



## John Joseph Cahill

April 9, 1962 - November 27, 2015

Cahill, John J., age 53, of Novi; passed away peacefully after a courageous four-month battle with ALS. Beloved husband of 24 years to Monica Salsbury; proud father of Shayne Cahill and MacKenzie Cahill; son of Alma, caring brother of Kathleen (Louis) Chiodo, Michael F. (Leslie) Cahill, Jr., William (Karen) Cahill, and James (Rebecca) Cahill. John was preceded in death by his father Michael F. Cahill, Sr. Dear son-in-law of Donald (the late Lorraine) Salsbury, brother-in-law of Julie (Joe) Yelanich, and Jill Bollman. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. John worked as an account executive at Lochbridge after working at Compuware for almost 29 years. He was an avid sports fan, loving all Detroit sports and both University of Michigan and Notre Dame Football teams – Go Blue and Fighting Irish! He spent many years coaching his children’s baseball and softball teams, and loved spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed and went before his time. The visitation will be Sunday from 2 PM until 8 PM with a 7 PM Scripture Service at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 11 AM at Our Lady of Victory Church, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville, MI 48167. John will lie in state on Monday from 10:30 AM until Mass. Memorial donation in John’s name to ALS of Michigan or ALS Association. Please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Scripture Service

NOV **29**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## In state

NOV **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church  
133 Orchard Dr.  
Northville, MI 48167

## Funeral Mass

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NOV **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church  
133 Orchard Dr.  
Northville, MI 48167

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Joseph Cahill*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I feel blessed for knowing John. Always good natured, always had that handsome smile! I had the pleasure to work with John over the past 15 years at Compuware, then Lochbridge, and NEVER heard John say a bad word about anyone. He loved his family, his friends and coworkers, and we all loved him just as much.*

**Joy Brosious** - November 30, 2015 at 01:50 PM



“ *Thinking of you Monica, Shayne and MacKenzie. Remembering how John was always so polite and always had a warm smile. I last spoke to him this past June and remembering what a kind heart he was. May he rest in peace now. 🙏 Love and hugs to you. ❤️*



**Dianne Sharma** - November 30, 2015 at 01:47 PM

BH

“ To Monica, Shayne and MacKenzie, our deepest condolences on the passing of John. John was a great mentor to Grace and will not be forgotten. As a coach, he had a unique ability to teach the fundamentals as well as displayed great patience with everyone. A role model for sure. We offer this prayer by Cardinal Newman in the hopes that it might ease your grief at this difficult time.

“ May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last.”

*Basil, Marisela, Ian and Grace.*

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**Basil Healey** - November 30, 2015 at 08:25 AM

LR

“ I am sorry for your loss. John was a caring man. I lost my husband this year and John was very supportive through the entire process. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I am glad John is at peace.

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**Linda Ross** - November 30, 2015 at 08:03 AM

KC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

*Sincerely,  
Kathy Clos*

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**Kathy Clos** - November 30, 2015 at 06:45 AM

CN

“ I am so sorry for your loss.  
Fondly,  
Christine Novak  
Kelly Educational Staffing



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**Christine Novak** - November 30, 2015 at 06:17 AM

YM

“ Yvonne & Ron Mott purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Joseph Cahill.



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**Yvonne & Ron Mott** - November 29, 2015 at 10:53 PM

RB

“ "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

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**Rita Barrios** - November 29, 2015 at 10:29 PM

CV

“ John was a great boss, but that does not say enough. He was kind and caring person who you could always talk to. My prayers go out to his friends and family.

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**Chris VanHoeck** - November 29, 2015 at 07:38 PM

TK

“ John helped me get into Compuware and became more than a good account manager and work colleague ... he became a good friend! Many would say the same – that’s just how he was. John was always caring and was an endless source of encouragement and laughter. My deepest sympathies to his family ... he will be missed dearly.

