



John C. Dobat

September 25, 1964 - March 19, 2025

DOBAT, JOHN C. Age 60 March 19, 2025 Loving father of Joseph Dobat, Charles Dobat & Grace Dobat. Dearest brother of Leslie Mason, Nancy (Dean) Waineo & Tom (Kelly) Dobat. Dear son of the late Richard & the late Natalie Dobat.

John had a passion early on in life for music. He wrote and sang many songs over his lifetime and was most comfortable with a guitar in his hands. He had been in many bands over the years, country music in the 1980's, then soon excelled at and most enjoyed folk and bluegrass, especially for many years as a member of The Hackwell's band. His creativity spilled over into video making and singing for his Marysville school students, a social work career he wished he had found earlier in his life, as he so enjoyed working with and helping his elementary students. He truly loved them all.

Memorial Visitation Friday, March 28, 2024 from 3-9pm with 7:00pm Sharing of Memories at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. (SHELBY TOWNSHIP). Donations in John's honor are welcome to the American Cancer Society. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

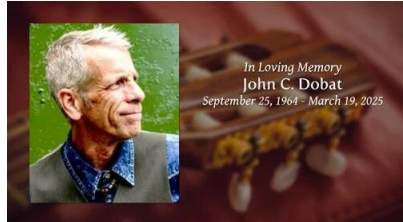
MAR **28**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, Shelby Township
54880 Van Dyke
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Tribute Wall



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



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - March 27, 2025 at 12:46 PM

KA

“ *My Deepest condolences to the family and friends of John. I worked with John briefly at the Center for Counseling. I am so very Sorry to hear of his passing. He was always a Superb therapist and Great man!! Rest in Peace John Karen Aiosa*

Karen Aiosa - April 09, 2025 at 06:22 PM

JK

“ *3 files added to the album tribute*



jeremy k - March 30, 2025 at 01:03 PM

JK

“ 4 files added to the album tribute



jeremy k - March 29, 2025 at 02:42 PM

VH

“ Mr. Dobat and my middle son Gavin. John was a light that helped my babies get through some extremely tough losses (3 back to back) at very early ages! He called me to listen, to learn how to help my boys through it. For almost 2 hours we chatted on the phone. I cried. He cried. He listened to my own worries, concerns, grief and promised to help me get my boys smiling again! No words can express my gratitude for that! I'll never be able to express what he has done for our family. Gavin loved spending time with him and was with him often, always welcomed! Landon was blessed to have him guide him as well during those times. My littlest Owen is the little red head in the school pictures with the smile on his face! He brought such light! My husband got to know him outside of school and he was always the happiest guy in the room! We will miss his smile and ability to make you feel better with his listening and wisdom. Prayers and love to all his family! We are so grateful for the time we had with John! ❤️



Valene Helmrich - March 28, 2025 at 04:21 PM

MS

“ John was a beautiful light in my life. The best listener on the planet. He has the gift of lending a sincere ear and understanding of the other people no matter their situation. He was always attentive to others needs and unselfish with his time. I will miss his infectious laugh, love, stoicism and creative light he shed on all of us over the years. Love you friend.

Mike

Mike Schmidt - March 28, 2025 at 08:40 AM

MA

“ Michael A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. Dobat.

Michael A. - March 28, 2025 at 08:29 AM

SB

“ 3 files added to the album Music with Friends



Shirley Barnett - March 27, 2025 at 05:20 PM

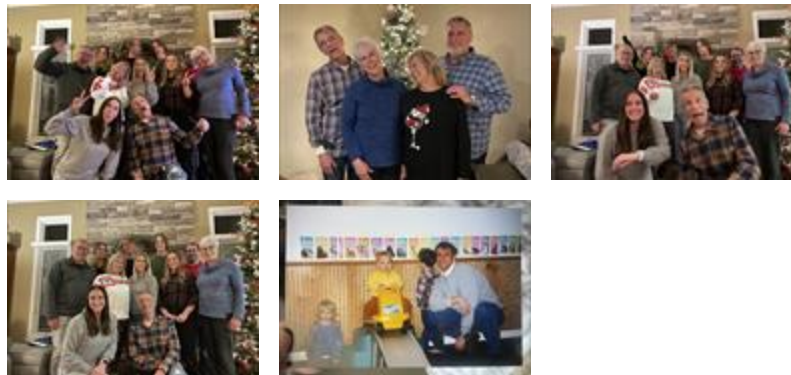
DS

“ Dan S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. Dobat.

