



John Joseph Waniolek

November 24, 1942 - April 8, 2025

Waniolek, John Joseph, April 8, 2025 age 82 of Westland. Beloved husband of Mary Ann. Loving father of Rebecca (Philip) Strausbough. Proud grandfather of Erica (Daniel) Bertoni, Miranda Strausbough and Brendan Strausbough; great grandfather of Cameron. John spent four years away from home attending St. Mary's of Orchard Lake during his high school years. He went on to proudly serve in the U.S. Army being stationed in Okinawa, Japan. After coming home, John chose to become a Wayne County Sheriff and retired after 30 years. It gave him a gratifying feeling helping people. His greatest joy was his family. He loved being a grandfather and he was their biggest supporter. Whenever someone was in need, he was there to help. We can attribute that to his strong faith. Memorial gathering on Monday, April 14th from 10:30 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35851 Cherry Hill Road in Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207-3485 or to St. Richard Catholic Church. Arrangements entrusted with Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Gathering

APR 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EM

“ John and I were classmates in high school. He was a gentleman and well liked by all his classmates. "We're the boys from Orchard Lake you hear so much about, and everybody likes us whenever we go out." Do zobaczenia my friend!



Ed Martin - July 26, 2025 at 01:31 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rebecca Strausbough - April 15, 2025 at 06:30 PM

SR

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to John's family. We will miss him. With our love and may God Bless. Clark & Shirley

Shirley Robbins - April 11, 2025 at 02:09 PM

LN

“ There are no words other than ... Heaven just got even better! With Sincerest Sympathy, Love, and Friendship- Pepsi, Laura, David, and All Our Angels XOXOX



Laura Noonan - April 10, 2025 at 07:24 PM

MG

“ Matthew Grzeskowiak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Joseph Waniolek.

Matthew Grzeskowiak - April 10, 2025 at 01:26 PM

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“ Matthew Grzeskowiak purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Joseph Waniolek.



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AB

“ John was a kind and gentle man. He did like to have fun. We always had a good time when we got together. You will be missed. Love you.

Audrey Barszcz - April 10, 2025 at 10:31 AM

JF

“ Jennifer and Greg Wilcox & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Joseph Waniolek.



Jennifer and Greg Wilcox & family - April 09, 2025 at 04:10 PM