



## John Pregler

April 9, 1923 - April 28, 2018

### JOHN PREGLER

1923 - 2018

Dear Family and Friends it is with deep sadness to advise you of John Pregler's passing. John passed quietly with family at his side on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 9:45am. John instilled in his sons a deep love for family and friends. He cared more about his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren than himself right up to the end. Often telling family members to go home from the hospital and get some sleep. He is survived by sons, Jeff (Martha) and Bruce (Debra); Grandchildren, Scott, John (Jennifer), Carl (Amanda) and Anna; Great Grandchildren, Lucia Hannah, John Michael and April Elizabeth; and Cousins, Scott, Ann, Cindy, Wendell, Martha, Claire and Aunt Elaine.

John was born in Cannon Falls, Minnesota in 1923 and lived to the age of 95. He was an avid fisherman and lover of nature. John spent many warm summer evenings fishing for bass on Smith Lake in northern Minnesota.

John was a veteran of WWII. He served from April 1942 to November 1, 1945. John was stationed on the Aleutian Islands, Alaska, where he repaired radar and radio towers. John received the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Service Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal. He was a Marksman with the M-1 Rifle. At the end of the war, he received his Honorable Discharge. Shortly afterwards he married, Theodora Lenz (Teddy for short), He went to work for a small typewriter repair company then known as International

Business Machines (IBM). He worked hard and was promoted to Regional Manager.

For those who, know IBM is the acronym for "I've been moved". Climbing the corporate ladder throughout the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80's John's family moved from Minneapolis, to St. Louis, to Shreveport, to Omaha, to Chicago and finally settling down in West Bloomfield, MI in 1968. He retired in the mid 80's. By this time John was an avid golfer and belonged to the Oak Pointe Golf Club in Brighton. He spent many fine days with family and friends laughing and working on his game. In later years, he became Teddy's caregiver for the last 4 years of her life. After Teddy passed, never once did he complain, except to say he missed his wife.

A memorial service to celebrate John's life will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, Visitation from Noon to 4pm and a service from 4pm to 5pm at E. J. Mandziuk & Son Funeral Home, 3801 18 Mile, Sterling Heights, MI (located on the corner of Long Lake and Ryan), [www.mandziukfuneralhome.com](http://www.mandziukfuneralhome.com). A dinner will follow the service. John will be interred with military honors at a private family service at the Great Lakes Veterans Cemetery, Holly, Michigan on Thursday, May 24, 2018. Please join us Wednesday, May 23, 2018 to celebrate John's amazing life. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the following nonprofit organizations: Anglers of the Au Sable, 6050 Livernois, Troy, MI 48098 or R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing, MI 48933.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 23.** 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

**MAY 23.** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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3801 18 Mile Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Pregler*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *John Pregler*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of John Pregler.*



May 20, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John Pregler.*



May 20, 2018 at 06:03 PM

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“ *Elaine Johnson Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Pregler.*



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**Elaine Johnson Family** - May 08, 2018 at 05:58 PM