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**Tom Krawczyk** - November 29, 2015 at 12:57 PM

DS

“ I had the honor and pleasure of working with John for 10+ years. I got to see him grow professionally. We worked together initially in technical roles after which he worked into a successful career in management and sales. Throughout all that time, he was genuine in his concern for others and dedication to doing the best job possible. He was remarkable in his ability to keep his family first and treat his co-workers like family.  
Many prayers of thanksgiving and love to John's family and friends.  
david seibert

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**David Seibert** - November 29, 2015 at 12:39 PM

CP

“ I can recall so many times and events that John and I shared in high school and sports. He was a cartoon character come alive. Posturing his body like the capital letter H and pronouncing himself " huuuuge" Fun times for a great guy. God rest your merry soul my friend and my God bless your loved ones.  
Christopher Passalacqua

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**chistopher passalacqua** - November 29, 2015 at 11:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cahill.*



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November 29, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ *A fellow coworker at Compuware, John was always a positive good natured man. It was an absolute pleasure knowing John and he'll be missed. Prayers and thoughts to John's family and friends.*



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**Jeff Tucker** - November 29, 2015 at 09:10 AM



“ *Dave,Debbie, Haleigh, Lauren , Olivia Hoffman purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John Joseph Cahill.*



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**Dave,Debbie, Haleigh, Lauren , Olivia Hoffman** - November 29, 2015 at 08:10 AM



“ *I had the honor of working with John at Compuware. He was always positive and friendly. He was a pleasure to work with, one of the truly great people. He will be missed. Prayers to his family in this very sad & difficult time.*



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**Diane Karon Johnson** - November 29, 2015 at 08:07 AM

MF

“ *Cahill Family,  
I knew John from working at Compuware. He was my account manager for several years. I remember John as being very friendly and helpful. We talked about our families quite a bit. John helped me get placed at Ford Credit where I still work today. My prayers are with your family during this difficult time.*

*God speed,  
Mike Forrester*

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**Mike Forrester** - November 29, 2015 at 07:39 AM

LC

“ Where do I begin? John was my husband's " little bruddha" and he was funny and kind! Every trip back to Michigan, we were greeted by John picking us up in rain, sleet, or snow.....usually with Faygo pop! He also taxied us back. He and Monica always hosted us in their home.....with food, beverages, games, sports, and general good laughter! These are a few random thoughts~

\*Handy Dip .....double cookie dough

\*Someone farted in the car, John says, "Hit the recycle button!"

\*In his high cartoon voice, "Waaaaassup!"

\*His cookies!

\*Seeing my son at about four years old, and is now an adult, in a suit for the John-Monica wedding.

\*He never flinched when I came into town and asked Monica to re-arrange a room!

\*He did flinch after our trips to the Ann Arbor Antiques Market when we got something for him to do as a project!

\*"Fat guy in a little coat" or any of the other movie lines he could quote.

\*Serious talks about the kids and how proud of them he was.

\*Love for Monica.

\* A true gentleman.

John, thank you for so many memories, you made the Cahill Home special.....I'll miss you, but consider myself fortunate to have had you in my life.

Leslie Cahill

Newport Beach, CA

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Leslie Cahill - November 28, 2015 at 06:47 PM

TJ

“ *Tomi Jackson lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Cahill*



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**Tomi Jackson** - November 28, 2015 at 06:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cahill.*



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November 28, 2015 at 02:22 PM



“ *Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cahill.*



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November 28, 2015 at 01:32 PM

TF

“ *The Clayton Family purchased the Garden Cross for the family of John Joseph Cahill.*



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**The Clayton Family** - November 28, 2015 at 01:08 PM

DL

“ I had the pleasure of going to elementary and high school with John. I will always remember him as being one of the good guys. Always full of life, happy, laughing, and friendly. Everyone who knew John, couldn't help but love him. After many years we reconnected at our 30th high school reunion. It was refreshing to see that John was still that same happy, laughing, friendly person. My heart and prayers go out to Monica, his children, family and friends. You were a real class act, and you will be missed. God Bless.  
*Debbie LaFata*

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**Debbie LaFata** - November 28, 2015 at 12:48 PM

SK

“ John... We were both in at Wayne State and discussed retiring early, I really don't think this is what we had in mind. Hearing this news yesterday tore me apart. You have been a great friend and listening board. Your presence here on earth will be sorely missed. You fought this horrific disease with honor and toughness. Another soft soul has gone home.

*May our Lord provide you safe passage back home. Please rest knowing that all of us will make sure Monica, Shane & Mackenzie are ok.*

*To a great friend. You will be missed.  
Stephen Karniotis*

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**Stephen Karniotis** - November 28, 2015 at 11:40 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cahill.*



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November 28, 2015 at 11:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cahill.*



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November 28, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cahill.*



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November 28, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ *John was a great tight end for our high school football team. But it was his larger than life personality that I will remember. His announcer voice saying, " 6'4", 230 outta Baylor..." always made us laugh. People were drawn to him and his easy manner. Our family's prayers go out to his loved ones.*

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**john barletta** - November 28, 2015 at 10:13 AM

TM

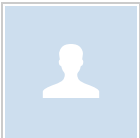
“ I was very sadden to hear about John's departure. He was a wonderful co-worker and friend during my tenure at Compuware. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of loss. God bless.

