



## John D. Murton

November 24, 1958 - December 26, 2017

John “Murt” Murton, age 58 of Clare, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at his home. John was born the son of Curtis and Jane (Bicknell) Murton, Jr. in Mt. Pleasant on November 24, 1958. He was a self-taught chef by trade, and was fortunate to have traveled much of the United States having worked for various restaurants in Florida, Wyoming, Montana, Wisconsin, and Michigan. For a time, John owned and operated his own restaurant, “Scalawags” in Petoskey, MI., and he most recently enjoyed being a doughnut baker for Cops and Doughnuts in Clare. John was an avid football fan, and a diehard supporter of the Wolverines. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

John is survived by his mother Jane Murton of Clare, his siblings Mark (Lori) Murton of Gainesville, FL., Scott Murton of Decatur, MI., Gail (Doug) Murton of St. Paul, MN., and Lynn (Dave) Proctor of Harrison, his three nieces Ruby, Marley, and Hannah, and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Curtis Murton, Jr. and his uncle John Bicknell.

A memorial service in honor of John will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the Clare Congregational United Church of Christ with Pastor John Kasper officiating. Memorials may be made to the Clare County Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be shared with his family at [www.stephenso n-wyman.com](http://www.stephenso n-wyman.com)



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

Clare Congregational United Church of Christ  
110 W. Fifth Street  
Clare, MI 48617

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ I’m very sorry to hear of Murts Passing. I was an employee of his for many years, When he owned Scalwags in Petoskey, We shared many Fun times with him in the Kitchen. He was a wonderful boss. He went above and beyond for his employees. We always had a Christmas Party every year those were some of the best times, I was also grateful to have stayed at the Cabin up north as well such a beautiful place he was so fond of. He treated all us girls like Daughters. He was there for us in so many ways words can’t sum up the Memories we all share. With so much love, ❤️  
Jill Eggers, Lacey Prater “Scalwags” girls❤️ Your greatly missed Murt



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**jill eggers** - December 31, 2017 at 06:46 PM

LG

“ John was a great friend and like a brother to me for many years I worked with him at Little Harbor Club and spent many days at his family’s cabin, and condo in Cheboygan. My heart and prayers go out to Moana and the rest of the family. He went way before his time and will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace Murt.  
Love,  
Lauri Gusa



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**Lauri Gusa** - December 31, 2017 at 09:49 AM

NS

“ I am so terribly sorry to hear that John was called Home at such a young age♥ I will always remember being in Dallas at Murton's - and he gave me a great tour of the city including the location where President John Kennedy was shot & killed. I will proudly continue to wear my pink "Cops and Donuts" T.shirt & hat (thanks Gail!!) in honor of John. Love and Prayers to all of you.

Nikki Shoutz  
Crosslake, MN

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nikki shoutz - December 31, 2017 at 12:12 AM

DF

“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, JOHN WAS A CLASSMATE &FRIEND OF MY SON,TIM,MAY HE REST IN PEACE,DONNA KEGG,FRON

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Donna Fron - December 30, 2017 at 05:51 PM

KP

“ Always enjoyed working with John at Cops & Doughnuts. He kept us laughing and what an amazing chef. He will truly be missed by all.

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Kelly Pety - December 30, 2017 at 10:25 AM

DB

“ Deb Bicknell lit a candle in memory of John D. Murton



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deb bicknell - December 30, 2017 at 05:20 AM



“ *Lydabelle Bicknell lit a candle in memory of John D. Murton*



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**Lydabelle Bicknell** - December 29, 2017 at 08:03 PM



*Condolences to you, Janie for the loss of your son. Love and Blessings to you and all the family. Love, your cousin Lydabelle*

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**Lydabelle Bicknell** - December 29, 2017 at 08:07 PM



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**Lydabelle Bicknell** - December 29, 2017 at 08:07 PM

RV

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this sad news!! Rest assured of our prayers!*

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**Rev. Margaret Vredeveld** - December 29, 2017 at 05:23 PM

MT

“ *I will remember his smile! My heart goes out to the family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Margie Connell Tate** - December 29, 2017 at 02:36 PM

BR

“ *Brittany lit a candle in memory of John D. Murton*



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**brittany** - December 29, 2017 at 12:12 PM

BR

*Sorry for your loss*

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**brittany** - December 29, 2017 at 12:12 PM

SJ

“ *Sullen Cooper Jessen lit a candle in memory of John D. Murton*

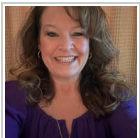


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**Sullen Cooper Jessen** - December 29, 2017 at 11:35 AM

KF

“ *This is very sad information. John was another of the wonderful Murton children I had the privilege to have in my Clare High School Bands. All were model citizens and bandsmen. May God Bless this family as it deals with John's passing.*

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**Ken Feneley** - December 29, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ *Janie and family we are so sorry for your loss. I remember meeting your handsome boy in Az when you were at our house when mom was down. Sending hugs and love to you and your family. Laurie (Bazeley) Barr*

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**Laurie Barr** - December 29, 2017 at 07:10 AM

JM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Jeanie and Bill Mishler** - December 28, 2017 at 09:36 PM

PB

*I am so sorry for your family loss. Thoughts and prayers being sent your way.*

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**Peggy Bidstrup** - December 28, 2017 at 10:17 PM

DJ

*"Murt had the Murton family wry sense of humor. His deep chuckle when he found something amusing will stay with us all."*

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**Doug Johnston** - December 29, 2017 at 09:56 AM

KL

*John was such a strong supporter of Clare Pioneer football. Whenever we crossed paths, he would want to talk about the team . He loved the game and especially his alma mater. He was a kind and caring man and will be missed by all that knew him. RIP Murt!*

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**Kelly Luplow** - December 29, 2017 at 09:15 PM

BH

“ I am so sorry to hear of this loss for your family. You all will be in my heart during this difficult time.

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**Bruce Hales** - December 28, 2017 at 09:14 PM