



## John Joseph Byrne III

September 3, 1942 - September 1, 2025

John Joseph Byrne III, 82, of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away peacefully on September 1, 2025 after a long, arduous battle with ALS. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on September 3, 1942, John lived a life defined by devotion to his family, his faith, and his work.

John began his career as a pharmacist, later transitioning into pharmaceutical sales and management, and ultimately serving as an executive in pharmacy benefit management. He was admired for his professionalism, leadership, and unwavering commitment to improving healthcare systems.

Outside of work, John found joy in woodworking, caring for his cars, and spending time with friends and loved ones over card games, bowling nights, and rounds of golf. He was a devout Catholic whose faith guided him throughout his life.

John was deeply proud of his family and their accomplishments, often sharing stories of their successes with pride and joy. He is survived by his loving wife, Marleen Byrne (née Bowler); his son, John Joseph Byrne IV, and daughter-in-law, Kristin Byrne; and his grandchildren, Sarah Avendano (Jesse Avendano) and Justin Byrne (Tarah Thompson). He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, James (the late Valerie) Byrne.

Thank you to the wonderful care givers that have taken care of John.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 8th from 6 PM until 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

John will lie in state on Tuesday, September 9th from 10 AM until the Tuesday 11 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road (at Beck) Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to ALS of Michigan, an organization dedicated to supporting individuals and families affected by ALS throughout the state. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home or via the website, <https://alsofmichigan.org/>

He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Lie in State

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church  
47650 N Territorial Rd  
Plymouth, MI 48170-2852  
(734) 453-0326

## Funeral Mass

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rip John . We bowled on the same league for a few years. My fondness memory is when he would say nobody misses a 5 pin... I will never forget that*  
*Vergil Pyle*

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**Vergil Pyle** - September 09, 2025 at 09:46 AM

BM

“ Back in the day of CB radios in cars John's handle was Medecine Man. We had many fun times with Marleen and John.

*I AM STILL ME  
A poem about grief*

*I have passed into eternity, and  
the reality we shared is no longer mine.  
But our souls were created immortal,  
and where I go there is no time.*

*Though I've gone a way you did not lose me so please do not grieve  
to long for me.*

*In your heart I am still with you,  
And please believe that I AM STILL ME.*

*When it is your time to come and join me,  
Be assured I will greet there.*

*We'll meet again someday in heaven,  
And together eternity we will share.*

*We will praise the Lord for our Salvation,  
We will worship Him for He is love.  
God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Forever perfect in heaven above.*

*by Bill Mitchell  
Pittsburgh, PA USA*

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**Bill Mitchell** - September 08, 2025 at 08:09 PM

JB

*Thank you Bill. And all the best to you and your family and all that you  
are going through.*

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**John Byrne** - September 12, 2025 at 02:48 PM

HC

“ *Helen chin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Joseph Byrne III.*



Helen chin - September 07, 2025 at 01:37 PM

ZY

“ *Z. David Lou & Min Yu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Joseph Byrne III.*

Z. David Lou & Min Yu - September 05, 2025 at 06:24 AM

ZY

“ *Z. David Lou & Min Yu purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Joseph Byrne III.*



Z. David Lou & Min Yu - September 05, 2025 at 06:24 AM

DD

“ *Dona Dillingham sent a virtual gift in memory of John Joseph Byrne III*



Dona Dillingham - September 04, 2025 at 05:45 PM

DD

*I was blessed to have known John. We bowling buddies as well as good friends. He will be fondly remembered 🌸*

**Dona Dillingham** - September 04, 2025 at 05:48 PM

BR

“ *So sorry to hear of John’s passing. We were neighbors in Pittsburgh, PA.  
John and Betsy Raget*

**Betsy Raget** - September 03, 2025 at 07:25 PM

KR

“ *Karen Ross lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Byrne III*



**Karen Ross** - September 03, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Joseph Byrne III.*



September 03, 2025 at 10:14 AM

LV

“ *Love, Ryan, Beth, Brendan, Jake, and Viv planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Joseph Byrne III.*

**Love, Ryan, Beth, Brendan, Jake, and Viv** - September 02, 2025 at 07:29 PM

LV

“ *Love, Ryan, Beth, Brendan, Jake, and Viv purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Joseph Byrne III.*



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**Love, Ryan, Beth, Brendan, Jake, and Viv** - September 02,  
2025 at 07:29 PM