



John William Fowler

May 29, 2007

Fowler, John W. age 48. Suddenly, May 29, 2007. ♦ Beloved husband of Kathy. ♦ Loving father of Ashley, Alicia and Jake Fowler and Tehmina (Martin) Antonelli and Stephanie Puvalowski. Proud papa of Gabriel and Caleb Antonelli. ♦ Dear son of John and Dolores Fowler. ♦ Brother of Eileen Long, Steven Fowler and Joan Fowler.

Funeral service will be on Saturday, 11:00 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (between Sheldon and Beck). Visitation on Friday from 2-9:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Bipolar Research Fund, Uof M Depression Center, F6241 MCHC, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please click on the condolence link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *John William Fowler*

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“ *He always treated me Fairly and seemed to be one That wanted to get the job done. I worked for him @ pioneer in the 90s. I also ran into him about a year ago in Canton. He was working for Magna. I pray that his family and friends find peace.*

James Day - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM



“ *J- Joy you gave to Everyone O- Our LOVE for YOU H- Hearts so many broken N- Now you lay in peace John 3-16 Who ever believed in God shall not perish, but have ever lasting life.*

andy& Terri - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM



“ *John, You were a very good friend and I cherished the time that I had spent with you, especially the past three years. Your professionalism as a customer, your dedication as a boss, and your integrity in negotiations have made the "John Fowler" impact on me. I am a better person for the opportunities you made available to me as well as to others. Our mutual friends can appreciate your keen sense of humor and those that have worked for you understand the true meaning of "team building". On behalf of everyone at Design Intent Engineering, I thank you for being a class act. I have many memories that I will carry with me that when I think of you, I will smile. Your friend. Tony*

Tony Hopkins - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

KJ

“ I am still in shock that you are really gone. I remember when you first became my customer almost three years ago I was almost nervous because of your stature I guess you could say, but I immediately felt comfortable with you. You were always kind, helpful, honest, and always made time for me and was such a pleasure to work with. I will never forget what you did for me, and the company I worked for, but more important was becoming great friends with you. I'll never forget the first time you and Kathy came to our home for dinner. That morning Tony decided to paint the front door (of all days!) and we have laughed ever since about the WET PAINT sign on our door. It didn't take long to see that this "Big strong guy" had such a big heart. Every time that the four of us got together I felt like you were more like family to us. We would have done anything for you John. I am so sad that we didn't know what was going on last Wednesday. We left so many messages on your cell when we found out Sunday that you were missing. Tony kept trying to convince me that you were taking a break and had gone fishing. I kept hoping that you would get our messages and we would come home to see your truck in our driveway. The only thing that seems to help at this moment is that we will see you again, that you are at peace now, and we can continue our friendship again. You will be greatly missed, but always remembered and respected. We love you John, Kim and Tony

Kim Jones - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

SN

“ Kathy & John's family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts through this very difficult time.

Shay Gauger - NNA - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

AS

“ I am so sorry to hear about losing John. John was my customer while he was at Intier. He taught me a lot and always lived up to what he promised. I always enjoyed talking with John about fishing. We shared a love for the Platte River. He will be missed.

Andy Schoenherr - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

EO

“ Although we never met your sonbrother we know and love Joannie like a daughter. Please know that you have our sincerest condolences.

Ernie & Colleen Ortenburg - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

GH

“ John was my mentor when I was just starting out as an automotive designer, he was one of the people who help me become the designermanager that I am today, he guided my future 20 years ago. Thank you John, I know you're with God now, but I pray that your family will be able to carry on.

Gary L Hammond - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

LP

“ Kathy, The girls and I are so sorry for your loss, as I know how very, very much you adored and admired your husband. Whenever I would see you, John was always by your side, as one was never without the other. Soul mates you'll be again in heaven, with no pain and no worries. John a man of integrity whom I adored his passion and security he gave to my sister. You had such a generous heart, with a stubborn streak as well, lol. You was a true man of your word. You always did your best, and I'm so proud of all your accomplishments. I only wish I could have had the chance to tell you that and how much I, and my girls loved you. You will always be remembered as the tickle monster to Lindsey and Cassidy who so, so adored you for all the times you treated them as one of your own. Oh, so many memories of family gatherings, which will NEVER be the same, as you kept us all in line. Remember painting moms' house in the blazing sun, only to reward ourselves throughout the day with cool beverages, and ending with the evening at Mikes to have more cool beverages, lol. Yes, you kept us in line then too, thank God. Every time I see a leaf fall, I will remember you, as your love for the outdoors will always be remembered. This is goodbye only briefly. You will be remembered everyday and will live in all our hearts until we meet again. Lisa, Lindsey & Cassidy Pleiness

Lisa Pleiness - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

JP

“ Kathy, Our deepest sympathies.

John and Mary K. Pate - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

RV

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to you. I had worked with John in the late 80's (at Pioneer). Though we had lost touch over the years, I still kept up through mutual friends. He was a good man, and will be missed!

