



John Radcliffe

April 19, 1946 - February 11, 2026

John Radcliffe, age 79 of Lake, formerly of Durand, died Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at Covenant Healthcare in Saginaw. A Celebration of Life will take place on Monday, February 16, 2026 at 11 A.M. at the Clare United Methodist Church with Pastor Brian Comiskey officiating. Military Honors will follow the services. The family will receive visitors at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Sunday from 3 to 7 P.M., and again on Monday at the Church from 10 A.M. until the time of service. John chose to be cremated and will be interred later in the Garfield Township Cemetery in Lake. John was born on April 19, 1946 in Munising, the son of Gladys (Smith) and Robert Radcliffe. He graduated from Mather High School in 1964 and earned his BS at Northern Michigan University. John served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1971 in Vietnam; upon his return he began a 40 year career with General Motors as a Manufacturing Engineer. In June of 1987 he married Merri Ann Baker in Corunna.

John enjoyed golfing, snowmobiling, and spending time with family and friends. He was an active runner for many years, particularly proud of completing the Boston Marathon twice. After retirement he and Merri Ann retired to Lake; they reinvented themselves as artists and enjoyed participating in art shows. John was active in the Clare Kiwanis, and a member of the Clare United Methodist Church.

John is survived by his wife Merri Ann; daughters Michele Radcliffe (Mark Weisman) and Kerry (JJ) Thorp; grandchildren Eli, Mia and Zoe; sister Jill

Layton; brother-in-law Walt Turbin; sisters-in-law Donna (John) Jenkins and Carol (Larry) Neeper; and beloved nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sisters Robin McCollum and Peg Turbin, and brother-in-law Dan McCollum.

Memorial Contributions to the Clare Kiwanis in John's memory would be appreciated. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Garfield Township Cemetery

8800 S. Lake Station Avenue
Lake, MI 48632

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)
165 South Hall St.
P.O. Box 231
Farwell, MI 48622
(989) 588-9630
wymanh@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Visitation

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Clare United Methodist Church
105 E. Seventh Street
Clare, MI 48617

Celebration of Life

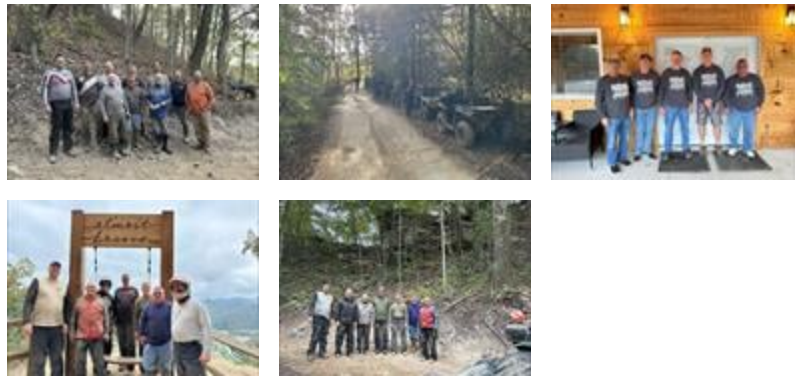
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Tribute Wall

TK

“ I've really enjoyed getting to know John over the last 7 years taking trips four wheeling in WV. He was always able to keep up and the reason we get the hot tub rentals now. He was so kind and I always enjoyed hearing his stories about growing up in Munising and his snowmobiling adventures.



Tom Katerberg - February 16 at 08:33 AM

JD

“ Jill, Walt, Lorien and Dave planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Radcliffe.

Jill, Walt, Lorien and Dave - February 15 at 10:15 PM

BW

“ Betty W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Radcliffe.

