



John G. Bauer

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Mr. John G. Bauer, age 59, of Spring Lake passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, March 23, 2016 in Gaylord. He was born August 8, 1956 in Detroit to John and Geraldine (Moran) Bauer. On May 27, 1989 he married Patricia Barbrick and she preceded him in death on November 12, 2011.




John was a long time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Mary's Choir and the Grand Haven Knights of Columbus. After retiring from many years of service to the US Post office, John was employed with Harbor Transit, where he enjoyed meeting people from the community. In the fall of 2015 John entered the seminary to pursue his lifelong calling to the Catholic Priesthood. John enjoyed fishing, cooking and spending time in his garden.

He is survived by his children, Kristen (Christopher) Bishop of Spring Lake, Sarah Lillie of Grand Haven, and Erin (Patricia) Lillie of Nome, Alaska; eight grandchildren: C.J., Allena, Nadia, Giavanna, Margaret, Katharine, Broderick, Quentin. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Bauer; brother, Rev. Father Mark Bauer; sister-in-law Margie (Kurt) Fischer; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Geraldine.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place 11:00 AM Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Visitation will be 1-3 and 6-8 PM Tuesday, March 29 at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Spring Lake, with a Rosary at 3:00 PM. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Interment will take place in Spring Lake Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions in memory of John may be given to the Mary Seat of Wisdom Campaign – St. Mary's Catholic School. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.vbkfuneralhome.com.






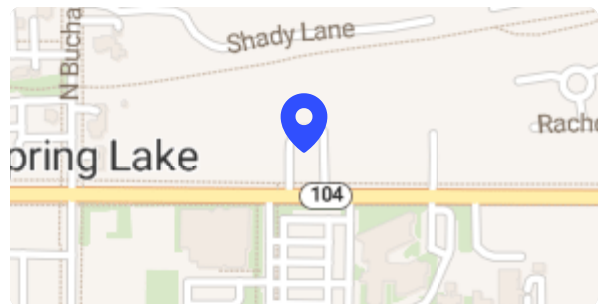
Visitation

-  **Tuesday**, March 29, 2016
-  1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
-  **VBK Spring Lake Chapel**
213 E. Savidge, Spring Lake MI






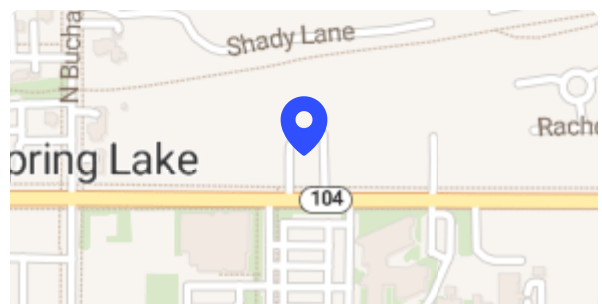
Rosary

-  **Tuesday**, March 29, 2016
-  3:00 PM ET
-  **VBK Spring Lake Chapel**
213 E. Savidge, Spring Lake MI






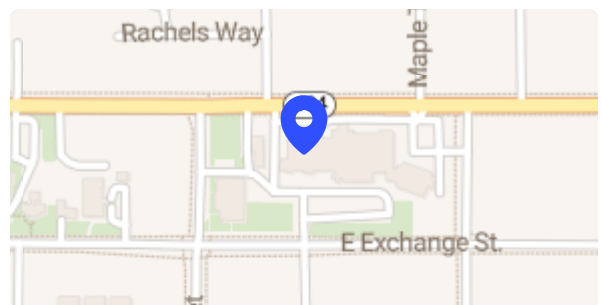
Visitation

-  **Tuesday**, March 29, 2016
-  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **VBK Spring Lake Chapel**
213 E. Savidge, Spring Lake MI



Visitation

-  **Wednesday**, March 30, 2016
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **St. Mary's Catholic Church**
406 E. Savidge, Spring Lake MI





Events


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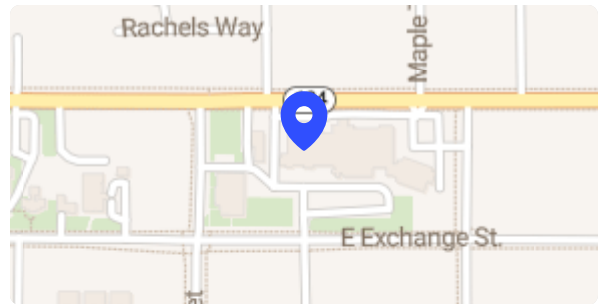
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Mass of Christian Burial


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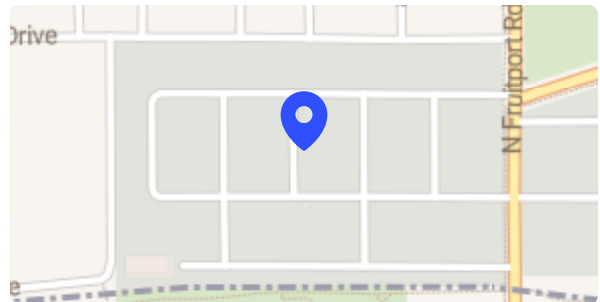
 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Mary's Catholic Church**
406 E. Savidge, Spring Lake MI



Cemetery Details

 **Spring Lake Twp. Cemetery**
17181 N. Fruitport Rd, Spring Lake MI 49456





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Jim Burke posted:

We enjoyed many years as fellow choir members in the Bass section at St. Mary's. As brother Sir Knights, John and I shared several meaningful memories. May God hold you in the palm of His hand. You will be missed, My heartfelt synpathy to Fr. Mark and John's sister,Mary. Vivat Jesus!Jim Burke

April 5 at 5:31 AM



Brandon "Bob" Hitsman lit a candle in honor of John.

