



John Paul Heffron

August 21, 1946 - July 17, 2018

John Paul Heffron, 71, of Eaton Rapids, passed away July 17, 2018. He was born August 21, 1946 to Anthony and Marion (Thompson) Heffron in Eau Claire, WI. John attended Msgr. John A. Gabriel's High School in Lansing, graduating in 1964. As a youngster John was an active sports enthusiast playing baseball as the teams' pitcher. As an adult he participated in Lansing bowling leagues for many years. John worked as a Purchasing Agent and in the Agricultural school for Michigan State University for 30 years until his retirement. Many people may remember John for his hobby of apple farming. He maintained a beautiful apple orchard which featured a "Serenity Walk" path through the orchard.

John is survived by son, Rob (Christine) Heffron and their children Alex and Kathleen; daughter, Robin Brendlinger (Heffron); sister, Susan (Thomas) Heffron-Hajec; sister-in-law, Linda Brown Heffron. He was predeceased by his wife, Joan Heffron in 2016; his parents; and his brother, David Patrick Heffron.

Visitation is Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 9:30-11:00 AM at St. Mary Catholic Church, 812 St. Mary Boulevard, Charlotte, MI. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop. Burial will take place in Maple Hill Cemetery. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends can share remembrances and condolences online in John's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
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Mass

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ My condolences to the whole family. I worked with John at MSU for many years until he retired. John was a positive person to be around. John always had a smile and a good story to share, which made work fun.

Mary Clark

Mary Clark - July 24, 2018 at 11:59 AM

DH

“ So sorry for you loss Sue. May "Big" John rest in peace and welcomed being home with Aunt Marion and Uncle Tony and brother David. I do remember John taking out the Ford tractor at the farm and we went for a little ride. Boy did we get in trouble. I was like 5 or 6 at the time. I never realized how close in age we actually were. He always seemed like he was older. It has been a year of many losses. I hope there is comfort to you and John's family.

Cousin Dale

Dale Heath - July 20, 2018 at 02:00 PM

EG

“ John was a great classmate. In his often quiet way, he was a leader. While he as an ace on the ball diamond, he also was quite the robed choir member - and probably one of Ursula Klein's greatest teases. We ran into John more than a few years ago at St. Peter's in Eaton Rapids and had a great time reminiscing. Recently I visited him and it was just good to be 18 again. My condolences to Rob and Robin.

Elissa Faggion Greenburg - July 19, 2018 at 07:27 AM

PA

John and I were neighbors and friends all through school. He was a good and loyal friend. He was Godfather to my second daughter, Karen. We lost touch for several years, and then I visited him and the years just melted away. It was a privilege to have known him. My condolences to the whole family.

*PatrickCherry
Las Cruces, NM*

PatrickCherry - July 19, 2018 at 05:16 PM

PC

John and I had some good times in High School and for several years after Graduating. We set a record in winning a City wide bowling tournament that stood for 9 years. This stands as a high point in our sometime good and not so good adventures. I was able to catch up with John in the past 2 years and talk of these adventures before his passing. Will miss you and our talks.

Phil Champion - July 23, 2018 at 02:33 PM

JH

“ *Sue, I remember John well. He was a good man. Susan and I are sorry for your loss. We will keep John in our prayers and you also. Peace be with you Sue.*

Love, Joe and Susan

Joseph Hajec - July 18, 2018 at 10:58 PM

SH

“ *I love you, John Paul Heffron and the snowfort we built, the hikes we took, the bicycle adventures we had, and the Neil Diamond music we grooved to. (and Dave's Halloween candy we snuck.) See you again when I get there. Sue*

Susan Heffron Hajec - July 18, 2018 at 09:37 PM