Randy Vrsek - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

YS

“Where do I begin? I may not have known you the past 3 years but the Johnny I remember, I knew for 45 years prior to that. No one knew until after, that you walked thru the fields in minus 20 degree weather to find the new born calf. You carried her back in your arms and kept her warm and appropriately named her Icycle. It was because of you - you gave life. You were an inspiration when you back packed & mountain climbed & week long camping trips with Howard. In fact, you took me on my 1st canoeing trip up north and taught me how NOT to start a lantern (see - your eyebrows did grow back). During our Bahamas trip, you fished, played Uno until our fingers bled, made music with your head & belly and we sang Go Black Water until we hated the song. I got to play in the half time shows during your football games and held your hand in the ambulance when you got hurt. You punched me in the arm every chance you got and we gave mom & dad a difficult time every time we had to ride with them "Mom - John's on my side of the seat". During your bouncer days - you watched over me making sure some creep kept his hands off me. We went to concerts (remember your cool walk down the street when we went to see Stevie Wonder? LOL) You always were generous, even when you couldn't afford it and knew that my deep attraction was nature and the love of the out doors. So very proud of your kids - all of them, wanting nothing but the best life could offer them. You trusted me to watch them on vacations - the biggest gift you could give to me. Always a joke to share. You were a crapper at times too - but what are brothers for? But you were my brother and I will always love you.

YOUR BABY SISTER - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

SE

“ My heart and prayers go out to you, Kathy, and to John's children. I know how you are suffering having just lost a son who was bipolar. Be strong, hold on to your faith, and reach out to those around you to help you cope at this time and allow them to give you the support you need to get through this. Love you, Your cousin, Lorie

Steve & Lorie Rusch and Elijah - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

TA

“ To a VERY SPECIAL Brother inlaw. It was only 2 weeks ago that I was with U & Kathy & 5 weeks ago that Andy & I was with U`s for the weekend,U will never know how much we loved u & will miss U.. Not only them deep blue eye`s , But that big smile u had.. We didn`t get to say goodbye,but it`s not goodbye forever for someday we will see u again (& U can make me that good bloodymary for me) We love u , will miss u so much!!!!!!! we want to thank u for being a part of our family & u always will be.. we love u so much!!!! & will miss that smile & them blue eyes... LOVE U ANDY & TERRI..

Terri & Andy - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

TK

“ To the Fowler family: I wish to offer you my sincerest and deepest sympathy as you deal with the loss of John. I know that the pain is unbearable and that the questions are many and I cannot alleviate that in any way. Your journey in trying to understand the separation and loss you are now facing will be long and arduous and I can only offer you spiritual comfort through prayer as you now start this walk. John was my counter-part and peer at one of our sister divisions wMagna. John was a consummate professional and we had many involved conversations and lunches over the years on both personal and professional topics and he was a great sounding-board for me. Again, I am truly sorry for your loss. John will be missed. Sincerely, Terry Kogowski, Director of Design Services @ MAGNA - Intier Seating

Terry Kogowski - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

JR

“ I'm gonna miss him. John was a great leader who was very much responsible for my personal success. I feel like I owe him a personal debt, without any way to pay. I worked directly for John from 2000-2006. He had more faith in me than anyone, and helped me to become a leader. John was an excellent boss and mentor as well as a friend who was always willing to lend a hand. I would have liked to have said goodbye. I'm so sorry Kathy, Ashley, Alicia and Jake. He often spoke highly of you all and with great affection. Regretfully I will be unable to attend John's funeral but am uploading a picture of happier times. This is how I'll always remember him.

Jeff Reams - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

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“ Hello Kathy, If you recall, we (Takis, Mutai-san and I) had met you and your husband very briefly at one of the restaurants during lunch. It was probably last year or maybe earlier. So, this news comes as a big and sudden shock. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to ask. With sincere condolences and deepest sympathies on your loss, Al Naik

Al Naik from NTCNA (3-3-3) - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

RG

“ Kathy, We only met once here at RLE but I wanted to say how sorry I am for the loss. I knew John for a number of years and had the pleasure of working with him here at RLE. He will be missed.

Roger Ghinelli - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

TA

“ If you only knew how much I love you, You where the Best PaPa my boys could have ever asked for . The Love that John Fowler gave was a love that was so.... great nothing else was greater. The memorys that I have of you will forever be cherished in my heart , You where the one their with me on my wedding day to whistle me down the isle, and you where the one their when Caleb was born, In my mind I can hear you tickleing gabriel and him laughing so hard, goofer bites goofer bites, thats what I hear , I hear your happiness , you had so many great qualities that only so few had the privlage to know." Smart" you could almost answer any question I had asked , "Careing", the love that you gave to your grandsons was so true and deep, they loved you so. "Pride" John Fowler took pride in all he had and did, "Proud" some may not understand, but you where a proud man and I loved that quality, because its ok to feel proud , you had every right to be you had so many great accomplishments in your life, John I Love you as a Father and as Friend, and always will . I know your at peace now and all the hurt in your life is gone, And God is taking care of you, I love you. Love always, T.

Tehmina Antonelli - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM

DE

“ To my brother-in-law and my friend, I will always remember you with that sunshine smile and eyes that sparkle as blue as the ocean. You will always be in my heart and I will never forget you. You brought so much happiness to my sister and our family - we will miss you John. "We didn't get to say goodbye We're devastated that you're gone We would have done anything to keep you here with us Right here where you belong We didn't know that life would take such an unexpected path That you'd be separated from us so soon Heartbreaking reality we struggle to grasp and bitter though our losing you has been And so profound is the pain that we bear We're sadder still at no chance for goodbye No final expression of our deep love and care Yet believing that you're not too far away That your Spirit still lingers quite near We'll say our goodbyes in our words and our thoughts Trusting that each one you'll hear First, know that you were loved in the truest of ways So deep that only our hearts can give expression You'll be forever surrounded by our love For we're sending it straight up to Heaven Please know that you'll be cherished by each one of us For your example and kindness we'll treasure We understand now how your life was a gift That was meant to bless us forever And though we'll miss you terribly We want your Spirit to be free Free to enjoy all the wonders of Heaven Not bound to us in our grief So watch over us with happiness from Heaven ..."

Darla Edgerly - December 12, 2014 at 10:31 AM