



John Charles Engel, Jr.

August 7, 1948 - March 29, 2025

John Charles Engel, Jr., 76, of Charlotte, went to his final rest on Sunday, March 23, 2025. John was born August 7, 1948 to John and Edith (Harris) Engel. He was a graduate of the Naval Academy, Class of 1968, serving four years. He retired from Oldsmobile after more than 25 years. John loved working in the woods around his home and his rock collection, making Petoskey stone jewelry that his nieces loved. His neighbor said "he was a good neighbor and always knew what was happening around the neighborhood." John also had a soft place in his heart for his dogs throughout the years.

John is survived by his sisters Barbara (Roger) Zerba of Olivet, Patricia (Kenneth) Hancock of Mulliken, and Joan Crowe of Charlotte; six nieces and nephews; many great and great-great nieces and nephews; his lifetime friend, Tony (Lisa) Lucio; close friend, Rod (Peggy) Sellen; and numerous other close friends. He is predeceased by his parents and niece, Denise Zerba Mayle.

Friends are encouraged to support John's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>.

Cremation has taken place and interment will be at Fort Custer National Cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Pawsibilities Pet Rescue in Olivet. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Burial

APR 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Charles Engel, Jr..



April 11, 2025 at 07:23 AM



“ John was a good friend for many years, He came out AZ, to visit us on his vacation when we lived in Avondale, Az. and I rode back with him to take a bus I had her back to AZ. He enjoyed coming up to Bob's barn Jams in Lk Odessa, where my wife, Ellen plays most every Sunday. He will be missed, Phil & Ellen Beam.

Phil Beam - April 08, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ My parents lived next door to John, and his mother until her passing, my dad enjoyed his long visits with John. John would keep my parents woods and trails all cleaned. When my dad moved he still would call John to see what was going on in the neighborhood. He was a very caring and nice man. I'm sorry for your family's loss. Rest in peace, John.

Rick Johnson - April 03, 2025 at 05:43 AM