



# Jon F. Chesney

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## **Jon F. Chesney**

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**J**on Francis Chesney, age 80, passed away peacefully Saturday, August 21, 2021 surrounded by his family. He was born August 1, 1941 in Parry Sound, Ontario Canada to Kerold and Helen (Manley) Chesney. Jon married the love of his life, Susan Alexander, on January 9, 1966, and they shared 55 wonderful years together. Jon and Susan started their family in the Detroit area and enjoyed spending their summers boating on Upper Long Lake and winters skiing at Pine Knob. Jon and Susan later relocated to the shores of West Michigan and enjoyed entertaining and their sunsets on Mona Lake. Jon's career began as an Industrial Engineer at IBM, then on to Federal Mogul, SPX, Northrup Gruman, and eventually retired from Compuware, taking GM through Y2K. He was known amongst his family and friends as a captain of industry. In his retirement he found great joy working as a park ranger, spending time outdoors, and especially being a part of his grandkids lives as they grew up. Jon's grandchildren have been fondly referred to as their Seven Wonders of the World: Daric, Cooper, Wyatt, and Garrett Chesney and Madeline, Alex, and Elizabeth Eckerman. Making dollar bill paper airplanes, donut runs in the corvette, skull hunting under the eagle's nest, knock-knock jokes, and playing Elf Bowling are just some of the fond memories his grandchildren have. Jon had a love of the fine arts and in celebration of his 50th birthday, he had the distinct privilege of conducting the West Shore Symphony Orchestra. Jon was hard working, quick witted and always put his family first. He will be remembered as a connoisseur of cigars and good scotch. Jon also enjoyed watching the stock market and his beloved Wolverines play football every chance he could. Jon's greatest joy was spending time with his family; especially spring breaks in Perdido Key, Florida. Jon is survived by his loving wife, Susan Chesney; their children: Charlie (Lauren) Chesney and Leigh (Jamie) Eckerman; seven grandchildren; siblings: Michael (Susan) Chesney, Susan (Kevin) Carew, and Jim (Chrissy) Chesney; his 100 year old mother-in-law, Rose Alexander;



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in-laws: David (Pam) Alexander, George (Marcia) Alexander, and Milan (Debbie) Alexander; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members. Jon was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert Chesney; and father-in-law, George Alexander. A Celebration of Jon's Life will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, September 11, 2021 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231) 798-1100. Visitation with the family will be from 5-7 PM Friday, September 10, 2021 and also one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place in Norton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Jon may be directed to the West Michigan Symphony or the Muskegon Museum of Art. Share memories with the family at their online Guest Book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



# Events

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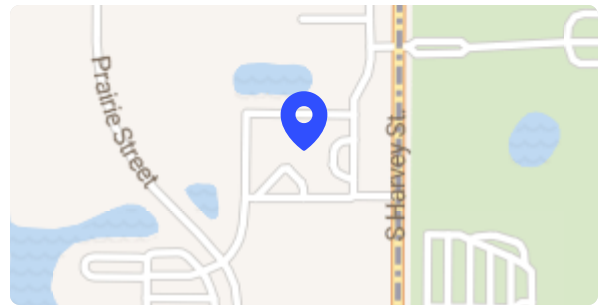
## Visitation

 **Friday**, September 10, 2021

 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

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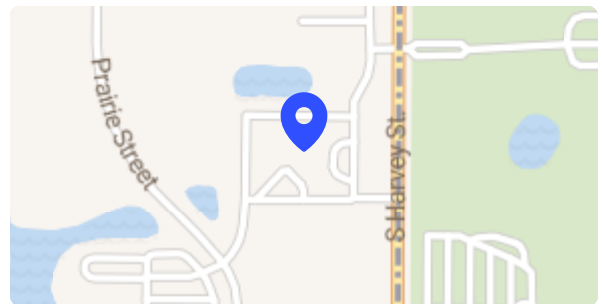
## Visitation

