



John Dale Vredenburg Jr.

November 15, 1960 - March 13, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of a truly remarkable man, a loving husband, devoted father, proud Papa, and loyal friend whose kindness and warmth touched everyone who knew him.

He was a man with a truly golden heart, known for his compassion, generosity, and unwavering love for his family. Above all else, he cherished the time he spent with those closest to him. He was a devoted husband to Tawny N. Vredenburg (Burkett). He built a life centered around love, loyalty, and family.

He was the proud father of three wonderful children, Hannah N. Hardy (Benjamin), John D. Vredenburg III (Jacqueline), and Joseph F. Vredenburg. His children were the center of his world, and he took immense pride in watching them grow and build lives of their own.

He was also a deeply proud Papa to William, Daniel, and Olivia Hardy, children of Hannah and Benjamin. His grandchildren brought him tremendous joy, and he treasured every moment spent with them. He was the beloved son of John Dale Vredenburg Sr. and Mary Jane Vredenburg, and a loving brother to his sisters, Holly H. Breach and Marta Smith.

His family also included the animals he loved so dearly. He shared a special bond with his beloved dogs, L.J. and Ghetto, who were truly part of the family through and through. His love for animals extended to his grand-pups as well: Copper and Penny (Hannah), Louie and Levi (Johnny), and Moonstone (Joey), his cherished grand-cat, who also held a special place in his heart.

A very hard worker throughout his life, he first worked as an electrician through IBEW Local 58, where he developed the skills and pride in his craft that he carried with him throughout his career. He later dedicated 25 years of his life to Ford Motor Company, where he worked proudly as an electrician and was a proud member of the United Auto Workers, Local 600. He took great pride in his work and in doing a job well. Known for his strong work ethic and knowledge, he became a mentor to many coworkers, always willing


to share what he knew and help others succeed.

Outside of work, he found great joy in the beauty of the world around him. He loved nature and enjoyed watching gardens grow and change with the seasons, always looking forward to spring and the return of flowers each year. He enjoyed fishing, spending time near the water and at the beach, and appreciating the quiet moments that nature provided. He was also a true music lover. His home was rarely quiet, as he almost always had music playing. He loved meaningful conversations and thoughtful discussions, always enjoying the chance to connect with others and share perspectives.

Those who knew him will remember his warmth, generosity, and the way he made everyone feel welcome and cared for. His presence brought comfort, laughter, and strength to those around him.

Though his passing leaves an immeasurable void, his legacy of love, kindness, hard work, and devotion to family will live on through the many lives he touched.

A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. His love will remain in the hearts of his family forever, guiding them, comforting them, and reminding them that he will always be with them.

He will be deeply missed, forever loved, and always remembered. 

Visitation for John will be held on Friday, March 20, from 3 - 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. The funeral service for John will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **20**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Service

MAR **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Way too young, RIP my brother and may God's PEACE be on your entire family!!

Terry and Trina Koerner

Terry Koerner - March 21 at 10:35 AM

DP

“ Deidre Powell purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



Deidre Powell - March 20 at 10:14 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



March 20 at 12:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..

March 20 at 12:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..

March 20 at 12:36 AM

TF

“ The Ochoa family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



The Ochoa family - March 19 at 11:35 PM

CF

“ Courtney Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



Courtney Family - March 19 at 06:53 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



March 19 at 03:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..

March 19 at 03:09 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



March 19 at 02:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..

March 19 at 02:56 PM

JJ

“ Jeff, Breanna, Rob and Jordan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



Jeff, Breanna, Rob and Jordan - March 19 at 12:21 PM

MS

“ Michelle, Brent, Kyle, Brad, Mitch, Sean purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



Michelle, Brent, Kyle, Brad, Mitch, Sean - March 19 at 08:49 AM

A(

“ Aunt Carolyn, Hannah, and Mary (Hopkins) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



Aunt Carolyn, Hannah, and Mary (Hopkins) - March 18 at 02:56 PM

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“ Aunt Carolyn, Hannah, and Mary (Hopkins) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..

Aunt Carolyn, Hannah, and Mary (Hopkins) - March 18 at 02:56 PM

JF

“ J.L. Sitto and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



J.L. Sitto and Family - March 17 at 11:12 AM

JF

“ J.L. Sitto and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..

J.L. Sitto and Family - March 17 at 11:12 AM

WF

“ With Love, J.L. Sitto and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



With Love, J.L. Sitto and Family - March 17 at 10:54 AM

WF

“ With Love, J.L. Sitto and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..

With Love, J.L. Sitto and Family - March 17 at 10:54 AM

FA

“ From Thomas & Colleen (Phelan) Adamson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



From Thomas & Colleen (Phelan) Adamson - March 17 at 09:27 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



March 16 at 09:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..

March 16 at 09:17 PM

PC

“ Patrick Cooney purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



Patrick Cooney - March 16 at 08:31 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



March 16 at 04:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..

March 16 at 04:56 PM

TT

“ The Turners purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



The Turners - March 16 at 04:16 PM

HF

“ Hopkins family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



Hopkins family - March 16 at 09:06 AM

HF

“ Hopkins family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..

Hopkins family - March 16 at 09:06 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album JV



Jerome Burkett - March 15 at 06:50 PM

JB

“ One of many fond memories I have of John are of the annual Dream Cruises we spent together at his house in Royal Oak with his hotrod Buick Riviera. Godspeed to John and all his dear family.

Jerry Burkett - March 15 at 06:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..*



March 15 at 06:00 PM



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March 15 at 06:00 PM

RO

“ *Our sincerest condolences to Tawny, Hannah, Johnny and Joey and the entire family. John was an amazing person we have loving memories of our time we had together. John, lives on in our hearts. May our Lord, grant him eternal peace.*

Raul and Marcy Ochoa - March 15 at 05:35 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..*



March 15 at 03:50 PM



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March 15 at 03:50 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..*



March 15 at 02:21 PM



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March 15 at 02:21 PM

LL

“ Mark, Robbie and I are so saddened to learn of Johnny’s passing. We loved being your next door neighbors from 1981 to 1987. Too many fond memories we will hold in our hearts of The Vredenburg Family

Libby Lavine - March 15 at 02:21 PM

MC

“ Tawny, Hannah, Johnny , Joey, and The Vredenburg Family- So many fond memories while growing up. My sincere condolences to you all! Johnny was such a great friend, Family man. He will be sorely missed.! I wish I had arms long enough to hug you all ! Know how much he was loved by so many! My prayers, and Love go out to all you. Fly high with the Angels, Johnny! 💔🙏
Maureen Borushko-Coutu



Maureen Coutu - March 15 at 01:39 PM

KF

“ Katelyn Mullen and family. purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..



Katelyn Mullen and family. - March 15 at 12:35 PM

KF

“ Katelyn Mullen and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..

Katelyn Mullen and family. - March 15 at 12:35 PM

AV

“ *Andy, Halley, Alec & Julia Vredenburg purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Dale Vredenburg Jr..*



Andy, Halley, Alec & Julia Vredenburg - March 15 at 09:54 AM