



## John L. Hartl, Jr.

August 29, 1932 - July 9, 2022

Traverse City, Michigan - On July 9th, 2022, after a brief illness, John Ludwig Hartl, Jr. entered into eternal life with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

John was born on August 29th, 1932, the son of John and Mary (Enders) Hartl of Green Bay, Wisconsin. After graduating from Green Bay Central Catholic High School, he studied business at St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI, graduating in 1954, and later earned an MBA in marketing from the University of Wisconsin.

Ambitious, energetic and eager to see the world, he joined Pan American Airways as a sales executive in Detroit, MI. It was there that he met the love of his life, Kathryn (Fellows) Hartl (1935 – 2015). During his decade with Pan Am he and Kay traveled the world, often accompanied by friends and family. In later years he loved to recount how during the height of the Cold War he toured the Soviet Union, exploring business opportunities for Pan Am in October of 1957 (the month “Sputnik 1” was launched).

On July 8th of 1961, John and Kay were married at St. Basil Church in East Pointe, MI and settled in Grosse Pointe Woods, where John transitioned to what would become a 46-year career as a financial advisor. Together they raised five children: John “Jay” Hartl, David Hartl, Jerome Hartl, Thomas (Jenny) Hartl and Julie (Jordan) Hartl-Kilcherman.

In 1978 the family moved to Traverse City, MI when John was offered a position as a managing partner with Roney & Company. With his characteristic enthusiasm and good nature he quickly became a fixture in the community, mentoring a generation of younger advisors, energetically supporting St. Francis Parish / GTACS and offering his time and resources to a wide variety of conservation efforts, including an appointment by Governor Milliken to the Great Lakes Fishery Advisory Committee.

A consummate outdoorsman, he also poured his boundless energy into hunting, fly-fishing and habitat improvement at his treasured property on the Sturgeon River in Otsego County. His friends and family will fondly recall decades of fun, adventure (and hard work)

at “The Cabin.”

After retiring in 2007, his beloved grandchildren (Evan, Henry, Jessa and Audrey) became the center of his life as he cheered their many accomplishments and offered his immense wisdom to aid them in life’s path. Each will now have a true guardian angel watching over them.

John was preceded in death by his sister, Donna DeWalt, and survived by five cherished siblings, Charmaine Kraft, Helen (Richard) Alderton, Chuck (Sandy) Hartl, David Hartl, Vicky Blommer and many dear nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass honoring John will be held on Friday, July 29th, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1025 S. Union St., Traverse City, MI 49684, with visitation held one hour prior and a reception immediately afterward.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to The Father Fred Foundation, 826 Hastings St., Traverse City, MI 49686.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with John’s family at his tribute page at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis Catholic Church  
1025 S. Union  
Traverse City, MI 49684

## Funeral Mass

JUL **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis Catholic Church  
1025 S. Union  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John L. Hartl, Jr.*



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 29 at 01:32 PM

JH

*Miss you Dad! ❤️*

Julie Hartl - September 20 at 09:52 PM



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

Send Flowers - July 11 at 04:52 PM

LD

“ *Also thinking of my Michigan cousins. When I think of Uncle John my memory goes to the reunions we had in Green Bay when my mom was still alive. Your dad was the life of the party. Always telling a joke and brining amazing vodka and even more amazing sushi platters. I know how much you miss him. Both of our families have been blesses to have been surrounded and raised by two loving people we called mom and dad. Will be thinking of you tomorrow.  
Love Lynn DeWalt*

Lynn M DeWalt - July 28 at 09:36 PM

JH

*Love you Lynn! Thank you.*

Julie Hartl - September 20 at 09:52 PM

SD

“ Hello thinking of all my cousins and their families and hoping that your many wonderful memories help get you through this difficult time. I am so glad I was able to see Uncle John and all of you at Julie’s wedding. Please take care. May you Rest In Peace Uncle John. Love, Sue DeWalt

Sue DeWalt - July 28 at 05:44 PM

JH

Love you Sue! Thank you. ❤️

Julie Hartl - September 20 at 09:53 PM

CF

“ I’ll always remember the train ride in Traverse City Uncle Russ and I took at the urging of your dad and grandfather. It was a great ride, too! That was just one of his many passions and interests. He had a wealth of knowledge on so many subjects! John will be missed by me and so many others for his kindness, caring, and generosity. I’m so very sorry for your loss. Love, Aunt Cindy Fellows

Cindy Fellows - July 28 at 01:44 PM

JH

We miss you so much and love you Aunt Cindy! ❤️

Julie Hartl - September 20 at 09:54 PM



“ The Erfourth Family and Grandma Bonnie purchased Peace Lily Plant for the family of John L. Hartl, Jr.



Send Flowers - July 28 at 01:24 PM

JH

Thank you! It was beautiful! ❤️

Julie Hartl - September 20 at 09:54 PM



“ *Simply Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John L. Hartl, Jr.



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**Send Flowers** - July 28 at 11:41 AM

JK

“ *Continued thoughts and prayers to my Michigan Hartl cousins as your dad's funeral approaches. I am so happy I got to spend some quality time with your dad at Julie's wedding. Perfect evening of sharing food, drinks and the dance floor with your dad. Especially the dance floor as we all know the Hartl's have some amazing dance moves! His stories that night and through the years have always brought a smile to my face!*

*RIP Uncle John*

 *Julie Dewalt Kallie*

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**Julie Kallie** - July 27 at 04:23 PM

“ Hi, this is Dave, brother of Hartl Jr, John. At least that's what the television called him when he called. These are my early memories of John. He was born in Wabeno, Wi., a small town 85 miles north of Green Bay. Our parents moved to Green Bay shortly after John's birth in 1932. John was into everything his early years. He first started working as a paper boy, he had one of the premier routes in Green Bay. His next job was working at a gas station that was just through the block. That kept him in the money through high school and college.

On weekends it seemed we always headed north to Wabeno where our grandmother still lived. Dad and John were either fishing or hunting. John once shot 5 deer in one season (I think it was all legal back then). For fishing he ties his own flies. Had a special table in the basement for that. He also raised pigeons and rabbits. His springer spaniel dog was named Bugs.

He bought a Wizard motorbike to get around on. He once made the 85 mile trip to Wabeno to visit his grandmother. Top speed about 35-40mph. Mother was a bit worried.

On to college he bunked with a cousin who was going to St Norbert College also. We had up to 8 kids in a 3 bedroom house. I'm thinking he and his cousin hitched a ride for the 7 miles or so to college each day. Weekends were up north to Wabeno for he and his cousin, from Laona. They would head to the Saturday night dances, wherever they could find them. They also had a Laona college friend who was a pilot. He flew them out over the bay of Green Bay scouting for duck hunting areas.

Going to Wi, Madison for his masters he was able to hitch a ride with Ted Fritch, a former Packer and high school football coach.

After graduation from Wi, he was off to Michigan to work for Pan Am, marry Kay, and raise 5 wonderful kids. Most of the people in Michigan know the rest of his story.

*RIP Hartl Jr, John, we love you and will miss you! David Hartl*



*Thank you Uncle David! His Green Bay, WI & Wabeno, WI connections are great memories to all of us who traveled with him almost yearly to see his childhood home and hear his awesome Green Bay Packers stories! We loved the Packers Hall of Fame tour every time and the family reunions and dinners out with you and all the Hartls!*

*Our memories run deep and we hope to remind our children of his wonderful crazy life of travel and kindness to others.*

*Thank you for these precious memories. ❤️*

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**Julie Hartl-Kilcherman** - July 24 at 04:13 PM



“ *Regards, Chris, Todd, Leanne Crystal Engineering purchased Captured Memories for the family of John L. Hartl, Jr..*



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**Send Flowers** - July 18 at 09:24 AM



*On behalf of the Hartl family, Thank you! ❤️*

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**Julie Hartl-Kilcherman** - July 21 at 07:31 AM

DH

“ Thinking about John I remember Dave and I watching him box in high school, they actually had boxing at Central Catholic then. Also, while in college playing basketball in the rec leagues, plus standing up for his wedding with Kay. Dave and I also had great fishing trips with Him off of Manistee in Lake Michigan. The fish on the photo in photos was a record Coho for 10 days. Note the young faces on us in the picture.

We had many great times Deer hunting at the Cabin, John did the cooking, really good cook. One thing I remember is all the friends he invited to hunt with us including his Parish Priest. One of the most memorable dinners there was when John served his wine and we commented how good it was. John with a smile then said that was a basic wine and then he brought out the really good stuff. Amazing the difference?

One thing I remember well when our Mother past away was the thoughts of her looking down and being very proud of what a wonderful family she raised which we are very thankful for.

I am sure John is looking down now along with Kay and thinking of all he accomplishes in his lifetime raising their wonderful family is what he is most proud of. God Bless

Chuck

Donald Hartl - July 17 at 12:46 PM



Thank you Uncle Chuck... we love to hear stories of his youth and are blessed to be his children ❤️

Julie

Julie Hartl-Kilcherman - July 21 at 07:30 AM

DH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Donald Hartl - July 17 at 12:44 PM



What a great pic!

Julie Hartl-Kilcherman - July 21 at 07:32 AM

CK

“ I remember the travelling I did with John. One of them was using a Pan Am overhead sleeper because the stewardess wanted to be nice to John because I was his sister.. Also, dancing with some of his Japanese clients on our visit to Japan...seeing the Berlin Wall...the delicious food everywhere we visited.

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**charmaine kraft** - July 14 at 10:36 PM



What a lovely memory of our Dad and your brother. Thank you Aunt Charmaine. We will miss him dearly.

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**Julie Hartl-Kilcherman** - July 21 at 07:34 AM

GM

“ John always made me feel liked and appreciated as a person, and I could always count on him to also bring along some humor. Thank you John .

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**G Bob Miller** - July 14 at 03:18 PM



He did have a good sense of humor! We will miss that. ❤️

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**Julie Hartl-Kilcherman** - July 21 at 07:33 AM