



## John Andrew Stansik

February 4, 1952 - March 13, 2016

Stansik, John Andrew, March 13, 2016, age 64 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Pamela Stansik. Loving father of Courtney, Christopher and Kyle Stansik. Dear brother of Patricia Northrup and James (Sally) Stansik. Member of the Catholic League Hall of Fame. Visitation Wednesday 1 – 9 PM and Thursday 12 – 9 PM, Come and share "John" stories Thursday 7-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. In State Friday 10:30 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Mass at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church 13540 Gould St. Dearborn, MI 48126. In lieu of flowers memorials contributions may be made to Hockey Has Heart 35500 Eight Mile Road, Farmington, MI 48335 or visit their website at [www.hockeyhasheart.org](http://www.hockeyhasheart.org). To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on the web page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
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## Visitation

MAR 17. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Time of Sharing

MAR 17. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## **In state**

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**MAR 18.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church  
13540 Gould Street  
Dearborn, MI 48126

## **Funeral Mass**

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**MAR 18.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church  
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Dearborn, MI 48126

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Andrew Stansik*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I just found out about John's passing. We worked together while he was at Paul Inman. John was smart, a hard worker and always had a great sense of humor. In the past few years we would exchange email jokes and would send text about football games. He will be missed. My condolence to the entire Stansik family.*

**Jeff Knoll** - July 24, 2016 at 09:45 AM



“ *Jim Holliday lit a candle in memory of John Andrew Stansik*



**Jim Holliday** - March 19, 2016 at 01:04 PM



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**Nick Marrone** - March 18, 2016 at 02:26 PM

KV

*Love this picture!!*

Karen Verdura - March 20, 2016 at 09:39 AM

WE

“ Every time we met , John had the biggest smile and couldn't wait to tell me his latest joke. Trying to one up each other on jokes the other hadn't heard went on since we met almost 30 years ago. After the formalities, John we discussed our families well being as people do, and John was always so very proud of his beautiful wife and kids. Chris, Kyle, Courtney, your dad cherished all the moments he shared with you. He loved you all so very much. Not too many men would discuss that love with other men but your father wasn't ordinary by any means. John, thank you for all the laughs, jokes, some of your pranks, kindness and for being my dear friend. Most sincerely ,Wes

wesmator - March 18, 2016 at 08:26 AM



“ Delicious Delights Basket was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



March 18, 2016 at 07:52 AM

JP

“ *My condolences to John's family.*

*John came to St. Al's after I graduated, but we met later when he coached my younger brother Charlie. We ended up coaching together at St. Al's; and grew to become good friends. You could not help but become John's friend because his enjoyment of life was so infectious. Like he was an athlete, as a coach John was very competitive and always wanted your best, but he never lost site of what was most important -- the people around him.*

*Whenever I made it back to MI , stopping in at the arena to visit was part of the trip. I would sit down in his office and it was like 25 years fell away in an instant. We were two guys enjoying just enjoying the moment. I shall miss those moments. Good friends are one of life's few treasures.*

*" Good night sweet prince; and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest"*

*John Philliben*

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**John Philliben** - March 18, 2016 at 12:40 AM

TF

“ *I had the privilege to coach for John for a few years, he was a great person to be around and to be associated with. Thoughts and Prayers to the family.*

*Tim Flynn*

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**Tim Flynn** - March 17, 2016 at 04:53 PM

MT

“ John was a fellow Gator, Arrow, my Coach and Friend. He was my baseball coach at St. Alphonsus in the early 70's. His laid back coaching style mixed in with a great sense of humor made him a coach that you wanted to play for, he cared about his players. His one weakness was his attempts to get mad, he just couldn't stay serious enough before that famous grin appeared back on his face. Looking back now, when describing his coaching style it wasn't a style, it was John and I believe that's what made him successful in business, friendships and most importantly family. My thoughts and prayers go out to Pam, kids and the entire Stansik family. You will be missed Donald Duck.

*Mike Tyranski*

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**Mike Tyranski** - March 17, 2016 at 12:21 PM

NM

“ I have nothing but the fondest of memories of John. He too was my football/baseball coach at St. Alphonsus. What a great level headed coach with an absolutely fantastic sense of humor. I was fortunate enough to continue to stay in touch with John these many years after high school graduation in 1975. Tiger games, lunches, or just stopping by the rink to say hello. All I can say is what a great coach and more importantly, friend. Thanks for being one of the "good guys" John. My sincere condolences to Pam, kids and the entire Stansik family.

*Nick Marrone*

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**Nick Marrone** - March 17, 2016 at 11:06 AM

TB

“ Tom Berry purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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Tom Berry - March 17, 2016 at 09:54 AM



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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March 16, 2016 at 07:04 PM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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March 16, 2016 at 02:53 PM

CE

“ I remember John was about 19 and came to the house. He and my Dad (who also loved hockey) put my little 9 & 11 year old brothers in catchers masks, chest protectors, and taped magazines around their legs for pads. They proceeded to play hockey in the basement with real sticks and a roll of electrical tape! The noise level down there was something else, but surprisingly nobody got hurt !

