



John Vertriest

July 29, 1962 - November 28, 2021

John Alan Vertriest, a resident of Shelby Township, passed away on November 28, 2021 at the age of 59 after a long battle with Huntington Disease. Son of Al and Ida, born on July 29, 1962 in Grosse Pointe. John earned his bachelor's degree from Lawrence Tech and enjoyed his career of 29 years as an Industrial Engineer at Chrysler. He proudly designed the Hemi engine and its assembly plan. John married the love of his life, Linda Abbott, on September 6, 1985 at Our Lady of Good Council Church in Detroit.

John's life was full of smiles and laughter. He never turned down a cold beer with friends. John could fix anything around the house and was skilled in woodworking. He had a tool for every job, and if he didn't he would go out and buy it. John and Linda loved to travel and enjoyed camping all over the country in their younger years, and more recently enjoyed Waffle Farm Campground in Coldwater. While camping, they would cruise the waters in his inflatable boat, affectionately known as "John's Yacht.". He loved warm weather and had the tan to prove it. John will be remembered as a great guy.

Beloved husband of Linda, joined in love for 36 years. Dear brother of Denise (Dave) Vertriest, Patricia (the late Tom) Banach, and Linda (Sonny) Weckesser; and brother-in-law to Robert (Karen) Abbott, Geri (the late Jim) Howell, and Carol (Mike) Piku. Proud uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Services for John will be held privately.

Donations in John's name may be made to Huntington Disease Society of America, www.hdsa.org <<http://www.hdsa.org>>.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

LT

“ I knew John had been dealing with this for quite a while and still very sad to recently hear of his passing. Very fond memories with him and Linda at various boating parties and work events, as well as our time working together at Trenton Engine and time spent at CTC. Thinking of his laugh still brings a smile to my face. Rest in Peace John and my heartfelt condolences to Linda.

LONNY J TOMLIN - December 05, 2021 at 01:24 PM

SO

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. How blessed you were to have someone who loved you so deeply. John will live on in our hearts forever. Our prayers are with you and your family. Keep the faith. You will see him again.



sue roccos ohlinger - December 04, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Vertriest.



December 02, 2021 at 01:28 PM

MM

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Linda. We will never forget meeting you and John on the Prague trip and all the wonderful memories we made. Thinking of you during this most difficult time and sending love and hugs.

marie Mascitti - November 30, 2021 at 03:04 PM

MB

We too met you both on the Prague trip. What a pleasure to have met you both and my heart breaks for you Linda. Pete will have a little drinky poo or two for you tonight.

Sending hugs and prayers to you and your family.💕💕

Margaret & Pete Babbage - November 30, 2021 at 11:24 PM

PB

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Pat Banach - November 30, 2021 at 02:39 PM

JD

“ *We are so very sorry Linda. Our prayers go out for John that he is enjoying the blue skies, bright sun and warmth of heaven and for you Linda to be comforted by your countless fond memories and knowing you are surrounded by family and friends who love and care for you.*

John was such a good neighbor and friend. Always welcoming, always taking the time to catch-up on things, talk baseball, share his mechanical knowledge and even share advice on inflatable yachts! The last few years proved just how strong in body and spirit John was and how truly amazing you are Linda.

We are here for you Linda.

Jim & Claudia

Jim & Claudia Domsic - November 30, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Vertriest.*



November 30, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *John was a great friend! We started at Trenton Engine together nearly 40 years ago. We shared so many great times, like going out every Friday night, bowling together on the Trenton Engine League, sharing many skiing adventures up at Boyne, traveling to Europe together several times, camping, rafting and just hanging out. I'll miss my good friend and his contagious laugh. May you Rest In Peace.*

Love, Sharon (Atkinson) Osmond

Sharon Osmond - November 30, 2021 at 12:22 PM