



## John LeRoy Kahlke

December 1, 1949 - March 20, 2013

John LeRoy Kahlke, 63, of Charlotte, MI, passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2013. John was born December 1, 1949, in Lansing, the son of Otto and Inez (Zischke) Kahlke. John graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1968 before serving as a first cook in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. In 1969, on the way to the races, he met Diana Erbskorn. He never made it to the races because he preferred to stay and enjoy the hamburger she made him. The two married on November 11, 1972. John continued his passion for racing, traveling throughout the country to watch the stock cars. He worked 16 years at Motor Wheel in Lansing as well as other factory work. John is survived by his wife of 40 years, Diana; daughter Karen of Redford; brothers David Kahlke of Lansing and Henry (Rita) Kahlke of Dewitt; six brothers-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his brother Andrew. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 pm on Friday, March 22. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Special Military Honors provided by Charlotte VFW Post #2406. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ It has been my privilage to do John and diana's taxes for many years. I will miss seeing John come in with all his tax goodies for me. Such a nice man, my thoughts and prayers go to Diana as this time. Hugs

Rileys Tax Service, Shelene Hahn - March 22, 2013 at 03:16 PM

BB

“ Bill and I were so sorry to hear of John's passing. May God's grace comfort you during this difficult time.

Bill and Libby Burt - March 22, 2013 at 08:46 AM

JC

“ We were so sorry to hear of John's passing. His pain is over and Glory awaits him in The Fathers arms.

John and Anita Cheavens - March 21, 2013 at 10:07 AM

PF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and hearts reach out to you at this difficult time. God Bless John!

Pat Diggs and family - March 21, 2013 at 09:59 AM

KF

“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband & father. You are in our prayers.

Karen & Vince Hill & family - March 21, 2013 at 09:35 AM

NM

“ *Diana and Karen I am so sorry for the loss of John. You will be in our prayers.*

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**Nora Mann** - March 21, 2013 at 08:11 AM

CG

“ *Dear Aunt Dianna and Karen, We are so sorry about Uncle John. His time with all of us on earth was cut far too short. God calls the best. I am sure John Gaskin was in the line to greet him. I will cherish very fond childhood memories of happy times with him. He was a great uncle to a niece and nephew from the Erbskorn side. He will be missed but never forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Much love and deepest condolences, Carol, Gabriel, & Lauren*

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**Carol Gaskin** - March 20, 2013 at 07:23 PM