



John Harvey Thomas LaForest

December 30, 1939 - March 11, 2017

In Loving Memory of John Harvey La Forest

We were given the gift of life, so that we may return that life, and move on to our everlasting existence with our Lord. John Harvey La Forest, a beloved and devoted, husband, father and friend returned that life on March 11, 2017 at the age of 77.

John's legacy will live on through his soul mate Helen La Forest and his beloved children, Joyce and her husband Randy Pakos, John Jr., and Lisa. Also survived by his beloved sisters, Mary Ann and Pat, brother and sister in law Don and Debbie Haberski, and sister in law Pauline Zorza, as well as his nephew and nieces, Eugene, Elizabeth, Emily, and Sonya. Predeceased by his parents, John and Marion La Forest, and his dearly loved brother, Eugene.

A man strong in faith, in character and wisdom, though of few words his presence and impact made a difference in the lives of all he met. A man of integrity who remained true and resolute even till the very end, faithful and committed, he did not waver in faith at any point in time. Though we mourn the loss of his life here with us, he leaves us with a legacy of examples to live by and will always remain in our hearts, minds, and a voice guiding us not only in this life but also as a path we can follow home.

Family, friends, and others whose lives John touched are invited to celebrate his life and his journey home.

Sunday March 19, 2017

E J Mandziuk & Son Funeral

3801 18 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Immediate family viewing from 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Visitation from 3:00 – 8:00 pm

Monday March 20, 2017

Faith Lutheran Church

37635 Dequindre Rd, Troy, MI 48083

Instate: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Services: 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Please join us as we celebrate John's life and his journey home to eternal peace with our Savior and Lord.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Faith Lutheran Church
37635 Dequindre
Troy, MI 48083

Funeral Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Lutheran Church
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Troy, MI 48083

Tribute Wall



“ *John Harvey Thomas LaForest*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *John Harvey Thomas LaForest*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Harvey Thomas LaForest.*



March 19, 2017 at 09:39 AM



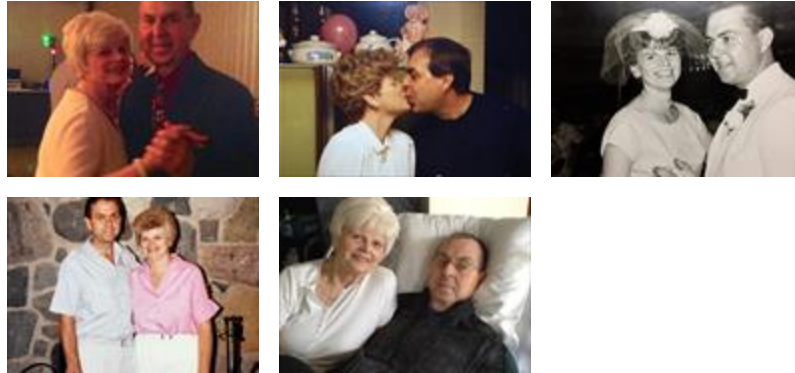
“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John Harvey Thomas LaForest.*



March 17, 2017 at 01:26 PM



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Lisa La Forest - March 17, 2017 at 10:36 AM

SM

“ *Although I have not seen Mr. La Forest in many years, I have so many memories of him when I was a kid growing up. Lisa and I grew up together and have many childhood memories together, many of them in the pool, rollerskating, listenng to music in the basement and Mr. and Mrs. L always a part of it. May God wrap you n his his arms as he welcomes you home to Paradise. Prayers to Helen, Joyce, Johnny and Lisa.*

Sherri Mertz - March 16, 2017 at 05:37 PM

BS

“ *John was more than a cousin he was a friend. He had a great sense of humor, and I loved that impish look he would get on his when he was telling a good story.*

bill stinton-czuprynski - March 15, 2017 at 08:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Harvey Thomas LaForest.*



March 15, 2017 at 02:59 PM



“ *John was my cousin, he and Helen were always a special couple with wonderful children. I hope Helen will reach out to me if I can be of any service to her.*

With love, Sue Gotfried

Susan Gotfried - March 15, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ *John & Helen have been my neighbor for 11 years, They have been such kind & helpful neighbors. Will miss John & hope I can be there for Helen...*

Agnes Brenton - March 15, 2017 at 09:20 AM



“ *We have been friends for 50 plus years . John and Art played high school football together and joined the army together . Art has many good memories of he and John. John fondly called me Mary "flu". We will miss him greatly.
From Art and Mary Lou.*

Art and Mary Lou Norkiewicz - March 14, 2017 at 08:54 PM

GM

“ *May the angels wrap their arms around you as you go through your grief journey. Love you.*



Ginger McAvoy - March 14, 2017 at 06:16 PM