



John Smale

December 5, 1955 - October 3, 2020

John Lewis Smale, age 64, of Royal Oak, passed away October 3, 2020.

John was the beloved companion of Kathleen Antieau and his "son" Blue. Loving brother of Jean (Harold) Stafford, James (Gail) Smale, and Janet (Stephen) Batson. Dear nephew of Janice Antieau. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

John retired from Ford Motor Company after a 25-year career as a skilled-trade mechanic. In his spare time, he loved working on engines and transmissions--especially rebuilding transmissions. He loved the process of taking an engine apart, and there probably isn't a member of his family for whom he didn't take apart an engine. And he of course had a special fondness for his own Camaro Z28. John also loved dining out at Mexican restaurants (margaritas were his favorite) part, and he especially enjoyed his yearly vacations to Disney World with Kathleen-27 years of annual trips in total, and they drove every time.

John will be remembered as someone who would do anything for anybody. He was deeply loved by his family and will be dearly missed.

A celebration of life is planned for a future date.

Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association are appreciated.

Tribute Wall

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“ John was the most generous man I ever met. Will be greatly missed. God bless.
Thom Ferrazza

Thom Ferrazza - October 26, 2020 at 09:11 AM

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“ A great guy ,he left his foot print in my heart .don z

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“ What can I say about John that, if you knew him, then you know what kind of a person he was. Kind hearted,funny, friendly, willing to help at the drop of a hat! We had a kindred spirit of music. It was great working with him and him cranking it up when the music 🎵 moved him! I was Very Very fortunate to be able to work with and know him! Always with an encouraging word! I can't believe he's not here anymore 😭💔...but he DEFINITELY lives on in Spirit! I Love and miss you John Smale ❤️!

Kenneth Lukas - October 21, 2020 at 01:44 PM

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“ He was the apple of his mothers eye ..along with his siblings .. a gentle man .. partner with Kathleen for 30 years .. too young to leave us..he was loved my many .. will be so missed.. Aunt Janice

Janice Antieau - October 19, 2020 at 09:54 AM