



John E. Harper

June 12, 1957 - September 15, 2021

John E. Harper aged 64 of Custer passed away quickly and unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at his home. John was born on June 12, 1957 in Shelby, the son of William and Francis (Fargo) Harper and attended school in Montague and Spring Lake. John served his country by enlisting with the United States Marine Corps following the Vietnam Conflict.

John was one of a kind – unique in his own way. He moved to the Custer area to further enjoy his love of the outdoors, trees, and gardening with his wife Joni and was an employee of Whitehall Industries in Ludington. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Francis.

John will be greatly missed by his wife Joni; his mother-in-law Bonnie Alvord of Muskegon; his stepdaughter Melissa Breen and her children Kieleigh, Kaitlin, and Chase Breen; his stepson Ryan (Judith) Pugh and their children Elizabeth and Nathan; his great-grandson Oliver; his brothers Jerry and Jimmy Harper; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A gathering of friends and family to celebrate John's life will take place on Wednesday, September 29th from 1:00 – 5:00 pm at the Eden Township Hall, 3389 East Hawley Road, Custer with military honors at 4:00 pm.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

SEP **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eden Township Hall
3389 East Hawley Road
Custer, MI 49405

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear this. I will always remember Jimmy, Jerry and Johnny visiting with my folks in Ludington. Milford Johnson and Helen Johnson. I was just about to reach out to him wanting information about his mom's medical history. How very young he was. Our Thoughts and prayers are with you all. I certainly wish I could come over but I will be having hip surgery on the 30th and am in quarantine now. Ginny

ginny Cozzens - September 25, 2021 at 08:08 PM

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“ I had just started working at Whitehall and he came out to my car on lunch to make sure that I had known that we were working on Sunday so that we could have Christmas Eve off. He also made sure that he came over and told me that he was glad to see my smile back after I was off for surgery. Rip John we're going to miss you

Nichole Amaya - September 16, 2021 at 09:31 PM