



## John D. Tatar

November 2, 1942 - May 3, 2023

John Dennis Tatar passed away peacefully on May 3, 2023 at the age of 80.

John is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carmen Tatar (Gafa), his children Marie-Renette (Paul Mahoney), John (Nancy Tatar), Richard (Wendy Tatar) and brother Frank (Kathy Tatar). He is predeceased by his Mother and Father (Martha & John Tatar), and sisters (Martha Tatar & Joan Conrad).

John was born in the city of Detroit on November 2, 1942. John lived in Warren for over 50 years. Most recently he resided in Lenox so he and his wife could be closer to their family.

John was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother. John enjoyed the simple things in life which included the great outdoors, listening to country music, and spending time with his family. John's favorite place to travel was Colorado. He was a western man at heart and was known to be decorated in turquoise and was often seen wearing a cowboy hat. In the summer months you would often find him sitting outside, listening to Johnny Cash and enjoying the company of his dog.

In his younger years, John enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. John was always known to be a hard worker and handy man. John has been retired from the Ford Motor Company for 30 years. John also owned and operated

his own landscaping business for over 25 years.

John will be missed dearly by many. He left his mark on many hearts and brought immeasurable joy to those who knew him. The memory of John will live on in all our hearts.

In honor of John's memory a memorial gathering and mass will be held on May 16, 2023 from 10am until time of mass 10:30am at St. Mary's Queen of Creation Catholic Church 50931 Maria St, New Baltimore, MI 48047.

In lieu of flowers please send a donation to the Capuchin Mission Association  
~ <https://www.thecapuchins.org/donate>

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Gathering

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Queen of Creation Church  
50931 Maria  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

### Memorial Mass

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# Tribute Wall

TR

“ Tony And Sharon (Treash) Retka lit a candle in memory of John D. Tatar



Tony and Sharon (Treash) Retka - February 13, 2024 at 06:58 AM

TR

“ John was a friend of my brother Gary, and he was over our house a lot when we were growing up. Sometimes he would bring his dog Cindy to visit our dog Fritz. John was a sweet, soft spoken guy who smiled a lot. He became like family to us.

Our sympathy goes out to John's family. You will be in our prayers.

Tony and Sharon (Treash) Retka - February 13, 2024 at 06:56 AM

PD

“ Maltese bread and pastizzi.... John's favourites in Malta. So many memories. The quiet brother-in-law with a sense of humour that put smiles on everyone's face. The tall handsome man, with the jewelry, cowboy hat and western 🎵 music. He was a gentleman of few words but his smile said it all! Fly high John, we love you and will miss your presence.

Pat and Mario Debono - May 10, 2023 at 01:58 PM

MB

“ deepest sympathy for the loss of your life and so many others. Just too much for many people to handle. Deepest sympathy for Joan Conrad on her loss. Telephone Pioneers of Denver resident of Michigan.

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**MaryCatherine Braczyk** - May 09, 2023 at 10:44 PM

BZ

“ I was honored to be accepted into the inner sanctum/ escape/man-cave/tv room where John would lounge in his Laz-E-Boy to watch movies or sporting events..  
He was quiet, had an easy way about him, and we would quip back and forth on life in general during the short time when i was visiting.. the thing i remember about him was his subtle sense of humor and the wry smile that would creep over his face as he dispatched nuggets of observations about friends and family...most of all, he was just a good guy and the world needs more like him... Blaine Z.

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**Blaine Ziolkowski** - May 09, 2023 at 02:22 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 Tatar family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon John.

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**Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin** - May 08, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John D. Tatar.*



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May 08, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *One of the best people I've ever known, his kindness will never be forgotten. A beautiful man who I've always looked at in awe, he was more special than any words I can use to describe him. Coors beer will always remind me of him. Heaven went up a few notches when you passed, Uncle John.*

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**Thomas Gafa** - May 07, 2023 at 07:39 PM