



John Joseph Farhat

January 20, 1940 - March 3, 2021

John Joseph Farhat, known for his love for family, food, and a good football game, went to be with The Lord on March 3, 2021. John, 81 was born January 20, 1940 in Lansing to Joseph and Ida (Nouhan) Farhat. He passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family who will miss him very much.

John lived most of his life in Lansing, graduating from St. Mary High School. On October 20, 1962, he married the love of his life, Sylvia Durling, and later had 6 children together. John worked for Reo Motors and later General Motors until retiring in 2000. The next 11 years were spent in Copper Harbor MI, with his wife, Sylvia, where he worked in maintenance at the Eagle Lodge and enjoyed beautiful Lake Superior. In 2011 they returned to Lansing to be closer to loved ones and he began driving a school bus for Grand Ledge schools. John loved his Lebanese heritage and often filled his home with family and great Lebanese food. All who knew him felt loved and accepted, and Johnny (a name used by many friends and family) was always good for a laugh. Attributes he will always be remembered for include: integrity, caring, faithful, loving and humble. He was a true example to all who knew him and his love for Jesus was evident, especially with his caring for his wife and family.

John is survived and missed very much by his children, Angela (John) Tisdale, Tim (Kelly) Farhat, Mike (Ann) Farhat, Paul (Jenni) Farhat, Bethany Farhat, Faith (Nick) Balanowski; grandchildren who knew him as Papa or Jido, Amber

(Matt) Carr, April (Jason) Alleman, Joseph (Alice) Tisdale, Victoria (Mike) Leveille, Autumn, James, Alyssa, Arison, Melanie (Garrett) Hedin, Natalie, Amiya, Isabelle, Tiffany, Timothy, Ava, Ashlyn, Trinity, Aubry, Eli, Jada, Sevren, Brooke, Josiah, Veronica, Asante, and Kainen; great-grandchildren, Areya, Kohen, Pierce, Madeleine, Theodore, Aurora, Haylah, Evangeline, Adeline, Silas and Cooper; brothers-in-law, Jim Durling, Jerry Durling, Paul Kramer, George Mansour; sisters-in-law, Paula Hedglen and Dee Farhat. Also, Molly Girl, their beloved dog of 12 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph A. Farhat and Ida M. (Nouhan) Farhat; his loving wife of 58 years, Sylvia L. (Durling) Farhat; grandson, Mitchell Farhat; siblings, Cecilia Farhat, Joseph Farhat, Kathryn Kramer, Gloria Mansour, Mariann Farhat, Leo Farhat, Norman Farhat, Maurice Farhat, and Ralph Farhat; sisters-in-law, Virginia Farhat, and Marina Farhat; and brother-in-law, Dean Hedglen.

A celebration of John's life will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 11:00 AM at Charlotte Assembly of God with Pastor Shane Bryant officiating. Visitation is Monday, March 8, 4-7:00 PM at the Charlotte Assembly of God. Family and friends are encouraged to support John's family. Masks are required for those in attendance. The funeral will also 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. Family and friends 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.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

4444 West Grand River Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Charlotte Assembly of God
1100 E. Clinton Trl.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Charlotte Assembly of God
1100 E. Clinton Trl.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of John Joseph Farhat*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 09, 2021 at 10:11 AM

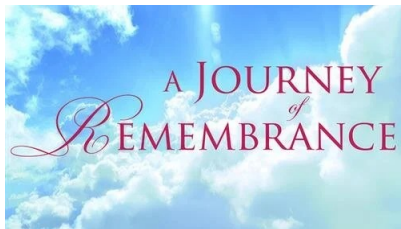
PB

Very Beautiful and wonderful tribute, tears to a Great Man Angie, and all your Siblings and families. Love and Heartfelt joy knowing, Your Mom and Dad, Soulmates together again, for eternity. Love Pat and Ivan Beal

Pat Beal - March 09, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of John Joseph Farhat*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 08, 2021 at 02:30 PM

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“ *To the Farhat Family,
I pray God sends you the strength to sustain you in this time of sorrow and need, as well as the peace of mind to know your Father is where he has longed to be, and that is with your Mother, and God in Heaven. He has set an example for you all to follow, family is everything, your children always come first, respect and love your spouse, work hard and everything else will fall into place. To me, he was a really good friend, and we enjoyed a friendship that spanned over 65 years. We had several things in common, one of which was that we married girls who were friends and neighbors, growing up just a few blocks from each other. Over these past few years we enjoyed our summer get togethers, and our Saturday phone calls and catching up on our kids, as well trying to figure out the politicians and their crazy, misguided thinking. I will miss John, he was a Good Man, and I was lucky enough call him friend. May God Bless you all and keep you in good health.
John, rest in peace, your work is done here on earth, enjoy all those whom you loved and missed, and give Salli my best.*

*Tony Filice
Sebring, Florida*

Tony Filice - March 09, 2021 at 02:13 PM

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“ *All Our Love, David and Denise Farhat
purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever
a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of John Joseph
Farhat.*



All Our Love, David and Denise Farhat - March 09, 2021 at 12:36 PM

PF

“ Dear Family,

I was sadden and shocked on the untimely passing of your wonderful father. I wish I could be there to share in what will be a beautiful farewell today, however, I'm out of state.

I am praying at this time of sorrow and sadness for all of you and the rest of our family. Johnny was one of a kind: a sweet and gentle man who will not be forgotten.

May he rest in peace with our Lord, your dear mom and the rest of our Heavenly Family.

Love and blessings,

Cousin Patty Farhat and siblings Rocky (Florida) and Penny (Escanaba) who send their love as well.

PATTY FARHAT - March 09, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 08, 2021 at 02:13 PM

RC

“ *Farhat Family,
Please accept Pat and my sincerest condolences on the passing of
your Father. These are always the most of times and we will be
keeping you all in our Prayers and close to our Hearts as these
difficult days move forward. We LOVE you all.*

Rick & Pat Carrow

Rick Carrow - March 08, 2021 at 12:26 PM

YF

“ *Your CHAP Volleyball Family purchased the Medi
um Dish Garden for the family of John Joseph
Farhat.*



Your CHAP Volleyball Family - March 07, 2021 at 11:35 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of
John Joseph Farhat.*



March 07, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for
the family of John Joseph Farhat.*



March 07, 2021 at 12:29 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Anthony Farhat - March 07, 2021 at 12:04 PM

AF

Much love to the kids, grandchildren, and the greats. What a wonderful man, father, husband, brother, and uncle to so many of us. I will miss you Uncle John. Tony...

Anthony Farhat - March 07, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ We had the privilege of being neighbors for around 20 years with John and Sally and children in Lansing. Now those beautiful kids are grown with families of their own. I have lots of wonderful memories and sending hugs and love 💕 to the entire Farhat family.

Sincerely,
Bruce and JoAnne Browning Smith

JoAnne Smith - March 06, 2021 at 07:21 PM

SD

“ Susan and Dave purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Joseph Farhat.



Susan and Dave - March 06, 2021 at 02:41 PM

LH

“ Love, Theresa Hubbell purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John Joseph Farhat.



Love, Theresa Hubbell - March 06, 2021 at 10:03 AM

TF

“ The Beal, Bates, Beal, and families purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John Joseph Farhat.



The Beal, Bates, Beal, and families - March 06, 2021 at 08:53 AM