



John Patrick Breen

September 8, 1956 - June 23, 2018

John Patrick Breen Age 61

June 23, 2018

Beloved husband of Kathy for 33 years.

Dear father of Patrick and Sarah (Shane) Britz.

Caring brother of Mary Breen, Pattie (Bill Morgan) Breen, and Linda Breen.

Proud uncle of many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

John loved being with his family camping, fishing, and listening to his loud music while barbequing a great meal. He was an avid Detroit sports fan never giving up on his beloved Lions. John worked in facilities management for the Daughters of Charity/St John Health from 1981-2013. He was a respected manager who worked alongside his staff. John never missed an opportunity to lovingly tease and poke fun at someone.

A celebration of John's life will take place Saturday July 28, 2018 4:00pm at the Washington Lions Banquet Center 58000 Van Dyke Avenue Washington Township, Michigan 48094.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center (SVSF Center) 16800 Trinity Detroit MI 48219-3968 Click here to donate (<https://www.svsfcenter.org/>) or the Leader Dogs for the Blind 1039 S. Rochester Road. Rochester Hills, MI. Click here to donate (<http://www.leaderdog.org/>)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **28**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Washington Lions Banquet Center
58000 Van Dyke Ave
Washington Township, MI 48094

Tribute Wall

CL

“ John and I met in the mid-80's as recent college graduates and coworkers at the SV-SFC. John never really had the opportunity to put his Tech Forestry skills to work. He did, however, use his heart to nurture and grow needy boys into stronger young men. He continued to serve others throughout his career with his unique skills and amazing intellect.

I am a wealthy man today because John was a life-long friend who could ALWAYS make me laugh. Our children grew up together in wet tents on Summer vacation camping trips from Warren Dunes to Tobermory Ontario to Muskallonge Lake near Superior. We spent hours together chasing off bold racoons and recording "Johnisms" (his many idiosyncratic funny sayings for all occasions). Does anyone have a copy? We went fishing every Spring for the U P "trout opener" and skiing every Winter, where we ate from the communal "trough" each evening. So many special and cherished memories!

John's friendship toward others knew no bounds. I'll always remember him as a brother. At the low point of my life John and Kathy had the grace and compassion to allow me to move into their home without questions. Who do you know that is capable of practicing such Christian charity in their everyday lives? I am forever grateful for John and Kathy's love.

You are missed brother!!!

Christopher Lowler - July 25, 2018 at 05:09 PM

PB

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Pattie Breen - June 27, 2018 at 01:49 PM

MC

Pattie, you and your family remain in my prayers. If he was anything like you, he must have been amazing. 💖

Martha Torre Carter - June 28, 2018 at 12:49 PM

KB

He was almost as amazing as Pattie! The whole Breen family is amazing. Such a gift to be a part of it. Thanks for you thoughts and prayers! Kathy Breen

Kathy Breen - June 28, 2018 at 01:38 PM

PB

Thanks for your kind thoughts and prayers Martha.

Pattie Breen - June 30, 2018 at 08:39 PM

DM

“ There is simply no one else who can barbecue a turkey with John's intentionality and style! His smile, laughter and impish teasing (usually political) lights up beloved memories of my brother-in-law. - David Mesenbring

David Mesenbring - June 27, 2018 at 12:49 PM

KB

Thanks Dave! His teasing was usually political because he thought he could still "win" at that...he would have teased about football more..but he was a Lions fan...not much to say about that!

Kathy Breen - June 28, 2018 at 01:41 PM