May God's grace and Our Lady's love surround the Bauer family. I shall pray a rosary along with this candle for you! Brandon "Bob" Hitsman

April 2 at 4:52 AM



Sr. Liza Segleau, Sds lit a candle in honor of John.

May the Angels carry you to God's loving arms. I will be praying for you John, don't forget to pray for me. My prayers also for all family members. Sister Liza Segleau, SDSAssociate Director - Pastoral Formation TeamSacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology

March 30 at 5:34 AM



Niki Chittenden lit a candle in honor of John.

March 29 at 11:36 AM



Chris Kerszykowski-Cousin posted:

God Bless you my dear dear cousin. Even though we did not spend alot of time together, the time we did have was very precious. You will be missed by alot of people, so rest in peace dear John and come visit us once in awhile.

March 29 at 10:21 AM



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March 29 at 10:18 AM



Fr. Dan posted:

My prayers and love go to his brother and sister in this moment of sorrow. John will always be in my heart and prayers. May the Virgin Mary bring his soul to the Everlasting Paradise!

March 29 at 9:30 AM



Paul Wilkin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I benefited in many ways having John in my seminary life, especially when sitting next to him in classes; a gift of a hard candy, a humorous comment during class, an update on his electronic golf or solitaire game, mutual love to bake (pies) and his pure desire for more knowledge and understanding. Blessings on all who knew John or made his acquaintance, he made me a better seminarian for God. Paul Wilkin SDS, Society of the Divine Savior



March 29 at 4:22 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Bauer family.



March 28 at 4:56 PM



Angel posted:

"I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love." By Leo Buscaglia John, now you are in a better place, in the arms of the Father, you come to the Seminary following a call, now you are in front of the One who was calling you, Keep praying for us, as we keep praying for you Brother. Angel Valdez, El Paso Texas

March 28 at 4:34 PM



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John W. Martin posted:

John and myself drank his "French Press" coffee every morning at 06:00-06:30 here at Sacred Heart. He was from the North and I from Texas. He was a great person and we will all miss him. I know that he got the big promotion, He will be missed. John W. Martin, The Catholic Diocese of Ft. Worth, Texas.

March 28 at 11:25 AM



Leo Blasi posted:

John and I became fast friends at the seminary, there were many similarities in our life stories. I am blessed to have known him and the seminary is better for having him here. God's blessings on all of his family and friends as they travel this difficult road. I wish that I could be there for them but I will be there in prayer.

March 28 at 10:13 AM



Deacon Michael Martin lit a candle in honor of John.

John was a remarkable man. He always had a smile on his face, and enjoyed being around people. I so looked forward to our talks at lunch and dinner, along with a laugh. He was such a kind spirit and a joy to be around. Rest in Peace John.



March 26 at 8:36 PM



Julie O'connor shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

SHSST had a small candle service in John's - he will be missed by the seminary community!



March 26 at 3:36 PM



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Julie O'Connor lit a candle in honor of John.



March 26 at 3:21 PM



Dr. Sherry H. Blumberg March 28 at 5:37 AM

I was blessed to have John as a student this fall in my class at Sacred Heart. He often spoke with love about his family and especially his children. I will miss him at the seminary this coming fall. Dr. Sherry H. Blumberg



Julie O'Connor March 26 at 3:22 PM

John brought light to the seminary - he will truly be missed!



Mary Bauer shared an album called **New Album Name.**



March 26 at 1:14 PM



Bill, Lelia And Joe sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Bauer family.



March 26 at 12:40 PM



Anna Raggl lit a candle in honor of John.



March 26 at 5:13 AM



Bill And Teri DeLeeuw posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Bill and Teri DeLeeuw Members of Holy Family Catholic Church Caledonia

March 26 at 2:08 AM



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MB

Mary Bauer lit a candle in honor of John.

March 25 at 5:31 PM



CS

Cathy Sitek lit a candle in honor of John.

March 25 at 1:53 PM



CN

Chris Nowak shared an album called **Gaylord Seminarian**.

March 25 at 5:21 AM



SA

Steven M. Avella March 29 at 7:41 AM

I had John as a student in my church history class. A wonderful, kind-hearted, and inquisitive man. He always asked good questions and did his best in class. Going back to school may have been tough, but John gave it his all. Every once in a while he would come to me quietly to tell me that something we had talked about in class helped him make sense of something in his life or his experience as a Catholic. I couldn't have been more pleased and its a shame God's people in Gaylord won't have the blessing of this good man's ministry. God grant him light, happiness, and peace. Fr. Steven Avella



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Summer 2013



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At Chrism Mass Tuesday



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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