



John Michael Peteuil

September 21, 1928 - December 12, 2020

PETEUIL, JOHN MICHAEL passed on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at the age of 92. Beloved husband of Alfreda "Freda". Loving father of Sheryl, Michael, Jon, Ron(Shelly), Don, Gary & Robert. Proud grandfather of 9 and great grandfather of 5. John was predeceased by his parents John & Helen and siblings, Bernadine & Evelyn. John was born on September 21, 1928 in Centerline, MI. He attended and played football for St. Clements High School. John's focus in life was a strong devotion to his faith and a great love of his family. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. Funeral Saturday Instate 10:30am at St. Thomas More Church 4580 N Adams Rd Troy MI. (btw Wattles & Long Lake) until of Mass at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers donations are welcome to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Instate

DEC 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
4580 N. Adams Road
Troy, MI 48098

Funeral Mass

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John Michael Peteuil*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - December 18, 2020 at 12:22 PM

CP

My dad and John were best buddies. My Dad would take us to the dealership (often) to get our cars serviced. John was the service manager and he took great care of all our cars! We also had priority treatment whereas we would take our cars to your house, leave the car and keys and get the car returned with all the repairs or service completed. I have been in my Royal Oak house now over 30 years and have never used my garage for its intended purpose. John, however, did. He needed a storage unit for one of his vintage vehicles so he stored it in my garage one winter. I recall this being the first I learned that moth balls were a deterrent to mice as John spread them inside and out of the vehicle he was storing. Nice fragrance! I will always remember him for the friendship and camaraderie he had with my Dad as well as my family. May John Rest In Peace and be with our Lord.

Christina Pratnicki - January 08, 2021 at 05:56 PM

AN

“ *Dear Freda, I'm so very sorry to hear of John's passing. My sincerest condolences to you and the family.*

Angela Miles, Belsono Hearing Center

Angela - January 25, 2021 at 12:54 PM

JT

“ I always remember grandpa being a kind and gentle presence when he was around. I have fond memories of him and grandma at our Wedding dancing the night away. I was so happy to have them both there on that day. You are missed, I will always remember your smiling face. I love you, rest in peace.

Adina Marie-Peteuil Thomas

My memories of John are that of a kind and pleasant man. I remember sitting at the kitchen table chatting about life and cars and everything in between. Although it has been years since we were able to share such nice moments I will always remember and cherish those moments. John, you are truly missed, and may you rest in peace.

Jared Thomas

Jared and Adina Thomas - January 24, 2021 at 11:49 AM

CP

“ My dad and John were best buddies. I would often have to take our cars to either the dealership, or the Petueil home and leave the keys, to have our many cars serviced. John took good care of us and our cars. This was a ritual for both my Dad and John and good reason to see each other. no it only were John and my Dad good friends, but Frieda and my Mom were as well. The 4 of them often spent time together, exchanging gifts at Christmas and often in touch with each other I or seeing each other through out the year. I've lived in my house over 30 years now, never using my garage for it's intended purpose for my own vehicles. Joh, however, did. He needed an winter storage area for one of his vintage vehicle so I offered my unused garage. John brought his vehicle over and proceeded to stock it with moth balls to deter the mice, should they think they could move in for the winter too. I learned something new from John - that mice don't like moth balls don't. John was a good, kind, caring person and great friend to my Dad and family.

Christina Pratnicki - January 08, 2021 at 06:25 PM

RP

Has it really been a month already

ron peteuil - January 11, 2021 at 12:11 AM

FR

“ John helped everyone. He always carried a rosary in his pocket, even in his swimsuit. He had a strong faith, I’ve never ever heard him swear, and he was an usher an EME at St Louise de Marillac Church in Warren for 61 years.

He was committed to marriage and we made it work - we were married 67 years and had seven children. We had disagreements, but no real arguments ... he learned to say “Yes Dear” in our first year of marriage.

John worked 62 years for Chrysler, and was a legend with the Corporation and Mopar.

He graduated from St Clemens High School, played football, was a paratrooper (82nd Airborne), flew small planes, enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and boating, and loved dancing. He won a couple dancing contest on roller skates.

John also met Pope John II (now St. John Paul II) in the Vatican four times, the highlight of his life.

I am a better person because I married him. He will be missed forever.



Freda - December 23, 2020 at 03:36 PM

MP

“ I’ll never forget when I would pick berries with my Grandpa, John Peteuil, as a young girl in my grandparents backyard. I came across some of those pictures recently and I couldn’t help but smile. The times I spent with him will be with me for the rest of my life and I truly do miss him. He was a wonderful grandfather to me and although we could not visit as often as we’d like since we lived far away, I’m grateful for the time I got to spend with him. I’m even more grateful for the last time that I saw him, being able to sit with him and hold his hand. My heart goes out to the rest of my family, especially my Grandma, as we all process and grieve his loss. But I know I have another guardian Angel looking down on me and smiling. I love you, Grandpa P.

Marie Peteuil - December 20, 2020 at 12:53 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Michael Peteuil.



December 19, 2020 at 02:01 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers, I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of John. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of John's life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Peteuil family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon John.

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - December 17, 2020 at 01:53 PM

RI

“ John was a great and faithful man. We have beautiful memories of John and Alfreda in Rome having dinner together when we went to meet Pope St. John Paul II at the Vatican. Condolences to Alfreda and the family. God bless you! Rita Rossi and Robert Rossi

Rita - December 17, 2020 at 09:54 AM

JG

“ John was a kind, tender, faith-filled familyman, who always carried a rosary, and who was always there for people in their time of need. He was devoted to Our Blessed Mother.

