



John Paksi

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Mr. John Paksi, age 70, passed away on Sunday, July 30, 2017 surrounded by his family. He was born on December 24, 1946 in St. Johns, MI to Tom and Mary (Deming) Paksi, and moved to the West Michigan area 21 years ago. John was a Veteran of both the U.S. Navy and Michigan National Guard. He worked at Metal Technology, Inc. in Ravenna for 14 years, before retiring in 2010. John was a member of All Shores Wesleyan Church in Spring Lake. On August 19, 1989, he married the former Karen Burgess, and she survives him along with six children, Lauri (Ryan) Walsh of Grand Rapids, and Ken (Fallon) Paksi of Owosso, Kimberly (Stacy) Vincent of St. Johns, MI, Kari (Brian) Guy of Grand Ledge, MI, and Jonathan Rademacher and Rick Rademacher both of Muskegon, 10 grandchildren; two brothers, James (Donna) Paksi, and Ronald (Connie) Paksi; and two sisters, Jane (Terry) Cressman, and Judy (Dan) Cerveny. John was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Mary. FUNERAL SERVICES will be 2 PM Thursday, August 3, 2017 at All Shores Wesleyan Church (15550 Cleveland St, Spring Lake 49456) with Pastor Dan Ward officiating. VISITATION with the family will be 2-8 PM Wednesday at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St. (231) 798-1100, and 1 hour prior to the service at church. Burial will take place in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Owosso, MI. Memorial Contributions to Wounded Warriors and Johnson Cancer Center will be appreciated. Share memories with the family online at www.sytsemafh.com.



Visitation

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



Visitation

Thursday, August 3, 2017

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

All Shores Wesleyan Church

15550 Cleveland St., Spring Lake MI 49456



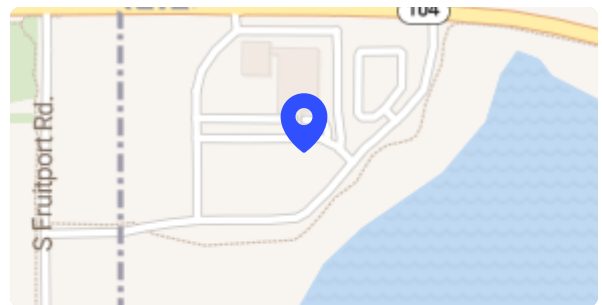
Funeral Service

Thursday, August 3, 2017

2:00 PM ET

All Shores Wesleyan Church

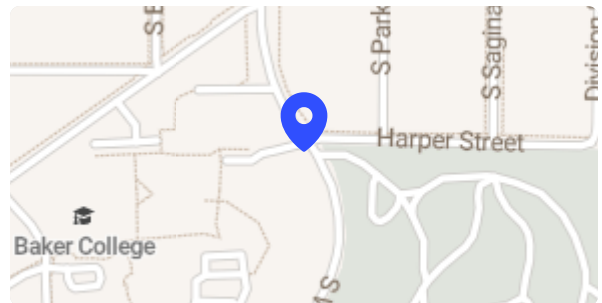
15550 Cleveland St., Spring Lake MI 49456



Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Gardens

1106 S. Washington St., Owosso MI 48867





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JK

Judy Knappe posted:

We met John and Karen when he bought his horse from us. Phil put him on ice for a while but John could not be swayed and finally Drifter was his. I don't think anyone has ever enjoyed a horse as much as John enjoyed Drifter. He enjoyed endless hours in the saddle and what a bond those two developed. We feel so fortunate that we were able to share trail rides, campfires, star filled nights, and such good friends. John always ha a look of pure joy on his face when riding, what a blessing to know such peace and joy. A look he also showed when talking about his family. I will never forget that last ride, especially since none of us knew it was the last. I remember riding through the woods with the sun rays slanting through the pines and then Our conversation about the outdoors and Gods true cathedral. So John, we feel blessed that you have left us with that vision, we will carry that with us forever.