 **Saturday**, September 11, 2021

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


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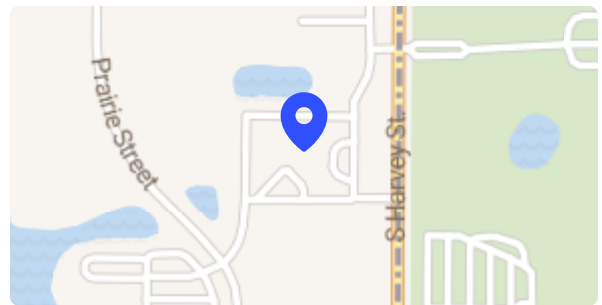
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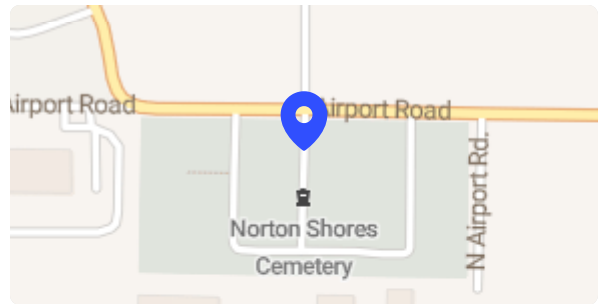
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## Cemetery Details



### Norton Cemetery

743-761 Airport Rd., Norton Shores MI 49441





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Chesney family.



September 10 at 10:09 AM



**Love, Pamela & David Alexander** sent a Fairest of All to the Chesney family.



September 8 at 10:17 AM



**Kathleen Norton-Schock** posted:

Sue, Leigh and Charlie: Thinking of you, all; and sending peace and healing. Hugs, Kathleen and Dale Norton-Schock

September 4 at 5:30 AM



**Dan & Mary Jane Beresh** posted:

Hi Sue, we heard about Jon, please accept our condolences from Dan and Mary Jane Beresh .this morning I looked at my old videos showing Jon ,you ,Charlie and Leigh which I took at your house during Leigh and Charlie's birthday and graduation . We have many great memories of John you and your family .

August 28 at 9:13 AM



**Jon Cubba** posted:

Our deepest sympathy Sue to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jon and Betty Cubba

August 27 at 12:51 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Chesney family.



August 27 at 9:33 AM



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DA

**David Alexander** posted:

Dear Susan & Family, Jon has been a part of my life for a long time...as a brother in law and as a friend. I will never forget Jon's advice & humor when he suggested I get a "three piece suit, a white shirt & interview" IBM in 1966 when I was selling tires for Firestone...that started a long career that I eventually retired from in 1997. In turn, I was very pleased to be able to arrange an interview for Jon at Compuware many years later...where his "work years" ended. Jon was always a great husband to my only sister! We will miss Jon's humor...he always had a way of "recapping an event" with a profound funny comment...like Deer hunting with him...forty five years ago...After watching 21 deer walk by him in formation in the woods one day...he finished it off with "I forgot I had a License!" RIP...my friend, God Bless you!!!Our love,David & Pam

August 27 at 9:29 AM

JS

**Janet Skok** August 27 at 2:08 PM

Susan, you and Jon have been my ideal couple married 55 years and loved and cared for each other as if first married. Your love and devotion for each other was strong. Jon will be missed at our Friday afternoon pool parties. He will be gone but never forgotten. His memory will live on in our hearts of all that loved him. Janet and Harry Skok

CN

**Carol Necker** posted:

Words cannot express the sadness that we feel. Jon was a special guy with a big heart and a great zest for life. I will never forget the vacations that we shared in Perdido Key and the great volumes of laughter that Jon presented. He was a great man and, we will miss him. Our hearts go out to Sue and the children. Prayers to you all.

August 27 at 7:38 AM

MS

**Mary Skrzypek** posted:

So sorry for your loss! You made a lot of memories and we are hopeful they we carry this difficult time! We weren't very close through the years but I feel we knew we were there for each other! Love Chet and Mary Skrzypek!

August 27 at 6:19 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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