



John Poholsky

August 6, 1933 - March 2, 2022

Beloved husband of Suzanne.

Loving father of Nancy (Jay) Parker, Pam (Greg) Lehman, and Carol (Derek) Triffle.

Cherished grandfather of Jarod, Collin, Jacob, Tyler, Cole and Casey.

Dearest brother of the late Tom (Dory) Poholsky, Mary Ellen (the late Richard) Dembeck, Cathy (Robert) McCarthy, Irene (Gordon) Nosakowski, and Paul Poholsky (Darcel Stephan).

Also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews who adored him.

Preceded in death by his parents George and Mary, his brother Tom and nephew Tom Jr.

Mr. John Poholsky. Big John to some. Johnny to others. The Big D. If you knew him, you know he was always smiling, always laughing, always complaining, always telling a story. He grew up in Detroit when there were horse and wagons still delivering the ice and milk, spent years playing baseball in the minors, served in the Korean War, remembers tanks going down his street during the riots, had a career teaching English and counseling in Hamtramck, and was looked up to as the patriarch of his large Slovak family for so many years.

He could talk sports all day, and was happiest in his golden years driving

around the U.S. with his wife Sue or driving down the fairway. He was known as the Coupon King and always on the lookout for a good local fish fry. His faith was important to him, and he was an active member of St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church in Sterling Heights. John made lifelong friends wherever he went, from grade school to Kanter Street, from his years playing baseball to Hamtramck High, and from church to Church Hill Drive.

These last years, he was happiest around his six grandkids and claiming to be the Cornhole Champ. He instilled in everyone a love for family and baseball. His family is so thankful for these last days with him where he saw everyone he knew and loved. He was surrounded with so much love and laughter in such a beautiful way. We all will miss you dearly, head to your 'Field of Dreams' in the sky. And like he would say if he didn't know what to say, "Bingo Bango!"

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church (4700 Metro Parkway, Sterling Heights, MI 48310) or Solanus Casey Center (1780 Mt. Elliot St. Detroit, MI 48207).

Previous Events

Instate

MAR 7. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church
4700 Metro Parkway
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Funeral Mass

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church
4700 Metro Parkway
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Military Honors

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church
4700 Metro Parkway
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Interment

MAR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery
18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *John Poholsky*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *John Poholsky*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *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 his life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Poholsky family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon John.*

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - March 14, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ *Danielle lit a candle in memory of John Poholsky*



Danielle - March 09, 2022 at 01:50 AM

SS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Susan Seitz - March 07, 2022 at 08:46 AM

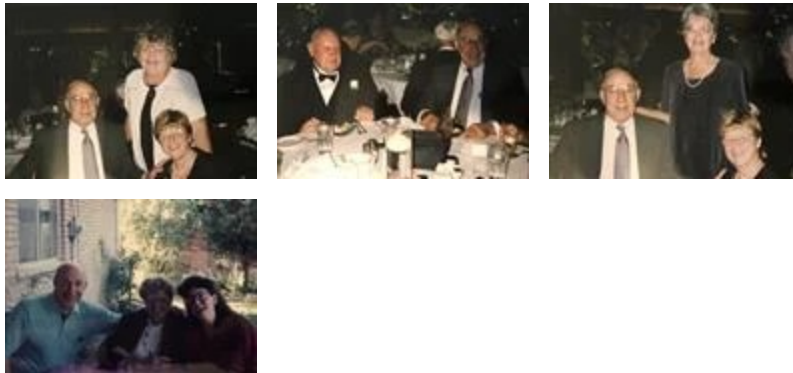
NA

Thanks Susan! I love these pictures!

Nancy - March 08, 2022 at 02:02 PM

MF

“ John Poholsky and my dad-Paul Manning go way back to the Detroit neighborhood they grew up in. I can't say enough about how much he meant to him through his life..golfing, casino and sports buddies with John Koval too. So many memories and stories that my dad cherished among his very favorite. Through the very last days of his life he loved visiting with John.



Michele Fedorowicz - March 06, 2022 at 04:51 PM

NA

Michelle, Thank you for posting these pics! I love looking at them and they bring back good memories of when our parents visited each other and we played games and had loads of fun.

Nancy - March 08, 2022 at 02:11 PM

PP

“ *Sue, Nancy, Pam, Carol and family,*

Whenever John walked into a room, he brought the sunshine in with his huge smile. I'm so sorry for all of you, but so grateful to have known him.

Love, Pat Paholsky



Pat Paholsky - March 06, 2022 at 02:39 PM

NA

Pat and Pam, thank you for this and also for the hugs at the visitation. I will always cherish the family reunion memories at your house! .. Nancy ❤️

Nancy - March 08, 2022 at 02:13 PM

HF

“ We always knew when Uncle John arrived at our family gatherings, his booming voice announced that I have arrived, the fun and story telling is about to begin!

Always looked forward to all his stories!

Will miss how Uncle John worked the room and took the time to hear how you and your family are doing.

His legacy among other things was his pre-meal speeches acknowledging all the families achievements big and small, as well as always taking a moment to remember those no longer with us! Always taking us down memory lane with slide shows in the basement.

The measure of a man is not your job title, how much money you make or how many things you have, but what kind of FAMILY MAN you are. Uncle John was a man's man in this regard.

Uncle John was and will always be a MAN among men when it comes to his family!

Uncle John, you will be greatly missed but never forgotten!