Tyrone Maranian - November 28, 2015 at 09:07 AM



“ John was one of my dearest and oldest friends. There are too many great times to choose just one. There will forever be a void in my heart in the place he occupied.

Bob Kennedy - November 28, 2015 at 08:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cahill.



November 28, 2015 at 06:57 AM

RH

“ John was a high school friend of mine with countless memories that I will never forget. He made the best malts at his moms house after football practice and his infectious laugh was always great to be around. I could go on an on about what a great athlete he was but my heart is so sad. The sad part is I didn't keep in touch with one of the nicest kindest person I know. My condolences to Monica and his family. He will be missed by all.

Sincerely  
Robert Hughes

Robert Hughes - November 28, 2015 at 05:52 AM

MA

“ I worked with John at Compuware and he was one of the nicest people I have ever meet. He had the nicest smile and truly cared about everyone he meet.

*He will be greatly missed.*

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**marie** - November 28, 2015 at 05:46 AM

PC

“ We are so sad to hear John's passing.

*Just this pass June, John acted as my account manager placing me at NAB in Troy. Many thanks to John's hard work.*

*Back in 1988 (maybe beginning 1989), John, Bob Kennedy, Tim Reinman and myself all worked at CMMS in house SFR project as mainframe programmers. I recalled John was a very intellgent and also a kind person. He successfully wrote probably one of the most complicated online Shell programs which can scroll up and down, left and right. He, Bob, and Tim all helped me study my US citizenship test. I remember John loved sports, liked jokes and also a great team player. I will miss him a lot. Please accept my sincere condolenses to Monica and the family.*

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**Paul Chang** - November 28, 2015 at 04:00 AM

MF

“ John started with Compuware shortly after I did. He was a fun and caring co-worker and my Account Manager a few times at BCBSM. John was a hard worker and cared a lot about his employees. His smile and laugh will be deeply missed. I send my deepest sympathies and will keep Monica and family in my prayers. The world has lost a very good person way too soon.

*Mark Fritz - Lochbridge*

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**Mark Fritz** - November 27, 2015 at 11:31 PM

LG

“ I was a high school friend of John's. We became good friends through wrestling; he was a wrestler and I was one of the team managers. John's spirit and sense of humor will always be remembered. He was truly one of my favorite people. My condolences to Monica, John's children and family. - Lisa Goich

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**Lisa Goich** - November 27, 2015 at 11:15 PM

NW

“ I'll never forget when he used to make cookies and always made pancakes in the morning after sleepover for me and Kenzie

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**natalie wiest** - November 27, 2015 at 08:07 PM

KC

“ John was my account manager at Compuware back in the early 90's. He was a great manager and was always a pleasure to chat with. Even years later when I didn't work for him anymore, any time I'd see him in the elevators he would always say hi and ask me how everything was going and how my family was. His passing makes me very sad and I pray for peace and comfort for his family through this difficult time.

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**Kenneth W Cronin** - November 27, 2015 at 07:52 PM

PR

“ I worked with John at Compuware in the late 1990s. He was a hard working account manager and a class guy. John always made me laugh and his passing makes me very sad. I pray for his family and wish him peace.

Phyllis Recca - November 27, 2015 at 07:11 PM



“ I grew up next door to John. I'm shocked & saddened that he died so young. A tragic loss. May God comfort his family and friends.

Larry Dishman - November 27, 2015 at 07:10 PM

MK

“ Monica and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Johns passing. Our prayers are with you. May you have comfort and peace.

Maria King - November 27, 2015 at 06:47 PM

MS

“ We were saddened to hear about your loss. John's warm and friendly smile will be a welcome addition to the Angels that will watch over you and your family.  
O Lord, grant those who have died the joy of Your Presence, and us who are living the happiness of knowing this. Amen.

Margaret Surdu - November 27, 2015 at 06:42 PM

DC

“ We are so sad to hear this news about John. God bless Monica and the family during this difficult time. RIP John. Love, Donna, Pat, Austin and Sean Conway

Donna Conway - November 27, 2015 at 06:19 PM