



John L. Stow

December 17, 1942 - May 20, 2021

John L. Stow, age 78 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at his home with his family by his side. On December 17, 1942, John was born one of four children to Clarence and Helen (Sackrider) Stow in Petoskey, Michigan. He was united in marriage to Velda M. Beer on July 1, 1961 in Petoskey and together they enjoyed fifty-seven years of marriage together until Velda's passing in March of 2019. John's work career was one that was rivaled by few and impressive to all, as he proudly served forty-five years of employment with Federal Broach and Machine Co., eventually retiring as the Farwell plant manufacturing supervisor. As a young kid, John took great pleasure working his family farm, and as he aged his passions included camping, deer hunting, traveling with his wife Velda, reading, and everything to do with antique tractors. He was a devout Catholic and proud member of the Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church of Clare.

John is survived by his four children Jerry Stow of Wolverine, Darrin (Michelle) Stow of Harrison, Jonathan (Andrea) Stow of Indianapolis, and Rebecca Hitsman of Sanford, his nine grandchildren, and his six great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his wife Velda Stow, his daughter Julie Austin, his son David Stow, his parents Clarence and Helen Stow, and his siblings Nancy Denemy, Ann Athern, and Doug Stow.

A memorial mass in honor of John will take place on Friday, May, 28 at the St. Cecilia Site of the Our Lady of Hope Parish of Clare at 11:00 A.M. with Monsignor Francis Koper officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Cecilia

Cemetery of Clare. Friends may visit the Stow family at church on Friday from 10:00 A.M to the time of service at 11:00 A.M. Memorial contributions in honor of John may be directed to the American Heart Association. For those unable to attend, online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery

411 Schoolcrest Ave.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Cecilia Site
106 E. Wheaton Street
Clare, MI 48617

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jonathan and family. Carl and I were sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with all of you.* ”

Carl and Patti Leis - May 27, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John L. Stow.* ”



May 26, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ *From CBRE Friends and Colleagues at Ford Land purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John L. Stow.* ”



From CBRE Friends and Colleagues at Ford Land - May 26, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John L. Stow.* ”



May 25, 2021 at 07:13 PM

BM

“ *Bill and Eleanor Martin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John L. Stow.*



Bill and Eleanor Martin - May 25, 2021 at 04:21 PM

TL

“ *I send my condolences and prayers to the entire Stow Family. John's life and what was written about him is a tribute to all of you. God bless all of you.*
Theresa Lutes

Theresa Lutes - May 25, 2021 at 02:29 PM



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



May 25, 2021 at 12:54 PM

JD

“ *John was a true gentleman! Quiet, but quick to smile, he endured a great deal over the years, but now he is at peace. His children can be very proud.*

Joanne Dana - May 25, 2021 at 08:11 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album RMEF



Jeff Van Buren - May 24, 2021 at 11:01 PM

JB

John had a big heart for conservation and especially for sharing his hunting heritage and shooting skills with the next generation. He was a great and caring man, who served others well. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him within the many volunteers and chapters of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Jeff Van Buren - May 24, 2021 at 11:05 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John L. Stow.



May 24, 2021 at 02:48 PM