



John Gary Westphal

August 12, 1952 - November 25, 2020

John Gary Westphal

age 68, passed away on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield. He was born August 12, 1952 in Eisenstein to Edward and Hermina (Woody) Westphal. His early schooling was at St. Anthony's and Park Falls High School, graduating in 1970 before attending Stout State University. At Stout he met Julie Nackers and they were married on September 11, 1976. During his time in Menomonie he was a roofer by trade. After relocating back to Park Falls, John worked at Flambeau Paper and North End Heavy Duty before finishing his working career at Marquip Ward United, retiring in 2016. Throughout his life, he loved deer and bird hunting, taking joy in the hunt itself. John lived in the belief of leaving an area better than he found it and instilled in his family a great respect for nature. He was just as happy to come home with a bag full of trash as a bag full of birds. John loved the freedom that retirement afforded him and enjoyed traveling with Julie. Together they explored all the country had to offer with having only six states left to visit. John rarely missed a Packer, Badger, Bucks or Brewer game and also enjoyed reading and trap shooting. Most importantly, his love for his wife, children and grandchildren was unbounded and he relished every moment with each of them, marveling on each one's uniqueness and accomplishments. His words of wisdom to all were to never shy away from exerting effort to always do the right thing.

He is survived by:

His wife Julie of 44 years

His 3 Children:

Kelly (Brian) Vanden Heuvel of Kimberly, WI

Kristofer (Rachel) Westphal of Albuquerque, NM

Jeremy (Sophie) Westphal of Poulsbo, WA

His 9 Grandchildren:

Ryan and Kevin Vanden Heuvel, Keri (Jordan) Thut

Gretchen, Joshua, Hannah Westphal

Eloise, Matthieu, Logan Westphal

His Siblings Edward (Jerry) Westphal of Park Falls, Theresa Mechler of Fort Atkinson, and Cindy (Gary) Christian of Park Falls.

Also Brothers and Sisters in Law Tom (Lisa) Nackers, Jill (Gary) Delaruelle, Terry (Cathy) Nackers, Scott Nackers, Lynn (Doug) LaRock, Connie (Drake) Hynes, numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, mother and father in law, Monica and Roland Nackers, brothers in law Michael Mechler and Richard Nackers.

A memorial service will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls on Friday November 26, 2021 at 11:00am. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara will officiate.

A visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Anthony's Catholic Church
276 S 5th Ave
Park Falls, WI 54552-1143
(715) 762-4494

Memorial Mass

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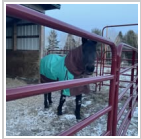
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Tribute Wall



“ *John Gary Westphal*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Julie, I saw you early November and later learned of John's passing. I am saddened for you and your family. In spite of your incredible loss, you passed along a message to say hello. Wishing you strength and comfort at this difficult time.*

Julie Meier Heizler - January 02, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ *Brett Larson lit a candle in memory of John Gary Westphal*



Brett Larson - December 07, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers*

mark morgan - December 03, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers*

Linda Bodoh - December 02, 2020 at 01:45 PM

KH

“ Sending love and strength to Julie, Kelly, Kris, and Jeremy...my heart hurts to hear of your terrible loss.

Kathy Herbst - December 02, 2020 at 12:06 PM

LS

“ Julie and Family, so sorry to hear about John. He will be missed. He was fun and very helpful when we were bowling. Sending hugs to you!!!!

Linda Carol Scott - December 01, 2020 at 03:09 PM

LB

“ Julie and Family, My Deepest Sympathy! As a read this sadden me. I haven't seen John in along time. I remember him from bowling at Feit's bar. He always gave me pointers on how to pick up a spare. I miss being able to bowl. Sending you a Big Hug Julie!

Lois Buechner - December 01, 2020 at 04:06 AM

KP

“ Julie I am so very sorry and shocked to hear of John's passing! I still remember him offering for the two of you to babysit Tom and Tami in Menomonie. RIP John

Kaye Peterson - November 30, 2020 at 04:11 PM

AW

“ John was always smiling! I will miss him. The world is a little less with John not in it! My wish is for his family to find peace and know John is missed!

Ann Wojcieszak - November 30, 2020 at 04:00 PM

KP

Always enjoyed shooting trap with John and telling stories my condolences to the family thoughts and prayers are with all of you

Kevin Powell - November 30, 2020 at 09:46 PM

DK

So Sorry for your loss, I had the pleasure of working with John at Marquip RIP John!!

Darrell F Kestler - December 01, 2020 at 02:45 PM

PH

Sincere Sympathy Julie and family He was a alaround guy and a wonderful classmate and a lot of good times with Julie and John at St Anthony with our kids and sports rest in pease my friend 🙏🌺🌹👉

Patty and Carl Hocher - December 03, 2020 at 08:14 AM