



## John Howard Murphy

February 14, 1944 - January 5, 2025

John Howard Murphy of Cadillac passed away Sunday, January 5, 2025 at Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was 80. John was born on February 14, 1944 in Cadillac to Cyril J. & Kate F. (Thompson) Murphy and they preceded him in death.

John graduated from Cadillac High School in 1962 and went on to Western Michigan University and later received his Journeyman Millwright through the UAW. After moving to the Ypsilanti area he went to work at Ford Motor Company and retired after 25 years. After he retired he moved back up north and lived in Harrietta and Cadillac.

John loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, canoeing, and skiing at Caberfae where he was on the ski team.

Survivors include his wife, Rosanna; children: Molly (Cory) Martin of Cheboygan, Brendon (Natalie) Murphy of Howell, and Kevin Murphy of Willis; 4 grandchildren: Nicholas (Brittany) Eastman, Tyler (Karmin) McGough, Jacinta (Terry) Murphy, and Jasmine Murphy; step- grandchildren, Christopher Eastman and Reese Berry; 3 great grandchildren: Avery Eastman, Riley Eastman, and Carson McGough; a nephew, Brian Noland and close cousins, Joe Thompson and Doug Brown.

In addition to his parents John was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Lucas Eastman; a sister, Marcie Noland and a nephew, Michael Noland.

Memorial visitation will be held from 4-6 PM Friday, January 17, 2025 at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac. John's final resting place will be Sixteen Cemetery in Harrietta. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Mitchell State Park Carl T. Johnson Hunting & Fishing Center. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral Home  
205 E. Cass St.  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
(231) 775-3411  
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<http://www.petersonfh.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Howard Murphy.*



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January 16, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ *Molly, Cory, Nick, Britt, Avery, & Riley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Howard Murphy.*



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**Molly, Cory, Nick, Britt, Avery, & Riley** - January 15, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Howard Murphy.*



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January 13, 2025 at 02:51 PM

DS

“ John and I grew up together living one block apart in Cadillac. We both went to Franklin School, junior high and high school together. His mother taught at Cass School across the street from the High School and we rode to school every day with her. We played football and baseball together and skied together for many years. John was a good friend! After high school we went in different directions and lived in different places not staying in touch. Sorry to hear that he passed!

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**Dave Swanson** - January 09, 2025 at 10:40 AM

JS

Sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a friend of my brother Jack and a frequent visitor to our home. RIP. Jean Springberg

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**Jean Springberg** - January 09, 2025 at 04:46 PM

MM

Thank you Dave for the fond memories you've mentioned of my father.

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**Molly Martin** - January 15, 2025 at 09:52 AM

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Thank you Jean for your condolences.

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**Molly Martin** - January 15, 2025 at 09:53 AM

CL

“ I have been a co worker of Brendon’s for over 20 years. Who soon became one of my best buddies soon after we met. I had the chance to hang out with Big J several times fishing, hunting and was able to go to the casino once. Always a pleasure to be around and funny as hell when he wanted to be. Master of “up north” ingenuity when it came to making things work. One of those creations was two canoes held together with wood planks and a gas motor that I had the pleasure to use with Brendon on the river. John was also passionate about letting our state government know of his concerns with letters and he would tell us to do the same. My only regret is I didn’t see him more and play some fun card games. You will be missed a big J, my love to Brendon, Kevin, Natalie, Jacinta, Jazz and the rest of his family.

Chris L

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**chris lake** - January 08, 2025 at 03:23 PM

MM

*Thank you Chris for letting us know your fond memories of our dad.*

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**Molly Martin** - January 15, 2025 at 09:55 AM