Betty W. - February 14 at 12:40 PM

MC

“ *Munising's 4th of July fireworks crew purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of John Radcliffe.*



Munising's 4th of July fireworks crew - February 13 at 05:55 PM

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LH

“ *Merri Ann, I'm so sorry to hear of Johns passing. John was a great friend both at work & on the golf course. I am happy we have been able to get together with the Buick Bunch these last few years, and especially this last time at Lucky's. I will miss John, and so will many others that had the privilege to work with him.*

Larry Hadd - February 13 at 04:27 PM

LM

“ These photos are from Kiefer and my wedding. John and Merri Ann danced together the longest during the anniversary dance — such a beautiful representation of the strength and longevity of their marriage.

John was always incredibly sweet and welcoming. He made me feel like family from the very first day I met him. He had such a gentle warmth about him that made everyone feel comfortable and so loved.

We are so grateful for the time we shared with him over the years, and especially for our last conversation together the other day. He will be deeply missed.



Lashonda McCollum - February 13 at 10:34 AM

LN

“ My heartfelt sympathy to John's family and friends. I met John earlier this year and had the pleasure of volunteering with him at Project Kids Christmas in December. He was a joy to work with and truly was part of what made the day so special. Sending my prayers for comfort for all that knew and loved John.

Lori Nevill - February 13 at 08:38 AM

CS

“ Merri Ann I was devastated to learn of John's death. Although we have lost touch over the years I have and do think of you often. I remember your visit to CO and watching a cyclist ride up Mount Evans and later visiting the Coors factory in Golden. Those were such wonderful times with wonderful memories. God gave us memories so we could have roses in winter and John will be one of my awesome memories. May you find peace in a fabulous life well lived together. Love to all of you. Cindy Stout

Cynthia Stout - February 12 at 07:47 PM

SM

“ We went snowmobiling with Al, Ron, Denny, and me (Scott) 2 weeks ago..rode 1000 miles across UP. Had a great time, he laughed a lot, spent time in the hot tub, had a beer, and enjoyed stories of past and present. We used his GPS several times as he loved. God Bless Scott Manner and Family

Scott Manner - February 12 at 02:44 PM

JG

“ Jacquie Gladney purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Radcliffe.



Jacquie Gladney - February 12 at 12:56 PM

JG

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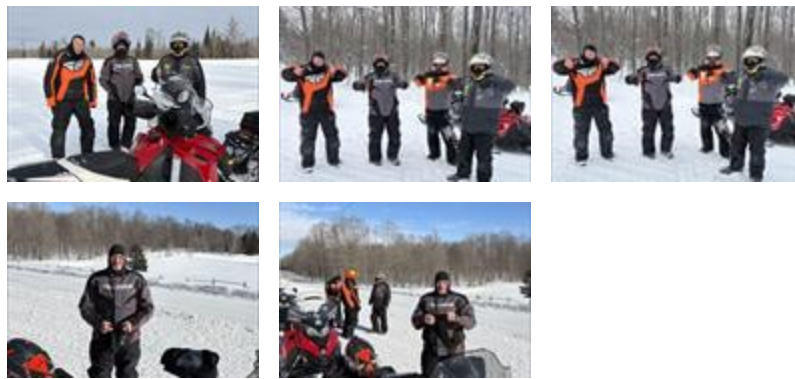
JJ

“ So saddened to here of John's passing. I use to work and golf with John in Factory 81. I lost contact with him many years ago. He was a joy to be around. I asked several people recently if they knew of his whereabouts. I deeply saddened to have found out this way.

Jim Jerichow - February 12 at 12:10 PM

RK

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Ron Kociba - February 12 at 11:36 AM

RK

“ Snowmobiling memories

Ron Kociba - February 12 at 10:42 AM

RK

I tried to upload photos unsuccessfully.

Ron Kociba - February 12 at 10:50 AM

AM

“ Al Bohren, & Denny Manner purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Radcliffe.



Al Bohren, & Denny Manner - February 12 at 10:36 AM

JB

“ Merri Ann we are so sorry to hear of the loss of John. He was a great man. Loved when he hung his Christmas tree upside down. Merri Ann remember the good times . RIP John

Jan Barber - February 12 at 09:54 AM

JO

“ JA , Donna, Elise, BJ and Olivia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Radcliffe.



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