



John Downing Cooke IV

August 5, 1952 - July 29, 2023

Cooke, John Downing IV July 29, 2023 age 70 of Canton. Beloved husband of the late Robin Kay. Loving father of Jessica (Christopher) Ordo and John (Emily Newby) Cooke V. Proud grandpa of Keegan and Kinley. Dear brother of Paul (Sue) Cooke. He will also be deeply missed by two Golden Retrievers Frank and Elvis. Visitation Thursday August 3, 6 – 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday, August 4th 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 North Sheldon Road, Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Lutheran Church, Gift of Life Michigan, 3861 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48108, or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Ste. 200 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 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

In state

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Lutheran Church
7000 N. Sheldon Road
Canton, MI 48187

Funeral Service

AUG 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Canton, MI 48187

Tribute Wall



“ *John Downing Cooke IV*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I was so sad to hear of John's passing. John & I worked together for many years, at the Nursing Home Group, & I knew his beautiful wife I Robin. John was a kind & caring person, & loved to talk about his beautiful family. He was such a proud Father. My deepest condolences to his family. Rest in Peace my Friend.*

Sue Mize

sue Mize - September 14, 2023 at 01:12 PM



John & Robin were my friends in Door County, Wisconsin. Although we both had our main residences in Michigan, we really only saw each other in DC. John was an extremely thoughtful and kind man. He would do anything for you. DC will never be the same again. 😭

Angie Barboa VandenAvond - December 04, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *I am so sad to hear of John's passing. He was always a pleasure to speak with and was passionate about his work and helping others. He will truly be missed in the imaging and healthcare community.*

Karrie Armstrong and MediMatrix team

Karrie - August 18, 2023 at 01:16 PM

EB

“ I was so sad to hear of John's passing. He was an amazing man. I knew him through his association with the APDA and the NAPXP. He always took the time to talk with me and answer questions. He was patient and understanding and caring. He will be greatly missed.

We will be sending a donation to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in his honor.

Liz Borgert

Diagnostic Mobile X-ray, Inc.

Elizabeth Borgert - August 17, 2023 at 12:00 PM

JT

“ We are deeply sorry to hear about the passing of John. We never met him, but knew him through email conversations when we were staying at Eames Farm. He was always so kind and pleasant. We send you many prayers for strength at this difficult time.

Jan and Barry Thompson

Jan and Barry Thompson - August 15, 2023 at 02:08 PM

TZ

“ To the Cooke family. Please accept our condolences on your loss. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Unfortunately, we did not have the chance to meet John (or your mom) in person. However, we did have several occasions to speak to John on the phone and email. John was welcoming, gracious and caring. He took time on one occasion to speak with us when we told him that we had a recent loss in our family. We were staying at the property in Eames Farms at the time. He offered us his prayers and thoughts about grief and resources that would be of benefit to us. John always made sure we were comfortable during our stay at Eames Farms while on vacation. We had many precious vacation memories to hold dear as a result.

We can't imagine your loss but wish you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Thomas and Tina Zausch*

Thomas and Tina Zausch - August 12, 2023 at 01:03 PM

DL

“ *I'm so saddened to hear of my cousin's passing. Our families spent many holidays together when we were children. He was a person of integrity and kindness. Praying for the perfect peace that passes all understanding for his family.*

Dorothea Kash Lensink - August 03, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.*



August 03, 2023 at 07:38 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.*



August 03, 2023 at 03:13 AM



“ *Ladd & Bonnie Vagen lit a candle in memory of John Downing Cooke IV*



Ladd & Bonnie Vagen - August 02, 2023 at 06:19 PM



In John's memory, we've donated to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

Ladd - August 02, 2023 at 06:21 PM

MA

“ *May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Jessica, John, and Emily, I'm glad we were able to spend time together and share some encouragement. Your dad knew Jesus and he has received that hug we talked about.

I'm happy to have had your dad in my life.

Matt

Matt Adams - August 02, 2023 at 04:55 PM

CS

“ *Carl & Sue, Charlie & Peg, Dad & Cindy, Karen & Randy, Ralph & Diane, & Steve purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.*



Carl & Sue, Charlie & Peg, Dad & Cindy, Karen & Randy, Ralph & Diane, & Steve - August 02, 2023 at 03:36 PM

JH

“ *I had the privilege of knowing John as a colleague and as a competitor. John was a man of great integrity and conviction. I appreciated the I time spent with John as a colleague. He taught me about the business and was always willing to help when asked. As a competitor he was fair, with a very loyal following...no doubt due to the ease in which he was able to quickly develop strong relationships. John's passing has come as a shock to all of us that have been fortunate enough to spend time with him and to get to him. My deepest condolences to his family and all of the many friends he left behind.*

Jeff Hooper - August 02, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Downing Cooke IV.

August 02, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.



August 02, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.



August 02, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ After John's father passed away, John became a member of the Prairie Ridge Board in Galena and attended all Board meetings. All of the Board was very pleased to have his intelligent insight and input. But what came clear to me, above all, was John's spirit of kindness and generosity. He truly had a good soul. We all will miss John greatly. Kate Freeman, Secretary, Prairie Ridge of Galena.

Kate Freeman - August 02, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Downing Cooke IV.

August 02, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.



August 02, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Downing Cooke IV.

August 01, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.



August 01, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.



August 01, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Downing Cooke IV.

August 01, 2023 at 08:17 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.



August 01, 2023 at 08:17 AM



“ The O'Keefe Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.



The O'Keefe Family - July 31, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ The O'Keefe Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Downing Cooke IV.

The O'Keefe Family - July 31, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.*



July 31, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *The American Portable Diagnostics Assoc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Downing Cooke IV.*

The American Portable Diagnostics Assoc. - July 31, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *The American Portable Diagnostics Assoc. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.*



The American Portable Diagnostics Assoc. - July 31, 2023 at 01:40 PM

AS

“ I was so honored to be his administrative assistant when he became VP of The Mobile Medical Group in Southfield. He was an amazing boss and was caring and selfless as was Robin. I am grateful for my time spent with them both. They loved their children with their whole heart, which was always obvious. They were also very savvy and wonderful business-people. I'm glad they taught me some very valuable lessons. I will always be grateful, for having them both in my life for a very short period of time. I hope in some small way we found peace. RIP John, I know you and Robin are together again.

Andrea Seabloom - July 31, 2023 at 01:35 PM

LF

The community of The Hill at Eames Farm in Door County extends their sincere condolences to the family of John. We shall always have a very pleasant memory of both he and Robin lounging in the sun on the pool deck. We will miss him.

laurie farnan - August 09, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Downing Cooke IV.

July 31, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.



July 31, 2023 at 10:13 AM

KM

“ *John was a fun cousin and so loving.I will miss him greatly.*

Kristine mcpherson - July 30, 2023 at 08:57 PM

KM

“ *Kristine Mcpherson lit a candle in memory of John Downing Cooke IV*



Kristine mcpherson - July 30, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of John Downing Cooke IV.*



July 30, 2023 at 05:26 PM