident of Royal Oak, passed away on May 10, 2022 at the age of sixty-four. A son of Gerald and Eleanor "June" Schmidt, he was born on December 6, 1957 in Detroit.

Beloved husband of Margaret (married January 3, 1992 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Detroit). Loving father of Genevieve Schmidt of Juneau, AK; Gabrielle Schmidt of Chicago, IL; Gwendolyn Schmidt, Gina Marie Schmidt, and Nathaniel Schmidt of Royal Oak, MI. Dear brother of Paul (the late Nancy) Schmidt of Olympia, WA; Margaret (Jeffrey) Roth of Royal Oak, MI; Keith Schmidt of Clawson, MI; and the late Ellen Schmidt.

John graduated from Bishop Foley High School and Oakland Community College. In his life, John was truly a jack of all trades. He always had a million different projects going at any time, and that usually included at least one car. He loved seeing his children play sports, make art, and sing in concerts. He never correctly learned people's names. John was a fixture every year as a dishwasher at Shrine's Lenten Fish Bake. One of his many interests was playing the piano, especially "The Entertainer" and "Für Elise". He was an avid reader of books of history, and was notorious for watching TV with his eyes closed. He will be remembered for his love of adding chaos to any situation, especially with dolphins in the sink while washing the dishes.

Visitation will take place on Monday, May 16, from 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, May 17, at 10 a.m. (visitation 9:30 a.m.) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in John's name may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Development Office, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207 or Donate Now (<https://www.cskdetroit.org/online-donations>)

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **16.** 3:30 PM - 8:00 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 Mass

MAY **17.** 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

SF

“ Margaret and family, please accept my deepest sympathies for your great loss. John was such a personable and warm person. As neighbors for many years, our children played together and when at your home, we always felt welcomed.

May your deep and abiding faith in our loving God bring you comfort at this very difficult time.

Much love,
Suzanne Fabick (Weiss)

Suzanne Fabick - May 21, 2022 at 05:30 PM

PL

“ To Margaret and the kids, please accept my deepest condolences. I originally met John as two dads attending many of our kids' school activities, but got to know him a little better later when we worked some Dads Club events together. He was a real character - always had a good story or a joke. I'm sure you have a ton of great memories of him, and hopefully recalling them can provide you some comfort at this time of sorry. May he rest in peace.

Pete Luddy

Pete Luddy - May 17, 2022 at 02:50 PM

MW

“ Sending my condolences to the whole family. John was a welcome dream cruise fixture at my brother Mike's home, the guys would stay up late telling stories of their PR days until the early morning hours. Every now and again his laughter would come through the windows and make me smile. The whole family stayed at my place in Atlanta on their way to Florida... It was like a clown car all those kids getting out of the back of the van! He'll be missed.

Sorry to miss the services, but am sending love to the whole family.
Thinking of you
xoxo,
Margaret Welch

Margaret Welch - May 16, 2022 at 12:57 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of John. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of his life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Schmidt family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon John.

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - May 16, 2022 at 10:17 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear of my dear friend John Schmidt passing away. John grew up in Pleasant Ridge a block from me and we were great friends, he stood up in my wedding. What a great smile and laugh! We played spades until a few years ago and sometimes until the sun came up, he kept late hours and was always doing something. I will miss my friend and his memory will always be in my heart. He beamed about his family, so proud of them. What a great guy , a gentleman soul
Dan Finwall

Daniel Finwall - May 16, 2022 at 09:37 AM

ES

“ Margaret and family, I'm so sorry to know you've lost your husband and dad. My deepest sympathy.

Ellen Kehoe (altar serving) - May 15, 2022 at 08:50 PM

GS

“ John was a thoughtful man, a delight to meet. We will miss him.

Gregory Smith - May 14, 2022 at 11:38 AM

CL

“ Margaret, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. John sounds like he was a great guy who was devoted to all of you with perhaps a little dash of mischief thrown in for good measure. May you all be blessed with all the memories.

Cara Lassner - May 13, 2022 at 09:31 PM

JR

“ John had a big heart. Loved sharing laughs with him at his daughters' and Shrine Dads' Club volunteer events. He was a good dude.

Joe Rzepecki - May 13, 2022 at 05:46 PM