Dan S. - March 27, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ 14 files added to the album Family



Rebecca Waineo - March 27, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John C. Dobat.

March 27, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ My collaborator, my friend, my brother. I have had the pleasure of creating & playing music with John for many years. We were able to record many of his great songs, play a lot of cool places and meet tons of great people; the privilege to do so (while making a little money) was never lost on any of us. My wife and I extend heartfelt condolences to his 3 beautiful kids as well as his siblings and other extended family. John you will be missed. Love you brother!



Jeff Schott - March 26, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ We had some real fun times back in the day! Until we meet again. We will miss your fun and kind spirit, but we will always remember you!



Dorlene Page - March 25, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John C. Dobat.*



March 24, 2025 at 07:44 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Dobat.*



March 24, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ *John helped my boys so much in elementary school I thought I would share my sons favorite picture of him. Mr Dobat was one of a kind and well be missed very much.*



David Stenske - March 22, 2025 at 06:09 PM

JN

“ 15 files added to the album *High School Friends over the Years*



James Neuville - March 22, 2025 at 01:48 PM

MM

“ 1 file added to the album *Family*



Matt McLeod - March 22, 2025 at 09:53 AM

JO

“ *Our sympathy and prayers surround you: Leslie, Nancy, Tom, and your Families, and your brother John's Family. The Lord is your Comfort (Ephesians 3:18 - how wide, how long, how high, how deep God's love is). Love from Janet & John and The Daverts.*



Janet Ovcjak - March 22, 2025 at 09:28 AM

CR

“ John gave of himself to all he encountered. He had a gift of connecting with people. His kind, caring, gentle soul was the support that helped so many children navigate life. When we interviewed John for the position of school social worker, his “Potty Song” (to help children master bathroom skills) sealed the deal! We will miss you more than we can express. Prayers for the family, and all who loved John Dobat.

Cyndy Raymo - March 22, 2025 at 12:01 AM

BB

“ Mr. Dobat was a wonderfully kind and considerate counselor for my son with autism when he was young. We were having a difficult time and I remember his kindness and compassion. We are very sorry to hear the world has lost such an exceptional person

Becky Babcock - March 21, 2025 at 10:33 PM

JN

“ 15 files added to the album High School Friends over the Years



James Neuville - March 21, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Dobat.



March 21, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John C. Dobat.

March 21, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ Such a great consoler.. he helped the boys through their Grandmother's sudden death and later with their dad's deep depression that was taking a toll on them too
I'm Not sure I was ever able to thank him enough for that



Maureen Webber - March 21, 2025 at 11:01 AM

DN

“ Met John Fall of 1991. We were both "like a lost ball in high weeds" as Phil would like to say. We both were pretty much lost causes and guilty of a wasted life up to that point. We became roommates in Rochester, a cute little duplex on Hacker Street. Starting from pretty much scratch, we both set about the journey of building a life for ourselves, one day at a time, with the help of friends like Phil Lewis and many others. Today, pretty much anything good or worthwhile in my life I owe to those years spent with John.

I always loved the movie "It's A Wonderful Life". You never know the difference one person can make in the lives of so many others. I would not like to see how it would have turned out had John Dobat not been there with me back in the early 1990s.

My wife, Rebecca, daughter Lauren, and myself would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family, especially the beautiful children created in the time John spent with Jodi.