John had the biggest heart & and you could always count on him for a good laugh. In November, I was shopping when I got a call from him. He had me laughing so hard, out loud in the aisles of Target, that I know people thought for sure I had lost my mind! Needless to say, I pushed an empty cart through the store having purchased nothing on my list but came out with so much more!

My love and prayers to Pam and his family, he was a special make of a man!

~ Cindy Baker Eckenrode

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**cynthia baker eckenrode** - March 16, 2016 at 02:45 PM

KV

So sweet-I can just picture both scenarios!

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**Karen Verdura** - March 16, 2016 at 03:27 PM

YF

“ Your Summit Academy North Elementary Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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**Your Summit Academy North Elementary Family** - March 16, 2016 at 01:22 PM

BM

“ I will always be grateful to such a giving man. When I was looking for a place to hold a fundraiser for a young girl who was paralyzed John immediately offered his arena in canton. I had never met him before but my sons were involved with the farmington hockey program. Always will smile when I think of him.

barb mccollom - March 16, 2016 at 12:59 PM

CT

“ Canton Victory Honda Pee Wee B hockey team purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



Canton Victory Honda Pee Wee B hockey team - March 16, 2016 at 11:56 AM

LN

“ The name John Stansik will always conjure a big warm hug, infectious smile, a big heart and a family that enjoyed spending time together. Thank-you for allowing me to share in the tapestry of your life if only in a very small way. Spending time with you all always made my day. Laura Nesbitt (HRC)

Laura Nesbitt - March 16, 2016 at 10:39 AM

KH

“ Mr. Stansik was always a pleasure to see at the Club. I will definitely miss his smiling face and kind words. Prayers to all his family and friends.

Kim - HRC - March 16, 2016 at 09:09 AM

CH

“ *Mr. Stansik was a loving, kind, man. He will be missed. Prayers to the family.*

*Cindy Huston-HRC Club*



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**Cindy Huston** - March 16, 2016 at 09:03 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.*



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March 16, 2016 at 09:00 AM

KV

“ *What a fantastic man and friend-it's impossible to think of John without remembering his great laugh and big bear hugs! Such an optimistic and generous man-so loved by all! Had a knack for making you feel so good about yourself and made you a better person for knowing him. A great son, brother, athlete, coach, husband, father, businessman and friend-you will be missed and always remembered.*

*To the best Santa ever-rest in peace.*

*With much love,  
John and Karen Verdura*



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**Karen Verdura** - March 15, 2016 at 08:26 PM

CT

“ *Canton Victory Honda Squirt B Hockey Team purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Andrew Stansik.*



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**Canton Victory Honda Squirt B Hockey Team** - March 15, 2016 at 07:56 PM



Shannon Dickinson

“ *We met Mr. Stansik through hockey. Our Son attended TPH and skated for VH. We were deeply saddened to hear the news. Love and Blessings to every life he touched.*  
*The Dickinson Family*

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**Shannon Dickinson** - March 15, 2016 at 07:42 PM

AB

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**Alex Bostow** - March 15, 2016 at 07:37 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.*



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March 15, 2016 at 06:39 PM

MO

“ John was a level-headed guy that was a friend to all in the class of 1970.

Mark Oleszkowicz



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Mark Oleszkowicz - March 15, 2016 at 05:59 PM

DH

“ John always had a twinkle in his eye, a smile on his face, and a kind word to share. He made sure there was a safe, nice place to play and respected the older hockey players' needs for socialization. A great man for sport. My condolences and sympathy to his family.

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Don Haberek - March 15, 2016 at 04:10 PM

PT

“ Paul Dionne & Victory Honda 2002 AAA Hockey Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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Paul Dionne & Victory Honda 2002 AAA Hockey Team -  
March 15, 2016 at 04:08 PM

CS

“ *Cassandra Harris & Your Friends at the Taylor Sportsplex purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Andrew Stansik.*



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**Cassandra Harris & Your Friends at the Taylor Sportsplex -**  
March 15, 2016 at 03:08 PM

DF

“ *Diane (Dolunt) Andrews & Mary (Dolunt) Harper & families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Andrew Stansik.*



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**Diane (Dolunt) Andrews & Mary (Dolunt) Harper & families -**  
March 15, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.*



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March 15, 2016 at 01:45 PM

MD

“ *Maria D. purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of John Andrew Stansik.*



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**Maria D. -** March 15, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.*



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March 15, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.*



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March 15, 2016 at 10:31 AM

AB

“ One of my favorite memories of John is when he Coached Summit Academy Baseball in 2007.

