



John L. Rousseau

October 26, 1942 - September 15, 2016

John L. Rousseau, age 73 of Farwell, passed away at his home on Thursday, September 15, 2016. John was born the son of Francis and Evelyn (Van Kirk) Rousseau on October 26, 1942 in Detroit. He had worked as a Tool and Die Maker for Homestead Tool in Coleman. John had moved to Farwell from Detroit in 1984. He enjoyed tinkering with Farm Machinery, Heavy Equipment and Electrical Wiring. John was an active member of the St. John's Episcopal Church in Mt. Pleasant.

John is survived by his brothers Raymond of Farmington Hills, Robert (Marianne) of Detroit and Ed (Ila) of Clare; his sisters Carrie (Barney) Craft and Patricia (Allan) Lively both of Farwell; his sister-in-law Jeanette Rousseau of Redford and several nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his parents, a brother Fredric and a sister-in-law Dorothy.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 23, 2016 from 2 to 9 P.M. at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Services will take place on Saturday at 1:00 P.M. at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Mt. Pleasant with Father Wayne Nicholson officiating. Burial will be held in the Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John's Episcopal Church. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Grand Lawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River Ave
Detroit, MI 48219

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanfh@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Service

SEP **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
206 W Maple Street
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Tribute Wall

BG

“ John Rousseau was a person who could bring a smile to anyone's face. David knew John many years before I did. John and I got to know each other as neighbors when he moved to Ash Road. John was the kind of person you could call if you needed any help of any kind. Once while we were out of state, one of our cows decided to have a calf. Unfortunately the cow had trouble and the calf died and had to be pulled. My husband David called John. John rallied our neighbors. They pulled the calf and saved the cow. John was really just a big kid. I realized this when he came to our house to help with some grading in our back yard. He brought his big dump truck full of dirt. When he came roaring up our driveway, he had the biggest grin on his face. it was a sight to see. He also loved kids. Our church youth group has a hayride every year. John not only gave us permission to use his property for the hayride, he groomed the trail. The last time we saw him was about a week before he died. He wanted to show us the new trail he'd made for the hayride. He was so excited. He was kind of a daredevil, so my inspection and approval of the trail was important for safety reasons. He was a valued part of our neighborhood. He will be missed. David and Brenda Garver

Brenda Garver - September 24, 2016 at 09:49 AM



“ Cousin John will be greatly missed. I wish I could be there with all of you to celebrate his life. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
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Love,
Jamie Loftus

Jamie Marie - September 23, 2016 at 02:48 PM



“ John you were like an uncle to all of us my memories were when you took us down Grant in the vet and did bat turns then put us in trailers pulled by the jeep and would play hide and seek but my best memory was at pat and Allans wedding reception when you put my high heels on and I put your shoes on you grabbed a cigarette lit the wrong end and we tried to dance like that you
You will be greatly missed but God has another angel

Rhea Emery - September 22, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John L. Rousseau.



September 22, 2016 at 10:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John L. Rousseau.



September 21, 2016 at 10:00 PM

AR

“ Uncle John was a part of many of my happiest childhood memories...

the Purple Gang house tours, haunted houses, and hayrides that he would take ALL of the Rousseau kids on during our summers Up North.

Sitting around the kitchen table at the cottage as he would make his special fudge, waiting for it to harden up so we could dig in.

Trips to Boblo Island...my friends still talk about how funny "Uncle John" was as he turned green after a ride on "The Rotor".

And most of all taking me, my brother, and anybody else that wanted to go, up north on any given weekend, all packed in his car along with Granny. Always making a stop at Tony's in Birch Run to get a grocery bag full of french fries on the way.

Because of these special memories, Uncle John will live in our hearts forever!

Anne-marie Rousseau

Anne-Marie Rousseau - September 20, 2016 at 11:25 PM

SB

“ When I was growing up a major part of my Christmas memories was knowing that on New Years Eve my dad (Bob Burns) and I would be going to Fred and Jeannettes for his card party! Seeing family was always special for me but seeing Johnny and the rest of the gang was the best. I remember his distinguished voice and his contagious laugh... He was the first to say on New Years Day, it's snowed so we are all going sledding. Great memories. Family gathering at 5 Lakes with the horses was awesome too. Many years has passed but my memories will live in my heart forever!

Sheila Burns - September 19, 2016 at 05:41 PM

PW

“ John took my kids on a wild boat ride 40{?} years ago. Best visit to my family ever! Too sad to lose such a wonderful younger cousin.
Patti Burns-Wujcik

Patti Wujcik - September 18, 2016 at 01:35 PM

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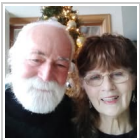
“ Last October, John took me over to his house on the lake and showed me around, it was lovely. In over 20 years of going up to Farwell, I somehow never got around to seeing it until then. His face just lit up talking about the work that he put into it and all of the fond memories of time spent there with his family. He was a good man, a dear family friend and will be sorely missed. My condolences to his family and to all those who loved him. <3

Elaine - September 18, 2016 at 01:03 PM

KV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Dave and Kathy

Kathy VanKirk - September 18, 2016 at 12:19 PM



“ Pat and family. The world lost a wonderful man when God took John home. I can't tell you how much he meant to our family. I will miss his smile and playing cards with him. Love and prayers to you all.

Linda Kinney - September 18, 2016 at 11:45 AM

MJ

I will miss our visits and his stories that he shared with us, He really has a heart of Gold, Thoughts and Prayers to his family and friends.

Mary J - September 18, 2016 at 06:09 PM



Over the years I had great memories of John. One of my first was him introducing me to his "puppy" Clod. Who was already huge and took me right to the ground licking me as John and Jake (Jacobs) laughed, too hard in my opinion. He loved his dogs and his friends/family. Words cannot heal the loss the world now knows. - Joe Jacobs.

Joe Jacobs - September 19, 2016 at 12:47 PM