August 2 at 5:09 PM

AW

Allen And Connie Wahr posted:

Karen, we are sorry to hear that John lost the fight, but we are very happy that we got to know both of you through the church. We will always remember the fun breakfast times we had together. John and Allen shared so many Navy stories and even some horse stories! John was a talker and we enjoyed his company. Blessings to you and your family. Connie and Al

August 1 at 2:09 PM

PW

Pete Wolters posted:

My condolences to John's family and many friends. What a nice man and always the same disposition. Good employee and always gave an extra effort in his work and relationships to fellow employees. One of life's good guys Pete Wolters

August 1 at 12:41 PM

LL

Lisa, Jim, & Maya; Judy And Linsey sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Paksi family.



August 1 at 12:11 PM



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Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Paksi family.



August 1 at 6:34 AM



Orrin Harrington posted:

John was the first one I officially met at RDI. He gave me my tour through the foundry. I showed up at the age of 20, white shorts and t-shirt. I'm sure is first thought was "this snot nose kid won't last a week". Fast forward ten years or so and John and I were working elbow to elbow. A lot of disagreeing and arguing even, but we did it all together on second shift. He is one of the "O-G's" of maintenance here. Fastforward again to 2010 when he retired. At first I felt relieved he retired, grouchy old dude is finally retired, till about a month into it. He wasn't there. What do I do? What do WE do? The whole 2nd shift crew missed him already. The way he would just pop up out of nowhere, we called that the "Paksi portal", or when we would call him "yonny" or "Paski" the polish John. The smarts, the wits, the stories. They were all missed. But then one day he came in to the foundry to visit, we tried to get him to come back, guess retirement was working out ok for him, so he just occasionally visited, and that was awesome. He was an amazing man and mentor, family man and friend. His legacy will last forever here at this dirty old foundry. He helped build guys like me to be almost as great as him (can't give up the special ingredients ya know). He will always be one Step over us. Thank you "Yonny" John Paksi! And thank you Karen and family for sharing him with us. We all truly have missed him since retirement and now even more.

August 1 at 5:57 AM



Ed & Maryann, Randy & Pam, Ed & Tara, Rod & Kelly sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Paksi family.



July 31 at 6:25 PM



Marsha And Ken Putnam posted:

Oh, my. We are saddened to hear this news. John always always ready to talk and share the latest news, whether it was where the fish we're hitting or where the best trails we're for riding. I am glad he found his good horse, Drifter and the right saddle. Ken and John had good memories from Ovid highschool football, playing cards on the bus, ect.. We will always remember his jolly attitude and long conversations. Ride on trail buddy. Thinking of you Karen, Lori and Kenny.

July 31 at 3:08 PM



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BC

Bob And Sheila Cregg posted:

Sending our thoughts and prayers to your family Chrissy. Life is way to short and you said it perfectly by saying that we should live each day to its fullest. We never know what tomorrow will bring. Love and Prayers Bob and Sheila

July 31 at 2:32 PM

AB

Andrea Boomer posted:

Truly a amazing gentleman to cross paths with! I had the pleasure of getting to know him for a few years and he was truly someone I adored sincerely ❤️ My thoughts and prayer go out to his family and friends. Andrea from Lakes Family Medicine ❤️❤️

July 31 at 11:02 AM

BG

Barb Graves posted:

John was such a pleasure to be around. Every time we saw him he had a smile on his face, and was always so welcoming to us when we visited. Karen, Brian, Kari, kids and the rest of the family - we are so sorry for your loss.

July 31 at 10:27 AM

JK

Jan And Jim Kienke posted:

We spent so much time together at the Johnson Center last summer, I'll never forget it. We girls being support for each other and the guys laughing with each other. Every time we go to the Johnson Center I look to see if you happen to be there too. Prayers for peace for you and your loved ones.

July 31 at 8:30 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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