



John Howey

September 22, 1962 - April 28, 2026

It is with profound sadness and love that we announce the passing of John Patrick Howey, who departed this world on April 28, 2026, after a courageous battle with illness. He was surrounded by the warmth and care of his beloved family and friends.

John was the cherished son of Barbara and Leslie Trelfa. John leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion. He is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Michelle, whom he met in 1985 and married on September 18, 1987. Their partnership was a testament to enduring love, shared dreams, and countless cherished moments. Together, they enjoyed a life filled with laughter, attending concerts, savoring their coffee talks, and sharing treasured memories with lifelong friends Bruce and Shell.

John was a devoted father to his children, Jeremy (Danielle) and Jessica (Benjamin), who were his pride and joy. His love for them was only matched by his adoration for his three grandchildren Ava, Liam, and Paisley, whose lives he enriched with his joyful spirit and unwavering support. Known fondly as Grandpa, John never missed a chance to cheer them on at soccer games, gymnastics, school performances, and horse shows. His presence, marked by

his silly voices, big mustache, and ever-present cup of coffee, will be dearly missed.

He was a beloved brother to Andrea Zomerfeld, Mark Howey, Matthew Howey, and Luke Howey, each of whom held a special place in his heart. John's family was always an important part of his life. He was greatly loved by many nieces and nephews. Always together through family birthday parties, celebrations, and the classic Christmas traditions.

For 39 honorable years, John was a dedicated and hardworking employee at Canfield Equipment, where his commitment and work ethic were admired by all who had the privilege of working alongside him. His colleagues remember him as a man of integrity and kindness, whose presence was a source of inspiration.

Outside of work, John found joy and peace in simple pleasures. He was an avid fisherman, a lover of classic cars, watching the Detroit Lions, and treasured every moment spent with friends and family. However, his most cherished role was that of a grandfather, a role he embraced with love and enthusiasm.

A celebration of John's remarkable life will be held on May 1, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Mandziuk & Sons, located at 3801 18 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI

48314. Friends and family are invited to gather in remembrance of a life well-lived and a man well-loved.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in John's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, an organization dear to his heart. Donations can be made at [St. Jude's Donation Page](#).

John Patrick Howey touched the lives of many with his warmth, humor, and unwavering love. His spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. Rest in peace, dear John. Your legacy of love and kindness will never be forgotten.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Instate

MAY 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to hear of your passing ole friend. My heart goes out to your immediate family. Also to Andrea, Mark, Mathew, Luke and all your spouses. My prayer is that you will know a peace of Gods promise that his children when not present in the body go home to be with our Lord in Jesus name we pray. Amen

Terrence-Alex G. Cobb - April 30 at 10:34 PM

JR

John was a great neighbor. Our daughters went to school together.

Justin Rivera - June 03 at 04:56 PM

LB

“ By thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. Great friends and family John will be missed by all.

Lynda Barry - April 30 at 08:26 PM

SD

He trained me at work. He was an honorable man.

Stephen Dennish - June 03 at 04:55 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Howey.



April 30 at 08:42 AM



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

April 30 at 08:42 AM



“ I've known John and Michelle before Jessica and Jeremy were born. No one's cut John's hair except for myself for the last 30 years or so.
My heart is breaking. I was more than just his Stylist. We were friends.
I'm so sad. I am here for Michelle for whatever she may want or need. I am sitting here reminiscing great memories.
I love this family dearly.
Love, Verna Studio 9 Salon.

Verna Borsuck - April 29 at 05:36 PM