



John Victor Wallace

May 15, 1935 - September 24, 2019

John Victor Wallace, age 84, of Madison Heights, passed away peacefully at home on September 24, 2019.

John lived quite a full life. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Alaska, and later worked for Michigan Bell (later Ameritech) for 35 years as an installation and repair supervisor. When he retired from the phone company, however, he continued to work for another 10 years (until he reached the age of 70) as a bus driver for Hazel Park Schools, a job he truly loved. John and his wife, JoAnne, also owned and operated Sleeping Bear Motel, formally known as the Glen Lake Motel, located in Empire, Michigan at the base of the Sleeping Bear Dunes.

John's interests outside of work were varied and adventuresome. Among other pursuits, John enjoyed downhill skiing, motorcycle riding, and flying. Particularly enjoying his time in the air, John owned a Luscombe 2-seater and later a Cessna 180. But after cheating death on at least one occasion, John decided to stick to safer pastimes that he could enjoy with his family over the long haul. These interests included hunting, fishing, and traveling. He and his wife, JoAnne, frequently took trips Up North, traveled all over the country in their motor home, and enjoyed multiple trips to Europe. John also loved to ride his bike, completing several "Palm" rides across Michigan, a 300-mile ride that could fall on some of the hottest days of the summer. John also took great

pride in one of his biggest achievements: installing a railroad caboose in Gaylord that became a family gathering spot and was featured on an episode of Extreme Homes. John also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and his dogs, and in years past had been a Mason, serving as Master of the Fraser Masonic Lodge. John was dearly loved by his family and will be deeply missed.

John was the beloved husband of JoAnne (née Millard). Loving father of Joan (John) Wallace-Moats, John (Susanne) Wallace, Julia Grant, and James (Lisa) Wallace. Dear grandfather of Ashley (Nick) Limback, Andrew (Emily) Moats, Jack Moats, Amanda Wallace, Joshua Wallace, Michael Ozga, Olivia Ozga, Alex Wallace, and Cole Wallace. Dear brother of Margaret (Jim) Keeran, and the late Catherine Hebb, Madge Guirey, Jeanne Putnam, and Joanne Baggot. Beloved brother-in-law of Frank (Penny) Millard, the late Kathleen (Dale) Parson, and Susan Millard. Also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering will take place on Sunday, September 29, from 11:00 a.m. until the time of memorial service, 2:00 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak (4 blocks east of Woodward).

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the American Humane Society.

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ The members of Ezra Parker Chapter would like to extend their deepest sympathy to John's family, especially to Joanne and Joan. I wish I could have been with you today, but other obligations kept me from being there. You will all be in the thoughts and prayers of your friends in Ezra Parker during the coming weeks. May God give you comfort and peace during this time.

*Love to you,
Judy Culler, Chaplain
and all the members of Ezra Parker Chapter*

Judy Culler - September 29, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Victor Wallace.



September 28, 2019 at 07:15 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Victor Wallace.



September 27, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Victor Wallace.*



September 27, 2019 at 03:09 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Victor Wallace.*



September 27, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Victor Wallace.*



September 26, 2019 at 10:26 PM