He would often accompany Freda when she showed a house (in her real estate business). If anything in their house broke, John would fix it. He also repaired some of his neighbors lawnmowers and snowblowers.

I had some wonderful conversations with John. He was not afraid to share his faith. He made me a better Catholic! He was a soft-spoken, humble man, who worked hard to provide for his family.

I am confident that John is now in Heaven praying for us all.

Freda and Gary were angel-like caregivers to John during his long illness.

I pray that God will comfort you and give you His Peace.

God bless you.

John Gillen

John Gillen - December 16, 2020 at 09:41 PM

MP

“ So many memories, so grateful for them all!!

Dad was a huge influence on me from an early age. Something I didn't realize until much later in life.

His mechanical mind and ability to seemingly fix anything, created a curiosity and drive in me that I carry to this day. At 9-10 yrs old I would disassemble things just to see how they worked. If I struggled to figure it out, Dad was always there to show me the way.

He became a legend in the automotive community, specifically within Mopar. He was held in very high regard by all that knew him.

I was fortunate to work with him part time as a teen. (remember having to prove myself as I was the boss's Son) He was larger than life in the Dealership arena. When things got tough, Johnny was the man to see. He even moonlighted writing portions of service manuals and teaching at the community college.

One of the happiest days of his life was when he and the Dealership were awarded the first ever five star service award. (Which also came with a very nice bonus) A very proud moment for Dad.

He created in me a work ethic that has served me well to this day. Integrity, curiosity, determination and the courage to believe in myself were all things I learned growing up as Johnny's oldest Son. One quote that has always stuck with me is "if it's worth doing, it's worth doing right".

Dad also loved his weekends. In the summer he spent much of his time on Lk St Clair fishing. He knew that lake like the back of his hand, as he would say. (something I'm sure Mom was thrilled about) Fishing was his escape and happy place.

Dad also seemed to always be there for Mom. He loved helping her with what she needed in her real estate career. Always putting up her signs and whatever else she needed. He was just that kind of person that was always helping people.

Dad was strong in his faith as well. He and Mom made the trip to Rome 4 times to personally be with Pope John Paul, once taking several of us with them.

Dad, you set a pretty high standard. You were a great roll model. I wouldn't be the man I am today had I not had the privilege of growing up as your oldest Son. For that I am FOREVER GRATEFUL,

Until we meet again, Love you Always, your Son Mike

michael j peteuil - December 16, 2020 at 09:26 PM

RO

Wow, could not agree more, that was the dad I knew too!

Ron - December 16, 2020 at 09:35 PM

JP

“ I will always remember the camping, fishing, hunting (including deciding who would be the one warming the outhouse seat on the cold mornings, Pinconning - especially the H&H Bakery, being with you when you shot one of the biggest deer taken in MI one year, and seeing your smile firsthand, etc.), boating (even though I got sick a few times on Lake St Clair), and family vacations (especially the 50th wedding anniversary trip to Rome that included the opportunity to meet Pope John Paul II in person; sorry about the week I spent in Orange Memorial Hospital on one trip to FL), among many other memories. The knowledge about cars you shared and taught is priceless. You always had our best interests in mind, even though I may not have always seen or understood at the time. Your commitment and dedication to everything you did, especially to your marriage and family, was a great lesson for everyone (we saw and noticed). I wish I could have spent more time with you - living across the country definitely has its downside (being away from family). It made me really appreciate even more the many trips you and Mom made it out here for the holidays (even though I'm sure the weather had a lot to do with it!). I love you Dad. You were a great father.

Jon Peteuil - December 16, 2020 at 10:05 AM

DP

“ Dad was truly a unique man in virtually all aspects. An incredible role model with very big shoes to fill. He could literally fix anything. We spent tons of time together because I was naturally curious and often got into trouble so my mom would “make” me go with him. As a result, I was blessed to develop his “fix anything” skill which has served me well my whole life. I also somehow got his natural bond with animals. Injured animals (wild and domestic) were always drawn to him for help and the same thing happens to me. We fished together literally thousands and thousands of times. He simply always had time for me. He never got a college degree because he had to take care of his family at 16 but his advice proved to be invaluable and I often find myself quoting him to this day. He was respected and admired by nearly all who worked with him as the “de facto” authority on seemingly everything. As I grew up, got married, and had my own kids, I came to understand how well he balanced work, kids, and being a husband and he had 4 times as many kids. A very tough act to follow for sure. His faith was unshakable as was his love for my mother. He was also a wonderful cherished Grandfather to my children, even as his health declined. I am, without a doubt, who I am today because of him and will miss him dearly. I thank God for him and the lifetime of memories with him.

Loving Son,
Don

Don Peteuil - December 16, 2020 at 02:46 AM

TY

“ I am saddened by the passing of a one of a kind, wonderful man. John was one of my fathers best friends for many years and he and Freda very dear to our family. John was a legend with Mopar parts and at the dealership. I can hear my dad now, call John about the car. They shared a love of cars. More than being great at his work John was a wonderful friend and family man. He was so kind to everyone and always there for anyone who needed his help. May God welcome him home and perpetual light shine upon him. God bless his family and all who mourn his loss. Tania Pratnicki Young

Tania Pratnicki Young - December 15, 2020 at 09:30 PM