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John Dale "Jack" Porter, PhD., age 72, of Spring Lake passed away Wednesday, December 11, 2019, unexpectedly.

He was born January 31, 1947, in Newberry, MI to John Fitzgerald and Ruth Mae (Sands) Porter.

He went to Michigan State University on a football scholarship, then to the University of Arizona where he attained his PhD. Jack was a tremendous athlete, loved traveling, hiking, exploring, and animals. He also enjoyed studying his Native American culture and history, and psychology.

He is lovingly remembered by his niece, Abbie Porter; nephew, Bryce (Ashley) Porter; and Maryellen Grabowski.

A private service will be held. Services are entrusted to The Spring Lake Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 213 E. Savidge Street, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.sytsemaf.com.



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Bonnie J. Brentz posted:

I was very saddened to hear of Johns death. He and I went to Peach Plains Elementary School. There were only 27 kids in that class at the beginning. 6 girls and 21 boys. When we were in 1st grade, one of my friends handed me a note on manilla paper with light turquoise lines on it. John had written,; Dear Bonnie, I like you. Do you like me? I wrote back and so did he until our messenger became his new love. My first boyfriend at 6 years old! I still have the notes. I'll always remember him. I never got to see him after high school. But it sounds like he had a productive life. My deepest condolences!

Bonnie Brentz (Bethke)

December 30 at 9:17 AM



Tom Dirkse lit a candle in honor of John.

So sorry to hear you're gone, old friend. May the Great Spirit welcome you home.
From Tom "Dirk" Dirkse

December 28 at 12:31 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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