



John Joseph Conrad

April 17, 1963 - August 13, 2020

John J. Conrad of Charlotte, age 57, passed away surrounded by his family and friends on Thursday, August 13, 2020 after a short illness. He was born on April 17, 1963 to Sherwood R. and Kathryn (Staron) Conrad at Ft. Benning Army Hospital in Columbus, Georgia. John was a graduate of Everett High School and the meat-cutting program at Southwest Technical Institute in Fennimore, Wisconsin. He married his wife of 30 years, Debbie Daugherty, on May 26, 1990 in Canton, Michigan. They were blessed with a son, John, and a daughter, Chelsey, along with Debbie's daughters, Sheri and Kristy.

John was a conscientious, hard worker and excelled in his occupation as a Journeyman meat-cutter. He worked the majority of his career, thirty-four years, for Meijer, Inc., working in Sterling Heights, Monroe, Mason, and Charlotte, assisting in the start-up of new stores.

An avid outdoorsman, John thoroughly supported the management of both the environment and wildlife. A skilled hunter, with the bow and arrow as well as with firearms, John took great pleasure in his "deer camp," where he hosted both family and friends. His other sources of enjoyment were fishing, beekeeping, vacationing at Munro Lake with Grandpa and Grandma Mangler, and sitting on his back porch overlooking the pond and bird feeder.

A man with a strong faith, John used the last days of his life to show his love

and appreciation for his family. He surprised Debbie a few weeks before his passing by arranging a ceremony renewing their wedding vows. He also arranged the baptism of his and Debbie's grandchildren, Hunter, Adalynn, and Hazel. His brother, Jim, officiated at both ceremonies. Family and friends shared in their celebrations.

John was preceded in death by his grandparents, Fred and Agnes (Ondra-Staron) Mangler and Sherwood F. and Helen (Farr) Conrad. He is survived by his wife, Debbie; son, John Conrad; daughters, Chelsey (Ashton) Wood, Sheri (David) Collins, Kristy (Martin) Wilmath; grandchildren, Hunter, Adalynn, and Hazel Wood, Cody and Meghan; great-grandchildren, Rylee, Beau and Blakely Wilmath; his parents; brother, Jim (Helen) Conrad; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 29, 2020, 1:00 PM at First Lutheran Church in Charlotte. Masks and social distancing will be observed. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of John on his tribute page at www.PrayFuneral.com The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

John's family wishes to thank the many friends and family who brought food, sent cards, and visited John during his illness. A special thanks to Hospice caretakers Ranea and Niccole for their compassionate, patient care.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Lutheran Church
550 E. Shepherd St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall

AH

“ John and I were close friends when we were young. I always looked forward to him spending summers At his grandpa and grandma’s outside of Potterville at the sheep farm. I always was waiting in the driveway when I knew he was coming to stay for a while and I remember his grandpa Fred was so excited to see him saying loudly hiya Jonny. We camped in the orchard and fished in all the local ponds good times and good memories.

Andy Harris

Andy Harris - July 28, 2021 at 10:16 PM

KM

“ So sorry for this loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this very difficult time. We are with you in spirit. ~Kem Marciniak and Family.



Kem Marciniak - August 29, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ I have great memories of John when his family and mine became one in the late 70s— he was my stepbrother. John taught me how to shoot bow and arrow and appreciate the outdoors. I can still see John jamming on the piano to one of his favorite songs. He played the piano well with his two index fingers :). My deepest sympathies to John’s family, especially Kathy and Jim. I’m grateful for the time I got to spend with him and his family growing up. Rest easy, John.



Julie Jeglum Esser - August 28, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Joseph Conrad.*



August 26, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *Aunt Cindy, Michael, Vicki and Alex purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of John Joseph Conrad.*



Aunt Cindy, Michael, Vicki and Alex - August 21, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ *John it won't be the same seeing you walk in for work. I seen that your name was still on the schedule , and thought how many days you were in pain you still showed up for work. Well now you aren't in pain and I'm very glad for that. I hope your fishing up in heaven.*

Deb - August 21, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ *The Team at McPhee Electric purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of John Joseph Conrad.*



The Team at McPhee Electric - August 21, 2020 at 08:09 AM

MM

“ A good man who will be missed by many. Betty and I are so sorry for your loss and you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Murray and Betty Marsh

Murray Marsh - August 20, 2020 at 02:47 PM

KF

“ Kurt McCarrick and Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of John Joseph Conrad.



Kurt McCarrick and Family - August 19, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Joseph Conrad.



August 19, 2020 at 04:40 PM

MR

“ Meijer Mid Michigan Region purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of John Joseph Conrad.



Meijer Mid Michigan Region - August 19, 2020 at 01:18 PM

CS

“ John always made coming to work a lot more fun. I feel very blessed to have worked with him. Rest in peace my friend. Carol Scott

Carol scott - August 19, 2020 at 11:57 AM

MF

“ Mathew Ferrari purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Joseph Conrad.



Mathew Ferrari - August 19, 2020 at 01:23 AM

CT

“ Condolences to John's family. Rest in peace my friend.

Connie Tingley - August 18, 2020 at 06:24 PM

CH

“ So sorry. Let me know what we can do. Love Shane and Carrilee Hoose

Carrilee J Hoose - August 18, 2020 at 11:23 AM

LG

“ Love....Pete, Debby, Jessica, Stephon & The Girls purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of John Joseph Conrad.



Love....Pete, Debby, Jessica, Stephon & The Girls - August 18, 2020 at 10:14 AM

PS

“ *Pete Schulz lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Conrad*



Pete Schulz - August 18, 2020 at 09:48 AM

BV

“ *John was one of the most giving guys I knew! Every time Tom and I went to Canada, in the Fall for a fishing trip, he always made sure we had a jar of honey! We would share stories about our fishing trips when we would get back. He was such a hard worker and SO dedicated. The meat department is just not the same without him. Rest in Peace John.*

Tom and Brenda VanStraten

Brenda VanStraten - August 18, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Joseph Conrad.*



August 17, 2020 at 11:08 PM

SW

“ *Sandy Wake lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Conrad*



Sandy wake - August 17, 2020 at 09:14 AM

BK

“ *Betty Kalscheur lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Conrad*



Betty Kalscheur - August 15, 2020 at 09:10 PM

NB

“ *Nikki Butler lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Conrad*



nikki butler - August 15, 2020 at 04:20 PM

JH

“ *Jeanette And Barry Hunt lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Conrad*



Jeanette and Barry hunt - August 15, 2020 at 03:44 PM

CW

“ *Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Conrad*



Chad & Carol Walker - August 15, 2020 at 11:40 AM