



John E. Townsend "JET"

February 6, 1951 - January 16, 2022

John Edward Townsend of Macomb Township, MI, lost his battle with cancer on January 16, 2022, he was 70. John was in-home hospice and died at his home surrounded by his wife of 31 years and their daughter Ali. John was born on February 6, 1951, in Mt. Clemens, MI to the proud parents Lenore and Frank Townsend. John was the second oldest of 6 kids; he had three brothers and two sisters. He graduated from Fraser High School in 1969. John and Debby met at work in 1986 and became very good friends. A few short years later, they realized their relationship blossomed, and on July 21, 1990, they were married. Their family grew from 4 to 6 people within a few short years of being married. John was a loving husband to Debby who he adored. He was a devoted Dad to their 4 children, Jamie (Paul) Wiley, John (Aleida) Townsend, Adam Townsend, Ali (Kyle) Skerbe. And a Grandfather to 8 Grandchildren, Owen, Teagan, Jessica, Brianna, Joey, Angelina, Johnny (Duce), and Nicklas. He was a great furbaby Dad to Keeley and Chassy. John volunteered his time for many years as a Soccer Coach in AYSO, Travel Hockey Coach, and Roller Hockey Coach. He volunteered his wife to be the manager of all the teams; he coached. John and Debby's date night was playing hockey in the adult leagues with the parents of the kids he coached. John was an avid golfer and taught his wife how to play golf, and for 31 years they golfed together. The younger kids followed and were involved in golf, and it became a family affair. John and Debby took the kids skiing every year over the holiday break; it was just another way to spend time together as a family.

John played Santa every year for their younger kids, and at the Christmas party for the kids, he coached.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lenore Townsend, Brothers Frank, Fred, and Jim Townsend, Sister Julie Taylor.

John is survived by his wife, Loving Wife Debby Townsend, his 4 children, his sister Robby (Larry) VanHollebeke of North Carolina, Sister-In-Law Barb Townsend of Commerce Township, and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was loved by many and will be greatly missed!

A visitation will take place on Friday (January 21st) at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd. (3 Blks. East of Van Dyke) from 11am until the time of service at 6:30pm.

Memorial Contributions: American Cancer Society OR the American Lung Association.

American Cancer Society, Metro Detroit Area Service Center, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076 www.cancer.org

American Lung Association, 1475 E. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071 www.alam.org

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 21. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SR

“ I am sorry to hear about John. I went to high school him. He was on our nineth grade football team. You always knew where you at with him. I don't think he never did anyone wrong. I am sure he will be missed by all. God bless him and his family.

Steven A. Rodgers - January 21, 2022 at 07:38 PM

Bijay Satapathy

“ John we will miss you for ever. You smiles, your kind heart and your live and affections for our Satapathy family will be missed for ever. You will be always in our memory. Our prayers for Debby's family. May his soul RIP. Bijay & Uma



Bijay Satapathy - January 21, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John E. Townsend "JET".



January 20, 2022 at 02:36 PM

AD

“ Angie Dunkley lit a candle in memory of John E. Townsend "JET"



Angie Dunkley - January 20, 2022 at 02:22 PM

KG

“ *Debby,*
I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May John Rest In Peace.
Kathleen & Matt Green

Kathleen Green - January 19, 2022 at 07:49 PM

PM

Debby I know this is the hardest loss of your life. I'm sorry you have to feel this pain. In time tears turn to smiles and memories become more precious than you could imagine. John adored you and I know if he could have one wish it would be for you Debby too be happy again. I'm here for you if you need to talk or cry. I love you!

Paula Mitchell - January 20, 2022 at 09:36 PM

BT

“ *Barbara Townsend lit a candle in memory of John E. Townsend "JET"*



Barbara Townsend - January 19, 2022 at 07:45 PM

BT

“ John will be missed so greatly by his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandpa and a great brother-in-law for me. His brother Jim (before his passing) and I spent many fun days at his pool parties with his lovely wife Debby including our wonderful 25th anniversary that they hosted. He was so very wise, and we could always count on him for helpful and sage advice. He and Debby were a great pair and worked together as a team throughout their happy marriage and raising their wonderful sons and daughters. May he rest in peace and joke with his brothers, sister, parents and other family from here on.
Barb Townsend

Barbara Townsend - January 19, 2022 at 07:43 PM

CE

“ Comerica Bank, CFI and E-Discovery purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of John E. Townsend "JET".



Comerica Bank, CFI and E-Discovery - January 19, 2022 at 01:45 PM

AF

“ Aunt Joan and Family purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of John E. Townsend "JET".



Aunt Joan and Family - January 19, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of John E. Townsend "JET".



January 19, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of John E. Townsend "JET".



January 19, 2022 at 09:48 AM