



## John Leonard Swarts

June 12, 1946 - August 15, 2022

John L. Swarts, age 76 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 15, 2022 at his home in Clare. On June 12, 1946, John was born one of two sons to John and Elva (Wilson) Swarts at their family home in Harrison, MI. John has been a Central Michigan resident his entire life, having been born and raised in Harrison before finishing his high school years in Clare, where he was a member of the Clare High School Class of 1964. After graduating, John started his work career in the automotive industry. His career began in auto parts sales and distribution until he struck out on his own and opened the Hobby Body Shop in Clare, where John did body repair and built a reputation as the area's premier technician for Corvette fiberglass work through the 70's and into the late 80's. When John retired from auto body work, he took pleasure in collecting and dealing antiques of all types. He also had an eclectic love of music, especially older blues and rock 'n' roll vinyl, and he enjoyed watching NASCAR races every Sunday.

John is survived by his two sons Todd and Chad Swarts of Clare. He is also survived by his brother Gary Swarts, step-grandson Walker Brown, and his life partner Judy Murphy, all of whom reside in Clare. John was preceded in death by his parents John Swarts and Elva Cohee and his daughter-in-law Cherie Bell-Swarts.

In keeping with John's wishes, cremation has taken place with no public services being planned at this time. Memorial contributions in honor of John may be directed to the Clare County Animal Shelter. Online condolences may

be expressed to John's family on his tribute page at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ I’m so sorry for this sudden loss of your dad, Todd and Chad. I know my mother loved John with all her heart. He came into our lives when I was 10 and he has always just been there. I’m saddened by this news. Sincere condolences. Sara

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**Sara Miller** - August 25, 2022 at 05:32 PM

TS

Thanks Sara.

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**Todd A Swarts** - August 25, 2022 at 11:17 PM

SM

“ Sending thoughts of comfort to John's two sons from the 1964 Class of Clare High School.

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**Susan M Marlow** - August 22, 2022 at 11:15 PM

TS

Thanks, Hard times ahead but one day at a time. Todd Swarts

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**Todd A Swarts** - August 23, 2022 at 02:49 AM

SH

“ John will always be remembered lovingly by my 3 sons and me. We shared many happy mornings of chatting, laughter and coffee at the old Georges restaurant in Farwell. My boys enjoyed visits to the shop to see the Corvettes and to chat with John and Gary both. Prayers for those left behind that loved him.

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**Sue Higgins** - August 22, 2022 at 10:11 AM

TS

*Who can forget the good times at Georges and all the corvettes, good memories. Todd Swarts*

**Todd A Swarts** - August 23, 2022 at 02:51 AM

SH

*I am so sorry and sad to hear this. John and I had many years and loving memories. He was kind and alot of fun. My heart goes out to you Todd and Chad. And you too Gary. He thought the world of you two. Sending warm hugs and prayers ❤️*

**Shirley** - August 23, 2022 at 07:50 AM

TS

*Also, maybe just a little goofy at times. Thanks for the kind words.*

**Todd A Swarts** - August 23, 2022 at 12:54 PM

KR

*Kurt and I were so very saddened to hear this news. We hadn't seen John in years until this summer when Kurt picked him up in his vette and they cruised. It was such a surprise when they drove to the house, I hadn't seen him in almost 40 years. It was a special few minutes we shared, recalling some great times together many years ago. What a blessing we were able to see him. He will truly be missed. You are all in our thoughts. Kurt and Julie Rank*

**Kurt and Julie Rank** - August 23, 2022 at 06:35 PM

TS

*He very much enjoyed seeing you guys this summer, he told us about it mutable times.*

**Todd A Swarts** - August 24, 2022 at 02:19 AM