



John Leo Gilbert

January 10, 1950 - May 13, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of John Gilbert announce his sudden passing on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at the age of 71. His loss was completely unexpected and the family is shocked, and deeply saddened. John will be forever remembered by his precious children, grandchildren, extended family and friends. John is predeceased by his father, mother, sister, and his beloved wife, Donna Smith. After graduating from Imlay City High School class of 1968, he went onto obtain his Associate's Degree from Macomb Community College in vehicle design in 1993. John met the love of his life Donna, and they married in December of 1980. John retired, after working at General Motors for 37 years, as a wood model maker. Anyone who met John, knew that he was an incredibly hardworking, and kind hearted man. He had an immense passion for wood working, fishing, farming, and his love of all animals. John's family and friends will miss him more than words can say.

A funeral service honoring John will take place at 3:00 p.m., with visitation starting at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St., Traverse City, Michigan 49684. Rev. Kenneth Stachnik will officiate. For those unable to attend in person a virtual webcasting will be at <http://www.rjfh.tv>.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation, in John's name to either, the AC Paw of Traverse City, the or FFA (Future Farmers of the America).

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with John's family at his tribute page at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 02:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

MAY **Funeral Service** 03:00PM

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MAY **Public Virtual Funeral Webcasting**03:00PM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 19 at 09:20 PM



“ Dan and I loved the tribute video of John. A lot of good memories there. Too bad we never got to see him in his "fishing mode" he looked so relaxed that way.

Sandra Smith - May 19 at 10:41 PM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 18 at 12:57 PM



“ Send BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally to the family of John Leo Gilbert. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. Click here to view selections on our website

Send Flowers - May 16 at 12:19 PM



“ Aunt Marie and family were saddened to hear of John's passing. We were glad to virtually attend his funeral memorial. We remember him at family gatherings as being a very nice person. His memorial was beautiful.

Carolyn Simmons - May 20 at 04:13 PM



“ John,
You were taken from us much too early and will be sorely missed.
Your friends and fellow co-workers of 40 years,
Bill Champion and Bev Pylman

Bill and Bev - May 20 at 02:55 PM



“ So many memories from Grandpa and Grandmas farm from helping milk cows to riding the tractors. Uncle John always did his best to make our visits special, Taking us swimming at the neighbors, going snowmobiling, going to the fair or just sitting at grandmas table during meal time talking and laughing. I Love You Uncle John!
Rhonda Sherman

Rhonda Sherman - May 17 at 09:26 AM