



John Douglas Martis III

March 16, 1936 - April 4, 2019

John Douglas Martis III, 83, of Potterville, died peacefully on Thursday, April 4, 2019 in Charlotte. John was born on March 16, 1936, in St. Johns, MI, the son of John Douglas and Ann (Durkovic) Martis, Jr. He graduated from Olivet High School in 1953 before going to work in various capacities. In his early days, he drove truck for Schafer's Bakery and worked construction. He eventually entered into car sales, working at many notable Oldsmobile Dealerships in the Lansing area, Albion Ford, and eventually founding Martis Auto Sales in Lansing. In 1983, he purchased Martin Jeep Eagle with two locations in Charlotte, which he owned and operated until his retirement. He is a 50 year member of the Potterville Masonic Lodge, and was well known throughout the community.

Throughout the years, John owned several sulkie racing horses and enjoyed traveling the state to various races. Many will remember his sponsorship of Charlotte's Frontier Days. He enjoyed time spent with his children riding snowmobiles around the house and boating with the family at the lake. John was a big time Casino guy, and loved gambling trips with friends. Above all, John loved his family.

He is survived by his children, Scott (Cathleen Johnson) Martis, Shari (Craig)

Engle, Sandi Martis, and Shannon Martis; grandchildren, Jena and Jodi Martis, Richard Whitbeck, Dartanion (Sandra) Thomas; great-grandchildren, Audrey and Braylon Whitbeck, and Treaden Gallert; step-granddaughter, Avery Engle; sisters, Dorothy (James) Wirt and Betty (Jim) Dent; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 39 years, Daune Martis; sister, Irene Coats; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support John's family. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Michael Bater officiating. Visitation is from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, just prior to the service. Interment will follow at Benton Twp. Cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton County Humane Society or the Masonic Lodge #367. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of John's on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Benton Twp Cemetery

3775 E. Vermontville Hwy.
Pottersville, MI 48876

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

APR 9. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of John Douglas Martis III



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 08, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ So Sorry for Your Loss,,Thoughts and Prayers For You at this time
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Dave Paszkowski - April 16, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 09, 2019 at 03:42 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 08, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 08, 2019 at 12:55 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *John Douglas Martis III*.



April 08, 2019 at 11:17 AM



“ *Scott, Shari, Sandy and Shannon, I am very sorry for your loss, you are all in my thoughts and prayers!*

Carolyn Hoisington-Rosa - April 06, 2019 at 03:23 PM

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“ Oh Scott, I am so sorry for your loss of your dad. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.....

Cindy

Cindy Robinette - April 06, 2019 at 03:16 PM

YC

“ Your Ladies of Harley Sisters and the HOG Chapter purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Douglas Martis III.



Your Ladies of Harley Sisters and the HOG Chapter - April 06, 2019 at 12:35 PM

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“ AG. Twitchell lit a candle in memory of John Douglas Martis III



AG. Twitchell - April 06, 2019 at 09:10 AM

DB

“ John and Daune were the first to welcome us to the area when we built our home across from them 22 years ago. Condolences to John's extended family.

Dawn Brochu - April 05, 2019 at 07:44 PM

YF

“ *Your California Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Douglas Martis III.*



Your California Family - April 05, 2019 at 07:33 PM

LH

“ *SHARI, SANDY SCOTT AND SHANNON SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.*

LOWELL HOGLE - April 05, 2019 at 06:47 PM