



John Van Wardhuizen

November 30, 1962 - August 12, 2019

John Van Wardhuizen unexpectedly left this world on Monday, August 12, 2019, at his home in Lovilia, Iowa.

John was born on November 30th, 1962 at the Monroe County Hospital to Arnold Sr. and Erma Alice (Beck) Van Wardhuizen. He graduated from Albia Community High School with the class of 1981. Later, John attended Indian Hills and graduated with a degree in welding, working for Star Coal in Lovilia. Afterwards, he worked at Maytag in Newton until their closing, affording him an opportunity to return to school. First, John studied at DMACC, apprenticing at ULC, and later became a High Voltage Operator Electrical Maintenance Journeyman. John travelled extensively throughout the region testing switches at substations to keep the power grid working. John enjoyed his job very much; his co-workers easily became his friends.

A 15 year member of Make it or Break It, John served as a Vice President, and Treasurer over the years. He enjoyed building specialized vehicles and running them with his friends through trails and the mud. John felt that the people in MIOBI were part of his extended family. He was a motorcycle enthusiast who loved riding his Harley Davidson Sturgis bike, being outdoors, and experiencing the open highway. At home, John gardened tomatoes and other homegrown vegetables, putting meat on the smoker, and sharing with his family and friends. Always ready for a new project, John loved working

with mechanics at home, fixing and improving his various machines. John was an all-around great guy and a great neighbor who was always willing and ready to help anyone who needed it. He was loved, respected, kind, fun, caring, reliable, and easily lit up the room with his smile.

He is survived by his siblings, Richard (Debra) Van Wardhuizen of Albia, Arnold Jr. (Marilyn "Hope") Van Wardhuizen of Ottumwa, Wayne (Jonith) Van Wardhuizen of Melcher Dallas and Beth (Craig) Morgan of Albia. John is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many good friends, including "man's best friend", Festus. He will be sorely missed by us all.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold Sr. and Erma; a sister, Mary Ellen Van Wardhuizen; and an uncle, John Van Wardhuizen; and "man's best friend", Cody.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 16, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with John's family present from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 17, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Richard Schlotter officiating. Following the service, John's body will be cremated and a private burial will be held at Oak View Cemetery at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Van Wardhuizen*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *John Van Wardhuizen*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Larry And Becky Burrell lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen*



Larry and Becky Burrell - August 20, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ *Very sad to hear of your passing John, rest in peace my friend*

John Edgren - August 19, 2019 at 08:04 PM



“ *I became reacquainted with John when I was staying in Albia, recovering from an accident three years ago and stuck in a wheelchair. I was watching everyone else at a Halloween party, dancing and having a good time. John pulled up a chair, along side mine, and kept me company. I will never forget his kindness that night when I was feeling pretty sorry for myself. I cannot imagine how much he will be missed and by how many people.*

Barbara Wallace Hughes - August 17, 2019 at 06:23 AM

BP

“ I have never met a more genuine and caring person. Even though I was only blessed to with for a brief time we became good friends. I feel a great loss for not being able to see him again in Iowa but I know I will be able to see him again in the future. I pray for his friends and family, but I rejoice in the time he had with us.



Bryan Pickett - August 16, 2019 at 09:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Van Wardhuizen.



August 16, 2019 at 08:32 PM

JS

“ Jerry & Reisha Summers lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen



Jerry & Reisha Summers - August 16, 2019 at 02:07 PM

AM

“ Ardys McGrath lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen



Ardys McGrath - August 16, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Van Wardhuizen.



August 16, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ From your Brothers and Sisters at IBEW Local 204 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Van Wardhuizen.



From your Brothers and Sisters at IBEW Local 204 - August 16, 2019 at 08:25 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was such a nice guy. It didn't matter where you saw him, he would always stop to talk. He would always mention Aunt Hen!
He was always smiling, and liked to make others smile. He will truly be missed!

