



John Edward Locke, Sr.

May 2, 1942 - March 1, 2024

John E. Locke Sr., honest, humble, and beloved family man, died March 1, 2024 at the age of 81. A lifetime resident of Charlotte, John was born May 2, 1942 to Rowland and Doris (Wonser) Locke. In 1961 he married Judith Ludwig and they worked side-by-side on their dairy farm for 62 years. While he wasn't always politically correct, he loved to make others smile and was a jokester, loving to pick on his friends. John was very active with 4-H, FFA, and Farm Bureau, and was the fun dad and grandpa, with the kids always wanting to be where he was and do whatever he did.

John was also one of the guys that people would go to when they needed help. He was a 4-H leader, Farm Bureau FSA committee member, volunteered at his church and at the Eaton County Senior Center, and received several awards for his active participation in so many organizations over the years. John was a humble, fair and honest man, loving the Lord and living his life in a way that showed others what being a Christian really means.

John will be greatly missed by many people who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Judith; children, John Locke Jr. (Tuttie Gullett), Jeffrey (Angie) Locke, Lisa (Greg) Wylie; son-in-law, Roger (Nanette) Harris; grandchildren Jesse (Nattie) Harris, Elizabeth (TJ) Smith, Sarah (Chris) Johnston, Kendall (Alex) Dubois, Brittany (Alex) Ambrosius, Paige (Justin) Hall, Chelsea (Joshua) Ramirez, Lindsey (Ben) Walker, Joshua

Locke, Justin Locke, Brett (Haidyn) Heikes, and Sharlene (Nick) Tekrony; 17 great-grandchildren; siblings, Leone Bust and Duane (Sharon) Locke; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by daughter, Cynthia Harris; brother, Elwin Locke; and brother-in-law, Don Bust.

Friends are encouraged to support John's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Tuesday, March 5, 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Wednesday, March 6, 11:00 AM at Crossroads United Brethren Church in Charlotte. The funeral will 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 from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton County Agricultural Society. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

MAR 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crossroads United Brethern Church
809 E. Shepherd Street
Charlotte, MI 48813

Graveside

MAR 6. 12:30 PM (ET)

Benton Township Cemetery
3775 E. Vermontville Hwy.
Pottersville, MI 48876

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of John Edward Locke, Sr.*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 05, 2024 at 06:48 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of John Edward Locke, Sr.*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 04, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ 🌿🌸 *i'm sorry to hear about John. He was a wonderful person. I remember him from school. He always had a smile on his face and was positive about life. I know his wonderful family will miss him. May they cherish the most wonderful thing in life, the memories they have shared.*
Carol Wehr 1960

Carol Wehr - March 29, 2024 at 05:24 PM

JC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember John from High School. He was a great guy. What a wonderful family he has. John Colizzi class of 1960

John Colizzi - March 07, 2024 at 11:51 AM

DG

“ Douglas G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Locke, Sr..

Douglas G. - March 06, 2024 at 06:50 AM

PC

“ I had the honor of knowing John from the case dealer, he always has a story to tell or some way to get a laugh. I am sure he will be missed by a lot of people



Penny Carpenter - March 05, 2024 at 06:50 PM

SS

“ John was the epitome of a nice guy - calm, cool and collected - never a harsh word. But, he always wore that 'come kiss me' smile on his face, I'll wager, until the day he walked into Eternity with our Lord. Blessings to his wonderful family, one substantial enough to start their own village somewhere - may you all carry the name with pride. John was a prince. Shirley Newland Schmoock, Grayling

Shirley Newland Schmoock - March 05, 2024 at 02:13 PM

JR

“ I got the pleasure of meeting John from working in ag retail at the local co-op in Charlotte. I always looked forward when he would come in the office because he could make a day go by quick by sharing tons of stories and just having great conversation. He was a great customer to have and was a wealth of knowledge in about everything, especially agriculture. He will be truly missed by everyone that was lucky enough to get to know him. I know I'm a better person for getting to know John and I'm sure most people would say the same.
My condolences for John's family and friends as they navigate through this tough loss.

John Richards - March 05, 2024 at 10:56 AM

CW

“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of John Edward Locke, Sr.



Chad & Carol Walker - March 05, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 04, 2024 at 07:56 PM

CF

“ Clarence and Marilyn Shriver and Family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Locke, Sr..

Clarence and Marilyn Shriver and Family - March 04, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Edward Locke, Sr..



March 04, 2024 at 09:00 AM

DD

“ Dale and Jim Davidson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John Edward Locke, Sr..



Dale and Jim Davidson - March 04, 2024 at 07:20 AM

DD

“ Dale and Jim Davidson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Locke, Sr..

Dale and Jim Davidson - March 04, 2024 at 07:20 AM

TF

“ Troy & Marcy Wright and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Locke, Sr..

Troy & Marcy Wright and family - March 04, 2024 at 12:27 AM

TF

“ Troy & Marcy Wright and family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of John Edward Locke, Sr..



Troy & Marcy Wright and family - March 04, 2024 at 12:27 AM

EF

“ Ellard and Quinn families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Edward Locke, Sr..



Ellard and Quinn families - March 03, 2024 at 10:44 PM

SS

“ Bob and I have known John and Judy since school days. I will always remember the good times we had and raising our families together. Their friendship meant so much to us. Love and prayers always.

Sandy Schilz

Sandy Schilz - March 02, 2024 at 06:06 PM

DE

“ John was a wonderful man! He was a positive influence, someone people gravitated to. I knew him, Judy and most of their family for about 30 years through church. It was always a joy to see John at church, even when getting there was a physical ordeal.

John saw me go through the loss of my husband of 40 years, and the joy of finding a very special man. He witnessed the exterior renovation of my house, which transformed an ugly duckling into a beautiful house.

Last summer, when I was leaving TSC, I spotted John in the car, waiting for Judy. He had been to the wound clinic and was in pain, but he lit up when he saw me, and we had a great conversation. He diverted attention from himself to me and said something to the effect that we have been friends for a long time and your house looks like a million dollars now. You don't have to answer this, but I wonder if Mike is good to you. You deserve it... As we wound up our talk, I told him that I loved him. I am so thankful my friend and I had that conversation!

Deb Eddy - March 02, 2024 at 09:35 AM

MO

“ I've known John my whole life. My parents were in their wedding and they were in my parents wedding our sincerest condolences to the entire family

Michael Olcott - March 01, 2024 at 08:45 PM