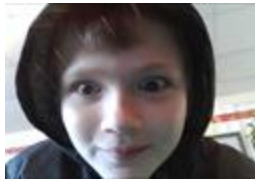
One person can make a huge difference in other people's lives. John sure did with me.



David Neumann - March 21, 2025 at 09:11 AM

TR

“ Im miss u mr dobat my social counciler



tristan - March 21, 2025 at 08:27 AM



“ *Mr. Dobate was such a kind compassionate man when it came to helping 2 of my sons with personal issues at home. He guided them through a difficult time with grace and support. He never hesitated to reach out to let us know how the boys were doing and offering up his continuing support. We thank him for being there when no one else could. Prayers to his family, friends and colleagues.*

Sarah Stover - March 21, 2025 at 07:14 AM

MW

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I'm Not sure I was ever able to thank him enough for that*

Maureen Webber - March 21, 2025 at 10:51 AM

YS

“ *John was such a kind soul to work with. He was curious and open to learn how to reach the hearts of our children who struggled in navigating this world. I enjoyed our conversations and laughter. God's Blessings to your family John and rest well in God's grace. Love, Yvette*

Yvette Slease - March 20, 2025 at 09:52 PM

TT

“ *We are sending our condolences to his family! John helped both my kids in school. He had such a way with children. God bless you John may you rest in peace!*

Tara True - March 20, 2025 at 08:59 PM

DS

“ John (Mr Dobat) you had a wonderful gift when it came to working with children. My sons and I just adored you, there were times when we leaned on you and you supported us. Thank you John for being there, I don't know what we would have done without you. May you rest in peace, and know that you will be missed here on Earth. The Stenske family.

David Stenske - March 20, 2025 at 08:51 PM

JL

“ 1 file added to the album Music with Friends



John Little - March 20, 2025 at 04:51 PM

JK

This is pure fire 🔥

:)

Jeremy K - March 20, 2025 at 06:29 PM

DP

It was a great time!

Dorlene Page - March 20, 2025 at 09:27 PM

FS

“ John you left us all too soon. Life took us to different places, but I was always grateful for your friendship. Heaven got richer today, and the Earth lost a beautiful soul. You touched so many lives with your kindness and music. I consider myself fortunate that shared your talent with me, and helped me be a better musician. Godspeed, JD. ☐

Frank Simmons - March 20, 2025 at 04:27 PM

LE

“ Cannot express the sorrow for your loss. He is at peace now and for that we can be grateful. John was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Larry Everhart - March 20, 2025 at 04:16 PM

LE

“ 14 files added to the album *The Hackwells*



Larry Everhart - March 20, 2025 at 04:13 PM

LE

Many great memories with John, too many to count. One day we will make music again.

Larry Everhart - March 20, 2025 at 04:50 PM

JK

“ Thank you John for all the good times, good songs and good memories. I’m deeply honored to have known you. Until we gather once again...

Jeremy K - March 20, 2025 at 04:05 PM

DO

“ My condolences to all of the family and the extended family. I loved being around John. He was a passionate, musically talented father who adored his children. He was honest and vulnerable, strong yet humble. John's perseverance in his comittment to develop a relationship with a God of his understanding led him to impact the lives of many unknown names and faces. And this made the world a better place. I will truly miss him and always have a place for him in my heart. Sincerly, David, Maria, Luke and Kate Olsowy.

David Olsowy - March 20, 2025 at 04:04 PM

MR

John, you will be missed. A friend and a companion when I needed it the most.

Matthew Raleigh - March 20, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Dobat.



March 20, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John C. Dobat.

March 20, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ The heavens have been blessed with a new arrival. John's gentle presence was always like a soothing song. Being with him was like receiving a gift every time it happened.

John Little - March 20, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ The Stefanac Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John C. Dobat.



The Stefanac Family - March 20, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ The Stefanac Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. Dobat.

The Stefanac Family - March 20, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ John L. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. Dobat.

John L. - March 20, 2025 at 03:39 PM