*On our way up to a Tournament in Dundee, a teammate mentioned that if we win this Tournament, Coach should buy us all steaks. Mind you, no one has ever one a Tournament at this school and we were by far the underdogs... Seeing as Coach knew we weren't going to win, of course he said yes to the deal! What's the worst that could happen?...*

*...Steak never tasted so good.*

*Thanks for the steak Coach.  
You may be gone but you'll never be forgotten.*

*God Bless John and John's Family,  
Alec and Jehne Ballantyne*

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**Alec Ballantyne** - March 15, 2016 at 09:45 AM

GB

“ God Bless, Alec & Jehne Ballantyne purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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**God Bless, Alec & Jehne Ballantyne** - March 15, 2016 at 09:33 AM

AB

“ I know that John was a special person because there was always an extra spark in my husband's voice when he shared their stories with me. There was always a twinkle in his eye when he would get a text message and the trip he made to MI to spend time with John will be one I know he will hold dear to his heart until they are together again. A part of Alex has gone to the other side and understandably so because John was so special to him and he loved him so much. Hold on to all those great memories - he is not gone - he is waiting at the end of the trail. God bless you all - Ann Bostow

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**Ann Bostow** - March 15, 2016 at 09:29 AM

CT

“ Chris Coury and Rita Tucker purchased the Sweet Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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**Chris Coury and Rita Tucker** - March 15, 2016 at 09:11 AM

RG

“ As an eleven year old boy I remember watching John play football for St. Al's, He was a gifted athlete and seemed to be all over the field and involved in every play. All the kids looked up to him, and wanted to be like him. A few years later I had the honor of playing for him from 8th grade to my senior year. We all loved him and respected him, he was truly a "Players Coach" I remember one day during baseball practice, when I took a one hop ground ball directly into my chest. The ball hit me so hard it broke the chain holding my St. Michaels medal. From the sideline I heard coach Stansik yell out, "Check the ball make sure its not damaged". Everyone had a big laugh, I still laugh when I recall that story. John made sports fun for me, and my teammates. I won't ever forget what John did for us as young men.

*God bless John Stansik and his family.*

*Ray Garbarino St. Als. class of 77*

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**Ray Garbarino** - March 15, 2016 at 07:45 AM

CP

“ My prayers go out to the Stansik family. Coach John coached me for 8 years at St. Al's from 5th grade thru 12th-football and baseball. John took care of me for all those years. He was great friends with my brother who coached with him and always looked out for me. He was like the the OLDER Brother who actually liked me and encouraged me. I played hockey and John and I always shared that connection as the only real skaters. He taught me so much and showed me how to be a good friend, student and athlete. He was such a big part of my development of my own character. Coach always kept things "loose" and funny but made sure you knew what the "right thing to do was". AT the time John would always give his Vette to a senior for Prom Night. It is a highlight to this day that I still talk about regularly. He will surely be missed but never forgotten!!! My brothers Coach John, Frank and sister Agnes were all friends of John and we will all miss him and wish the best for his family.  
Charlie Philliben Class of '78

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**charles philliben** - March 15, 2016 at 07:05 AM

JW

“ I'm so very sorry and deeply saddened by John's passing. I spent many of my son's practices chatting with him in the office, I treasure those talks. He loved his family and his hockey and skating families, he will be truly missed. -Scott and Judy Wolak and family

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**Judy Wolak** - March 15, 2016 at 06:55 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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March 14, 2016 at 11:31 PM

AH

“ You have helped me in ways i wish i could have told you in person you are my friend and buddy and i will never forget you god rest your soul and give patience to all your family and close friends god rest your soul

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**Ali Hamade** - March 14, 2016 at 10:36 PM

JF

“ Deepest sympathy to the Stansik family on your profound loss. John always had a smile and kind word. Some of our fondest memories were playing with our Livonia Knights "family". May you find some peace and comfort from all those whose life John touched.

*The Fellwock family*

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**Joann Fellwock** - March 14, 2016 at 09:59 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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March 14, 2016 at 09:53 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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March 14, 2016 at 09:45 PM

MC

“ MAHA District 4 Council purchased the *Reflections of Glory Wreath* for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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**MAHA District 4 Council** - March 14, 2016 at 09:11 PM

MS

“ I remember the giant hug he gave me just as I got off the ice last season after we won our third straight State title. He had so much love for the game and was one of our biggest supporters. Thank you John for believing in us.

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**Mary Beth Smith** - March 14, 2016 at 08:35 PM

RI

“ So sorry to hear this. John was always friendly and was tolerant of all my "new manager" mistakes when it came to maha credentialing. It felt like I would run into him weekly either when my 01 played for VH or all the time I spent at the Pond taking the kids to Kim Muir. You'll be missed my friend.

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**Rich** - March 14, 2016 at 07:57 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath* was purchased for the family of John Andrew Stansik.



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March 14, 2016 at 07:45 PM