



## John W. Farmer

April 16, 1931 - August 14, 2009

Farmer, John W. age 78 passed peacefully in the arms of his loving wife at home in Canton, Michigan on Friday, August 14, 2009, surrounded by his beloved family. Dearly loved husband of Joan Farmer (nee McCormick), celebrating 52 years of marriage. Adored by his children and grandchildren. "Paddington" "Bapa" is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Veronica & Peter Wilbur of Lincoln University, PA, grandchildren Christine and Amy, and joined his granddaughter Danielle who preceded him; daughter and son-in-law, Sondra & Jeffery Birch of Royal Oak, MI and grandson Caleb; daughter and son-in-law, Paula & Jack Block of Valparaiso, IN and granddaughters Jillian & Gabrielle and grandson Jackson Block. John was born April 16, 1931 in Kankakee, IL, to the late Ralph & Veronica Farmer. He is survived by sister Lois Rauen of Ooltewah, TN; brother Ralph Farmer of Bowling Green, KY and step-sisters Jane Poyer of Colorado, Janet Tyrell of Arvada, CO, and Joanne Greene of Chesterfield, MO. He was preceded by sister Janice Shear of Kankakee, IL and step sister Jean Goodrich of Kankakee, IL. John was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, class of 1952. He worked for Ford Motor Company for 30 years as a Quality Engineer. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and an Air Force veteran in the Korean War. Family and friends will gather on Thursday from 1 PM until Memorial Service at 2 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI (Between Sheldon & Beck). Officiated by Monsignor Edward Baldwin. A Memorial Mass will be held in 6 months at St. John Neumann's Catholic

Church in Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237-1267 or the American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 To share a memory with the family or leave a message of condolence please click on the view and send condolence link on this page.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Farmer*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Ronnie & Family Thinking of you in this time of loss, and also time of grace and celebration as he passes into the afterlife. Best wishes to your mom and family.*

**Barb & Kevin Sartell** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM



“ *Ronnie and family - our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss. We know it's a difficult time but hopefully you find peace in knowing that you were able to see and talk with him in the weeks preceeding his death. Fondly - Tish & Fred*

**Tish & Fred Gallagher** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss and he was one of my most wonderful patient. God Bless him. He will be missed.*

**parveen ahmed** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM



“ *Dear Joan, So sorry to hear of your loss. Our deepset sympathies to you and yours. John was a treasured classmate and friend of ours.*

**Eldon & Joan Baron** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

LF

“ Hello Farmer Family; May God bless you all in this time of sorrow, but remember He has gone home to glory to be with our father, God ol'mighty. God Bless and stay strong.

Liz Flemings - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

BW

“ To the Farmer family - John was a great man and I remember his laugh. My sincere sympathy to all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Beth

Beth (Tascher) Walther - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

J(

“ Joan, Ronnie, Sondra and Paula, I'm very sorry to hear about Jack's passing. I wish I could attend the funeral but won't be able to. My sincerest condolences. John

John Teiber (Jr.) - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

JP

“ JOAN AND GIRLS, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS AND SEND MY SINCERE CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY, JACK WAS ALWAYS A WONDERFUL BROTHER WHEN I WAS GROWING UP. JOANNE CALLED ME AND LET ME KNOW ON SATURDAY. I HAVE THOUGH OF YOU OFTEN AND JUST KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS. ALWAYS, JANE

JANE POYER - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

DF

“ Ronnie and family, Our sympathy and thoughts are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. The loss of a husband, father, and grandfather brings such sadness. May you take comfort in knowing he has gone to his heavenly reward. You are all in our prayers. God bless. Dorothy K Fischer and family

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**Dorothy K Fischer and family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

TF

“ It with our condolences that we keep you all in our prayers. The Greene's - Joanne, Rich, Sarah and Jake

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**the Greene Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

BK

“ My deepest sympathy to you, Ronnie, and to your family. You will be in my prayers. He was too young , but then there's hardly ever enough time. Love, Beryl

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**Beryl King** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

MH

“ We both send our heart felt condolences on your sad loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Michael & Karen.

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**Michael & Karen Hadley** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

DF

“ With our deepest sympathy. May you continue to find strength in knowing that your dad/grandfather is at peace with our Almighty God. If there is anything we can do, please let me know. Sincerley, Donna & Joe Franklin, co worker of Veronica & Christine.

