



John Paul Bement

August 6, 1942 - November 18, 2021

John Bement, 79, of Eaton Rapids, enjoyed helping people relax, and have a great day, died November 18, 2021. He was born August 6, 1942 to Paul Alfred and Florence (Roe) Bement. An active man, John who enjoyed bowling, golf, hunting, fishing, water and snow skiing and rooting for MSU never lived a dull day. A natural salesman made his career life engaging and interesting as he worked hard providing for his family. A fabulous family man he took the time off to go to Bear Lake for special focused time with his family. He treasured his wife, children, grandchildren and close family friends filling time with a twinkle in his eyes and one-liner jokes. Family gatherings meant so much to John, he made sure that he made your day special. John was so deeply proud of his daughters and grandchildren; he was their biggest supporter and always encouraged them to do their best no matter the circumstances they faced.

John is survived by his spouse of 55 years, Sandi (Heinze) Bement; daughters, Holly (Kirk) Marsh, Michelle Endres; grandchildren, Cody (Brittany) Lott, Chelsi Lott, Seth Endres, and Benjamin Endres; sister, Sharon Atanasoff. He was predeceased by his parents.

Friends and family are encouraged to support John's family by attending services or sharing memories on his tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Sunday, November 21, 2021 noon to 2 pm at Pray Funeral Home.

A funeral is planned for Monday, November 22, 2021 at 10 am at Pray Funeral Home with Laura Cooper officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on John's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Lansing/Ionia and St. Jude Children's Hospital. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

2600 E. Mt. Hope Ave.
Lansing, MI 48910

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 12:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of John Paul Bement*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 22, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of John Paul Bement*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 19, 2021 at 07:45 PM



Michelle Endres

Thank you so much for putting this together Nate. This is so beautiful!

Michelle Endres - November 19, 2021 at 08:55 PM

SW

“ *We unfortunately didn't know John or Michelle but we sure knew... and thought the world of....Sandi and Holly. Just know we're thinking of you and are so sorry for your loss.*

Scott & Maureen Wallace - November 22, 2021 at 12:51 PM

SH

“ *Holly - So sad to hear of the loss of you Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you, Susan Heil-Godfrey*

susan Heil-Godfrey - November 21, 2021 at 04:06 PM

DA

“ *John was my, always with a joke, Uncle :). I can still remember Holidays at my Grandparents where he would lift us kids up to 'fly' on his feet. I live out of state and I last saw John and Sandy a few years ago at their home in Eaton Rapids. His jovial attitude and upbeat spirit will be missed by us all.*

Dawn Atanasoff

Dawn - November 21, 2021 at 02:53 PM



Thank you for sharing your memories, Dawn. Those were fun times for us all.

Sandi Bement - November 21, 2021 at 09:16 PM

DP

“ *I knew John for over 50 years, what a guy. At Diamond Reo then at Spartom Mtrs where John and I would stroll on our lunch hour and have conversations that will last me for the rest of my days. He w a great friend and I will miss him very muchI knew Both Sandy and Holly and ask one or both call me 810 240 4036; Sincere regrets
David Price*

David Price - November 21, 2021 at 02:16 PM



Lovely to hear your thoughts, Dave. I'll definitely give you a call after Thanksgiving

Sandi Bement - November 21, 2021 at 09:33 PM

BC

“ *What a wonderful man John was. I worked with John at the Forge plant and you could count on seeing him with a smile and a funny observation. He was one of the best.*

Bob Chouinard

Bob Chouinard - November 20, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Paul Bement.*



November 20, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *82 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 19, 2021 at 07:44 PM

JS

“ John and I worked together for 15 years. I could always count on him when I needed something done. We always had a good time at work, golfing or whatever we did. I have many memories of the one liners and stories. He was one of a kind.
My thoughts and prayers are with Sandi and the family.
RIP Bemer.

John Swanson

John Swanson - November 19, 2021 at 07:30 PM



Thank you Swanny (that's how John always referred to you)

Sandi Bement - November 19, 2021 at 09:09 PM

JS

“ John always made everyone around him smile and feel better about things every single day. His sense of humor was second to none. I was very lucky to get to know him over his years at Spartan. My very deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Jeff Smith - November 19, 2021 at 07:17 PM



Thank you Jeff, you describe him well.

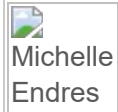
Sandi Bement - November 19, 2021 at 09:08 PM

MH

“ Aunt Sandy, Holly and Michelle I am so sorry for your loss. I have been remembering the good times and laughs at Long Lake and on Meade Dr. Sending prayers, love and hugs to all of you.

Marcia H

marcia holliday - November 19, 2021 at 06:38 PM



Michelle
Endres

Thank you Marcia. Those were some really good times. Love you!

Michelle Endres - November 19, 2021 at 08:52 PM



Sandi
Bement

Thanks Marcia. He was one of a kind. I remember you and Dawn being in awe at the amount of mashed potatoes he piled on his plate at Thanksgiving.

Sandi Bement - November 19, 2021 at 09:13 PM



HM

Thank you Marcia. We had great times at Long Lake, grandma and grandpa Bements, and your parents cottage. Remembering and thinking about all the great times brings a smile to my face. Love you

Holly Marsh - November 19, 2021 at 09:26 PM



CR

I met John in 1975 when he came to work at Atlas Drop Forge as my supervisor. John was not only a great boss but also a great guy to be around. By the time the plant closed John had become General Foreman and I was a Union Rep. We spent many hours in one another's office "negotiating" all of the shop's problems. And I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the time spent with John. Always willing to work out a situation that seemed best for the Company and the Unions continued great relationship. Always a smile and a little B.S.ing from him but just one of those people who you really enjoyed being in their midst. I'm truly saddened by his passing and can only imagine the grief felt by Sandy and the family. May his memory be eternal!

Chuck Rahall - November 22, 2021 at 10:30 PM



DA

Sandy and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine how sad you all must be feeling, but I hope you can find peace in knowing that he is with Jesus in heaven and receiving the rewards of a life well lived. God bless you all.

Denise Angonese - November 23, 2021 at 02:08 AM