Sandy Spencer - August 16, 2019 at 02:02 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.....

David pope - August 15, 2019 at 10:04 PM

BP

“ *Brad Parker lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen*



Brad Parker - August 15, 2019 at 08:42 PM

BT

“ *So sorry to hear of John's passing, I remember him from the neighborhood, although he was the youngest, and I was much older, and also saw him at dad's funeral (Dale Robnett) And that was the first time in years. I really enjoyed seeing all of the family there. Take care all of you, and again so very sorry !!!*

Bob Thompson

Bob Thompson - August 15, 2019 at 07:02 PM

RE

“ *Roger D Etter lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen*



Roger D Etter - August 15, 2019 at 12:58 PM

SC

“ *Steve And Michelle Chambers lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen*



Steve and Michelle Chambers - August 15, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Van Wardhuizen.*



August 15, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Van Wardhuizen.*



August 15, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ *Jenny McCaughey lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen*



Jenny McCaughey - August 15, 2019 at 03:23 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about john, john was not only a good man, he was a very good friend. I will always and forever remember all the fun we had while working at maytag. John, fly high with them angels. I will never ever forget you.*

Jenny McCaughey - August 15, 2019 at 03:21 AM

WS

“ Really shocked and saddened by the news of John's passing. I knew John from growing up in Albia and then working with him at Maytag. had some good times with him over the years. Hadn't seen him much after Maytag closed and he started his new career. But we did talk once in awhile. He was a great person ,and I am glad to have called him friend. Thoughts and prayers to his family and friends. He will be missed RIP John til we meet on the other side !!

Wayne Steele - August 15, 2019 at 12:22 AM

MG

“ You were such a good friend, and always were able to make people laugh. You were a friend yes but you were family to me, Alli, Dan, Jake and the rest of us and I was blessed to have you in my life. Rest In Peace brother.



Mike & Alli Gard - August 14, 2019 at 11:49 PM

BM

“ I was SO shocked and saddened to hear of Johns death! Just horrible for his family and friends!
John. May you Rest In Peace and enjoy your heavenly home!
We'll miss you here.

Bill Magie - August 14, 2019 at 10:20 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Van Wardhuizen.



August 14, 2019 at 10:06 PM

TG

“ You were a wonderful and amazing friend John. I thank God for putting you in my life. I am a happier better and extremely blessed man for having the privilege of calling you my friend. There is a celebration in heaven for God has called you home. Thanks for being in my life. Until we meet again Johnny Van... Rest in Peace brother. Tommy G.

Tommy Gearhart - August 14, 2019 at 09:59 PM

SL

“ Sarah Lang lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen



Sarah Lang - August 14, 2019 at 09:09 PM

LK

“ Lyle Kumer lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen



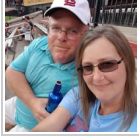
lyle kumer - August 14, 2019 at 08:56 PM

BE

“ Bill & Delinda Etter lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen



Bill & Delinda Etter - August 14, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ *Mindy Ratliff lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen*



Mindy Ratliff - August 14, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ *Brittany Malone lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen*



brittany malone - August 14, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ *Always enjoyed visiting with John! Such an awesome guy!! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers!!!*

Valerie Selby Small - August 14, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ *So very sorry....my sympathy to John's family~*

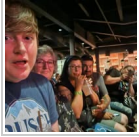
Carol Cosgrove - August 14, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ *Mieka Timmermans lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen*



Mieka Timmermans - August 14, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ *Jean Miller lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen*



Jean Miller - August 14, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ *Bonnie VanWardhuizen &family lit a candle in memory of John Van Wardhuizen*

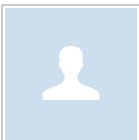


Bonnie VanWardhuizen &family - August 14, 2019 at 03:09 PM



“ *RIP old friend.*

S - August 14, 2019 at 02:42 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John Van Wardhuizen.*



August 14, 2019 at 01:16 PM