



## John Bove

November 25, 1941 - March 26, 2025

John Bove, age 83, passed away on March 26, 2025. He is survived by his wife Sharon Bove for 62 loving years; his sons Vince (Lisa), Daniel (Karen) and Matthew (Angie); six wonderful grandchildren Jon (Angela), Jessica (Zack), Julia, Alesha, Megan and Brianna who were greatly loved; and three great-grandsons Theo, Noah and Jackson, they were the apple of his eye.

John retired from Ford Motor Company and started a business of selling and restoring collectable items like Jukeboxes, old games called Games People Play. This was his greatest passion. John was quick witted, funny, kind, very caring and loved. He will be missed dearly by all of those who knew and loved him.

# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Cemetery

621 West Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Instate

MAR 31. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church  
53600 Mound Road  
Shelby Twp., MI 48316

## Funeral Mass

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church  
53600 Mound Road  
Shelby Twp., MI 48316



# Tribute Wall

LE

“ I used to work with John and Sharon at the store on Gratiot John always was good for a laugh a giggle and also enjoyed teaching about his passion. My deepest condolences go out to the family sincerely Lena Andriths

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**Lens** - January 03 at 09:54 PM

CF

“ Cimino and Socci families purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of John Bove.



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**Cimino and Socci families** - March 29, 2025 at 11:13 PM

KA

“ I met my good friend, John (J.B. to me) 35+ years ago at the Chicagoland Coin Op show. What began as another round of haggling with some guy over the price of slot machines I was selling, evolved into one of my most treasured "friend" relationships. Although we lived 700 miles apart, we spoke frequently on the phone and managed to spend multiple extended weekends with our wives each year. John and Sharon would play host whenever we were "on the road" and in the neighborhood. John and Sharon were awesome "tour guides", introducing us to many of the Motor City's cool attractions, including days at the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, numerous antique stores, and so many great restaurants. Some of my favorite memories of John, collectively, are the numerous crises (mostly minor, some major) involving boats, boat lifts, wave runners, vehicles, trailers, coin machines, etc., etc. John had a unique way of keeping cool (mostly) in the middle of the crisis at hand, by making some extremely clever joke, as we worked through a solution. John had, by far, the quickest wit and incredible deadpan delivery of anybody I have ever known. John enjoyed life and all the people in his life - as we enjoyed him. John added quality to the lives of all his family & friends; He was a "giver", not a "taker". John was confident and yet humble; he possessed all the qualities that "good" people should aspire to. I love you John...I'm going to miss you terribly, but I look forward to seeing you again at Heaven's gate... Kent Anderson

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**Kent Anderson** - March 29, 2025 at 07:05 PM

K&

“ Kent &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Bove.

Kent &. - March 29, 2025 at 05:11 PM

GT

“ I met John through the love of Coin op antiques. John would come to the Coin op show in Chicago and we would hang out going to dinner and talking about our next project and what we were working on. I use to visit john when he had a warehouse and show room in his home town. John's knowledge in coin op will be missed. Rest in peace my friend.

george tomaras - March 29, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Bove.



March 29, 2025 at 10:21 AM

GT

“ George Tomaras planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Bove.

George Tomaras - March 29, 2025 at 10:21 AM

GT

“ George Tomaras purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Bove.



George Tomaras - March 29, 2025 at 10:21 AM

FF

“ From Paul Henderson & Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of John Bove.



From Paul Henderson & Family - March 28, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Bove.



March 28, 2025 at 01:46 PM

VA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



vicki Anderson - March 28, 2025 at 11:32 AM

VA

*We always loved our time spent with John and Sharon. We met through the love of antiques, but the love grew with our friendship knowing our friends. Our children grew up knowing them and loved both of them, but John was the guy that the kids had many laughs with. Auntie Sharon kept everyone in line (including John!). John will be missed by all the Anderson household. Rest in peace my friend...Love always Vicki*

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**vicki Anderson** - March 28, 2025 at 11:39 AM

JK

“ *What a great life experience with John. His wit was so sharp... always had us in stitches. From age 12, I grew up with John on Lemay (between Warren and Shoemaker. As kids we were always ducking the nuns (John lived next door to the nuns' convent) and the nuns were always asking us to run to the local store for milk, bread 😊. We both went on to St Joseph High School. Many years later we found each other again after marriage and kids all grown. Car cruises, trips to Florida or just having dinner out with our wives, Sharon and Mary. John never failed to keep us laughing. We came full circle in our 2nd childhood. If there's a Games People Play in heaven, you can bet John will greet you with a bubbler juke box playing 50's tunes. Rest in peace my friend in the arms of the Lord. ❤️🙏. Jim & Mary Karam  
In God We Trust!!*

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**Jim & Mary Karam** - March 27, 2025 at 05:47 PM

AH

“ *All our love, Julie & Ken Howell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Bove.*



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**All our love, Julie & Ken Howell** - March 27, 2025 at 12:30 PM

LF

“ *Live, The Waraniak Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Bove.*



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**Live, The Waraniak Family** - March 27, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Bove.*



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March 27, 2025 at 09:47 AM



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



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March 27, 2025 at 07:40 AM

TS

“ *The Schultes purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Bove.*



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**The Schultes** - March 26, 2025 at 07:14 PM