Love You Always,

The Hitchcock Family

Hitchcock Family - March 06, 2022 at 10:20 AM

CT

Beautiful. ❤️❤️

Carol Triffle - March 06, 2022 at 10:42 AM

CZ

Jay and I were treated to brunch at Johnny and Sue's house a few months ago. Four hours later, we finally said goodbye after Johnny regaled us with stories, photo albums of Kantor Street days, and animated anecdotes about my parents and other loved ones no longer with us. Johnny I will miss you. As a little girl, you were bigger than life and over the decades since then I have been blessed to see your true legacy, your beautiful family. Peace.

christine zambricki - March 06, 2022 at 12:06 PM

NA

Thank you for sharing these beautiful memories. ❤️

Nancy - March 08, 2022 at 02:21 PM

CF

“*One of the finest examples of what and whom a Brother, a Husband, a Family Father, a Leader, a Teacher of Children, and indeed a Spiritual Man should be!* He was loved respected, as he gave of himself to all whom needed him by their side, or simply his consultation or opinion. His lasting heritage will be his children, his family, the example he set for them to be the kind, loving human being he was to them each and every moment of their lives.....”! Thank you for being so vividly in all our lives, your loving sister and family!

Cathy & Bob McCarthy Family - March 06, 2022 at 07:39 AM

CT



Carol Triffle - March 06, 2022 at 10:42 AM

SS

*Much love to the Poholsky family during this difficult time. Our dads are now golfing on those green fairways in heaven
Love Susan Seitz*

Susan Seitz - March 07, 2022 at 08:12 AM

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Nancy - March 08, 2022 at 02:30 PM

MS

“ *Special connection with my cousin Johnny. He was at a football game where I had a serious knee injury. Johnny raced down to the field to be with me and comfort me as best he could before the ambulance came. What a big hearted guy. Love you Johnny.*

Mike Snyder

Mike Snyder - March 05, 2022 at 10:19 PM

CT

Thanks for sharing. Love hearing stories I've never heard before.

Carol Triffle - March 06, 2022 at 10:43 AM

NA

Mike, thank you for sharing this story with everyone. I loved my dads stories and we thank you for sharing this memory.

Nancy - March 08, 2022 at 02:37 PM

JK

“ *JOHN WAS A VERY GREAT LONG TERM FRIEND. WE MADE OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE SHARED MANY MEMORABLE MEMORIES TOGETHER OVER THE YEARS. I WILL MISS HIM. JOHN M. KOVAL*

JOHN M. KOVAL - March 05, 2022 at 09:51 PM

NA

Thank you Mr Koval, my dad deeply valued your friendship and all the memories you shared. ❤️

Nancy - March 08, 2022 at 02:49 PM

WS

“ Wally and Shirley purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of John Poholsky.



Wally and Shirley - March 05, 2022 at 05:12 PM

NA

“ Dad loved Christmas. He still signed our presents as “from Santa”.



Nancy - March 05, 2022 at 04:08 PM

CA

"Indeed, ...he was SANTA in so many a way!"

Cathy - March 06, 2022 at 07:43 AM

PL

“ Dad on the pitcher's mound. He loved playing minor league ball for the Philadelphia Phillies. He told us so many stories of his favorite pastime in his youth.



Pam Lehman - March 05, 2022 at 03:22 PM

PL

“ One of my favorite pictures of Uncle Tom, our Dad's big brother. Our Dad idolized Tom, and always looked up to him. While laying in his bed during his final days, he had a full-blown conversation with his brother who passed away over 20 years ago (as witnessed by my sister Carol). The rest of us would occasionally see my Dad raising his right arm and followed by his left arm...we truly believe him and Uncle Tom were playing catch back and forth together. I love you, Dad, and will miss my biggest cheerleader in life, - Pam



Pam Lehman - March 05, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Poholsky.



March 05, 2022 at 01:25 PM



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



March 05, 2022 at 01:22 PM

CT

“ Mom and Dad.



Carol Triffle - March 05, 2022 at 12:39 PM

SS

*He was one of the good guys. Sure did enjoy our travels with Sue and John. And I know Ed and him enjoyed their golf outings. Will miss him. Thank you sharing the pictures and the obituary was a beautiful honor to your Father
Will see you Monday. Love thought and prayers to all of you. Shirley Seitz*

Shirley Seitz - March 05, 2022 at 01:44 PM

CT

“ So many good memories taking our annual family summer cottage trip. Started in Frankfort, ended up in Alanson. Many side trips to Legs Inn. And never hearing the end of it of him claiming to be the Cornhole Champ.



Carol Triffle - March 05, 2022 at 12:36 PM

CT

“ *Dad with his brother and sisters. I love watching them together and hearing them call him Johnny. They lost their older brother Tom earlier. Dad adored and looked up to Uncle Tom and tried his darnedest to follow him to the majors.*



Carol Triffle - March 05, 2022 at 12:33 PM

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John was our big brother and became head of family after our Mom (Baba) died 25 years ago.. we had such fun times when we were all together. His passing is a tremendous loss to us.. Rest In Peace and look down upon us when we are gathered as family.

Irene Nosakowski (sister) - March 05, 2022 at 01:11 PM

CT

“ *His two favorite things. His grandkids and golf.*



Carol Triffle - March 05, 2022 at 12:30 PM

CT

“ *The Church Hill Crew.*



Carol Triffle - March 05, 2022 at 12:28 PM

CT

Apologize - I know everyone is not in this photo. I'll upload more when we find more photos tonight. :)

Carol Triffle - March 05, 2022 at 05:52 PM

CT

“ *He complained about them all the time but he was always a fan. His mom, our Baba, never missed a game. We went to a Tiger's game every year for his birthday. Go Tiger's!*



Carol Triffle - March 05, 2022 at 12:25 PM

CT

“ *Dad's little girls.*



Carol Triffle - March 05, 2022 at 11:55 AM