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**Donna & Joe Franklin** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

DD

“*Joan and family, I worked with John during his SQA days at Ford. He set the bar high as a hard working, kind, and very good man. The kind of man who doesn't come along very often in this world. I pray that his examples of how to live are followed by many. Respectfully yours, Dave Dickmeyer*

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**Dave Dickmeyer** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

CR

“*Dear Joan and Family, I am truly sorry for your loss. I never had the opportunity to meet John when he was well and at his best. It was an honor and a privilege to care for him as my patient. I will not forget his hugs or smiles. I love you both, christy*

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**christy rapaich** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

JF

“*Dear Ronnie, May you and your family be comforted by God's unfailing love. Please know that your St. Thomas family is praying for you. Love, Joline*

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**Joline Fincher** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

SS

“*Ronnie & family My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Know that all of the prayers of your "university family" are with you and with your family. We will be here for you with whatever you may need. Blessings to all. Sheila*

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**Sheila Sharbaugh** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

JS

“ Dear Joan, Ronnie, Sondra and Paula, The world is just not going to be the same with one less wonderful man in it. John's life was full and savored much with a loving family, good friends, good times and such! We have faith that he has done well in the eyes of our Lord and will rest in joyful peace. We will miss him so much. May God Bless you and your extended family always.

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**John and Sharon** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

TP

“ Sondra, I am so sorry for the loss you and your family are feeling now. I know that in time the pain will become less and you will have been left with many great memories. You will never forget and in a sense your father will always be with you. You are all in my prayers.

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**Tom Pilarski** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

KK

“ Dear Ronnie and Family, We are sorry to hear of your Father's passing and we pray that you find comfort in happy memories. Wishing you God's peace, The Krauss Family, Newark, DE

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**Karen & Karl Krauss** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

GF

“ Dear Sondra, I am so sorry for your loss. I know how you feel. Your dad was so kind and welcoming to us at your wedding and at the house afterwards. Know he was a great man and is with the angels now.

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**Ginny Fisher** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

DB

“ Dear Ronnie & Family - just a note to express my sympathy as you experience your loss. I hope that you find comfort among your family, friends, and faith. You all are in my thoughts---Dot Baker Nursing Faculty

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**Dot Baker** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

TJ

“ I hold the sympathy in prayers for all the people of St. Thomas's Parish, Newark DE for Ronnie and all the family as you mourn the death of your husband, your father, and friend to many John. May you know the peace in which he now rests, the promise of God and Christ Jesus, and that his spirit may live in your hearts and lives as you tell and live the story he has blessed upon you all your days. May John, with all the saints of God, rest in eternal peace. John 11:25-26.

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**The Rev. Paul W. Gennett, Jr.** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

TF

“ Your Family is in our prayers.

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**The Knapp Family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

SI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Sherry & John Ignace** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

DW

“ We send our condolences and will keep your family and loved one in our prayers. May your memories fondly carry you through this difficult time. Peace and blessings upon you, The Westbrook Family (friend and colleague of Veronica)

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**Denise & Jasper Westbrook** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

AF

“ *what a nice obituary - and a great picture - so long since I have seen him but just as I remember him. Our prayers are there with you. Take care. Angie DiSabatino*

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**Angie and Bill and family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

MG

“ *Ronnie, We are thinking about you and your family at this difficult time. Please know that your family at St.Thomas are keeping you in our prayers Sincerely, Mike and Judy*

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**Mike,Judy Grabowski** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

CM

“ *Eternal Rest grant unto him, and may light perpetual shine upon him. Ronnie, please express my sympathy to your family.*

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**Catherine Maguire** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

LR

“ *Hi Ronnie and family, We are thinking of you and praying for your family. What a nice tribute to your dad...a very loved man, I am sure. love linda and roby*

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**Linda and Roby Roberson** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

SS

“ *We are very saddened by your loss. We will miss John. You were such good neighbors. We along with Ryan, Erin, and Emily are all praying for you.*

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**Steve & Barb Sartorius** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

MJ

“ *We are thinking of and praying for you in this difficult time. Rest in the peace of God's unfailing love.* ”

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**Mike & Corine Johnson** - December 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM