



John Habian

January 2, 1930 - February 19, 2024

John Habian of Wellston passed away Monday, February 19, 2024 at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. He was 94. John was born January 2, 1930 in Harrietta, Michigan to Anthony and Barbara Habian.

John was married for 68 years to his wife and best friend, Shirley Habian. They were inseparable. John and Shirley were married on July 7, 1956 shortly after he was discharged from the U.S. Army. John was proud of his service. He was in active duty from 1951 through 1952, spending much of that time in Germany. He was in the Army reserves from 1953 to 1956.

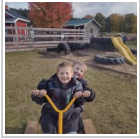
After the military, John provided services with his own bulldozer and then worked for the U.S. Forest Service. His next employment (along with his wife) was at Caberfae Ski Area. John continued to work alongside his wife in their own canoe rental business on the Pine River called Famous Jarolim Canoes. John and Shirley retired from that business in 1999, and would spend much of their time cutting wood, gardening, and visiting family and friends.

John is survived by his wife, Shirley, his children Bonnie and Mitchell (Shelly), and his grandchildren Emily and Jonathon. He was preceded in death by his infant son Peter; his brothers George, Joe and Mike; and his sisters Angie and Barb. The status of his sister Agnes is currently unknown.

A small private funeral was held on February 29, 2024, at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Burial will be at Banker Cemetery in Hoxeyville at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Munson Healthcare Foundations, 1150 Medical Campus Dr, Traverse City, Michigan 49684 (please specify Cadillac Hospital as the recipient) or the South Branch Township Fire Department. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ I loved John so much, anytime he was sent out to the hospital from the curry house (where I helped care for him) I would worry so much about him and when he would come back I would run into his room and give him a big hug.

Angela Collins - May 30, 2024 at 11:59 AM

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“ Losing a life partner, a father, a grandfather, a relative, a friend – is so hard. Losing someone like John is especially hard, because all his life he has been so infused with such goodness. I don't think I've ever known a kinder man. You could see it in his eyes, which were always smiling. What's more, goodness was present in all his actions – he was always looking out for others – always thinking about how he could help, and what kindness he could do for someone else.

John was also full of capability. “John can do anything,” my mother always said.

John gave so much talent, and effort, and love to others – he got so much love in return from all those who were touched by him – what a good and honorable life.

With much love to the family, and sorrow,

Patricia Polach

Patricia Polach - March 12, 2024 at 02:40 PM

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“ *John was a big part of my family. When he married my best friend forever our lives were forever joined together. He will never be forgotten as a gentle smiling man.*

Barbara L Hankins - March 01, 2024 at 07:16 PM