



John H. Wolf

March 18, 1941 - December 31, 2017

John Howard Wolf passed away peacefully at Kansas City Hospice House at 12:18 am on Sunday, December 31, 2017. He had been visiting his daughters and their families for the month of December when he fell and broke his hip. After surgery he experienced a variety of medical complications. He is survived by his three children: John M. Wolf, Valorie Carmer, Amie Mueller and seven grandchildren – Taylor, Lauren, Alexander, Sabrina, John Thomas, Mara and Erin.

He was born on March 18, 1941 in Rolla, Missouri and moved with his family during his childhood to Phoenix, Arizona. He married Jann, his wife of 56 years, on June 22, 1961. John and Jann met at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa in 1960, where he received his Associates in Arts in 1961. He completed his Bachelors of Arts in Education at Arizona State University in 1964 and his Masters of Science in Education at the State University of New York: Buffalo in 1968. He and Jann lived in upstate New York, where they had their first child and then settled in Clare, Michigan in 1968. They remained in their home at 205 W. Wheaton St for over 50 years. John taught History, Civics and Philosophy at Clare High School until he retired in 2002. He coached basketball and was involved with the community in many ways throughout his life. He and Jann also traveled extensively over his lifetime. They took several high school student groups throughout Europe and traveled many times in Central and South America.

John was a lifelong member of the Community of Christ church, as well as priesthood member and also was pastor of congregations at various times. John was active in school, community and church activities. The complete list of his civic, community and church activities is much too long to list here.

John and Jann made their home a warm and inviting place for all to come through the back door, knowing there was love, warmth and most likely a home cooked meal ready and waiting. Friends and community members will likely see similarities with the obituary for his wife, Jann, who passed away on October 25, 2017. For several days prior to passing John was at peace with being at the end of life and looking forward to joining Jann. Jann and John were truly life partners and were connected in their careers, church, civic duties, parenting, travel and leisure.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to John's favorite charity is preferred: Maya Works. <https://www.mayaworks.org> A celebration of life for Jann and John is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Mt. Pleasant Community of Christ Church. Open house will be 1:00-5:00 pm, with remarks at 2:00 pm. Arrangements by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant Community of Christ Church
1102 E. Gaylord Street
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Service

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I loved listening to John's stories about Jesus walking the Sanford campgrounds! His classes on the book of Mormon cultures were awesome! He and Jan even put in a good word for me when I interviewed for an art teacher's job at Clare (sorry, didn't work out). He is greatly missed!

Jon Studebaker - June 21, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ John and Jann were two of the most wonderful people one could ever meet. We had the privilege of teaching alongside John and Jann at Clare High School for many years. They were great teachers that touched the lives of so many Clare students. They were held in such high regard by students, staff, administration, and the Clare community. John and Jann raised a wonderful family. They were so proud of John Michael, Val, and Aimee. God Bless you John and Jann.

*Rob and Jude Johnson
Goodyear, AZ*

Rob and Jude Johnson - January 14, 2018 at 06:07 AM

LM

“ There are not two other people who have had more impact on our lives and the lives of our two girls than Jann and John Wolf. We were blessed to have John marry us, stay with us in our home and minister to our congregation many times in Muskegon MI. We are thankful to have had them in our lives and for the wonderful memories they have left us with. Val, Ameer, John Michael they spoke of you with such pride and love. You were blessed, as you know, to have had them as parents. Thanks for sharing them with us. Dennis and Laurel Makowski and Gabri and Rachel

Laurel Makowski - January 08, 2018 at 09:59 PM

DH

“ We think Jan and John were the salt of the Earth and they were a Wonderful CHRISTian couple who influenced many people's lives, in a very positive way! We hate to see couples like them leave this Earth because a void is created that not many others can fill. John Michael, Amy and Valerie, we send our deepest condolences and pray for peace and comfort for each of you, and your family. Know your parents have been reunited forever! God bless you all!

Dick & Edith Hunt - January 05, 2018 at 09:27 AM