



## John A. Schimmel

January 28, 1946 - June 4, 2018

Schimmel, John, June 4, 2018 age 72 of Canton. Beloved husband of Rosemary. Loving father of Joe (Heather), Andrea (Joe) Wilkins, and Paul. Cherished Bubba of McKenzie, Braden, Jackson, John-Michael, Audrey and Luke. Dear brother of Paula, Richard (Nancy), Michael (Susan), Joan, and the late Kathleen. He retired as a Budget Analyst in 2007 from Ford Motor Co. John was a very active coach, and Board member of the Canton Soccer Club for many years. Visitation Wednesday, June 6th 2-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI 48170. In state Thursday, June 7th 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Rd., Canton, MI 48188. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 or Residential Home Health Care Hospice, 5440 Corporate Drive Suite 400, Troy, MI 48098. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## In state

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church  
555 S. Lilley Road  
Canton, MI 48188

## Funeral Mass

JUN 7. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church  
555 S. Lilley Road  
Canton, MI 48188

# Tribute Wall



“ *John A. Schimmel*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *From Bob Alescio, Bainbridge WA. We lost one of our own. I've only lost parents before this but never good friends. John was as Brozek called it the patriarch of the Group . I have sensed that too, but never put it quite so well. The only hierarchy we spoke of was the Group, the group bums and then everyone else. but In retrospect, Monkey, was at the top. And I envied him. He had those things evaded me throughout my whole life,wife children, a steady job, good looks. When I am in town he still drive down she Shaftsbury. I always look at the Schimmels and house and remember sitting on the front lawn, parking in the driveway, standing around in the Street, on the block,with the Group. I will miss him. To Rosemary, Dick Mike and all the Schmmels, my heartfelt sympathy and condolences. He was be beloved by all.*

**bob Alescio** - June 06, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.*



June 06, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.*



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June 06, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ *Harry and I want to send our heartfelt condolences, prayers, and much love to the Schimmel family. "Our Gang" will miss his wonderful presence at our parties and annual theater/dinner outings. John's stories about his meetings with various pop culture icons were amazing; he was an incredible raconteur. His love of 1920s music compelled us to learn more about the musicians and songs of that time -he was a font of interesting information on many, many subjects. Most importantly, he was simply a very good and kind man.  
RIP, our friend.*

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**Noreen Eiss** - June 06, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ *With passage of time and distance, sorry I didn't get to know John. He called me in Louisiana for last reunion, and recall his warmth and genuine conversation with updates of our classmates. I've read some of the comments about his reserve nature as a soccer coach and was impressed, reflecting back on my coaching days with my son. His core values instilled at Benny will carry on thru his family.  
Warm wishes, Ken Tanana*

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**ken tanana** - June 06, 2018 at 08:01 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.*



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June 05, 2018 at 10:40 PM



“ *We will remember him for his kindness, humor, and trivia expertise. Deepest sympathy from the DuBois family.*

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**Jason and Becky DuBois** - June 05, 2018 at 10:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.*



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June 05, 2018 at 09:59 PM

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“ Where to begin; I am Abi and Anne Morrell Mom and John was the coach of their soccer team The Canton Flames. He was the kinda coach that really cared about the feelings of his players. Abi was the older sister of Anne who played up a year. It wasn't bad enough to have your lil sister to play on your team but she was the lead scorer too. John took Abi under his wing and built her self esteem up. He gave her the strength by believing in her and taught her too believe in herself which she carried through high school and college. John was that kinda man he took his time with the girls not by screaming at them if they messed up but by talking through situations so they realized that as players there are always options. He never put pressure on Anne to go harder play stronger. He knew she would always do her best all he had to do was give her just a little praise. To say the least my girls loved John. The Morrell family loved John on and off the field. After games the kids and the parents always went out together. Sometimes it was breakfast other times it was lunch or dinner. The Flames team was family we all traveled together ate together and celebrated together. We celebrated a lot we won a lot on and off the field. When it was time to make a move to another team I was called a lot of mean names by my girls. They did not want to leave John and their friends. John being the man he was talked to the girls and told them that they would always be friends and nothing would ever change that. He was right all the girls stayed friends through high school. To wind this memory up my point is that John was a man that was not only a Coach but a caring person that wanted the best for all his players. RIP John

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**norah morrell** - June 05, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.



June 05, 2018 at 07:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.



June 05, 2018 at 04:49 PM



“ Brian, Sean and Tim Delaney purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of John A. Schimmel.



**Brian, Sean and Tim Delaney** - June 05, 2018 at 04:15 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.



June 05, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.



June 05, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.



June 05, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ With love and 🙏🙏🙏 to all the Schimmel family from Tricia (Susan's sister) and family.

**trucia Sandle** - June 05, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.



June 05, 2018 at 11:15 AM

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“ John loved people in general...especially his high school group of friends, always a great friend and leader. I miss him already .May God wrap him in his living arms till we meet again. Squared's.

Steve widner - June 05, 2018 at 03:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.



June 04, 2018 at 10:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.



June 04, 2018 at 09:48 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.



June 04, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.*



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June 04, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ *What a wonderful man! He worked so hard on our family's genealogy .... he showed me a picture of my Father he came across.... I asked him for a copy ... and a week or so later it arrived ... so thoughtful and meant so much to me! Love you John!*

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**Margaret Barton** - June 04, 2018 at 07:22 PM



*cant believe it he left us way to soon*

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**William P West** - June 05, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Schimmel.*



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June 04, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ *John was a wonderful man. Our family will feel his loss. Sending love and hugs.*

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**Pat Fitzgerald** - June 04, 2018 at 06:30 PM

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“ *John was always so kind to me. I will miss him from our Fitz family gatherings. My condolences to Rosemary and family.*  
*Laura Williams*



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**laura williams** - June 04, 2018 at 05:49 PM