



John Martin "Skip" Holden Jr.

October 14, 1944 - March 26, 2019

John Martin "Skip" Holden Jr., age 74, of Hessel, Michigan, died on March 26, 2019 at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on October 14, 1944, in Kalamazoo, Michigan to John Martin and Wanda Louise (Baer) Holden Sr.

John grew up in Hickory Corners, Michigan and graduated from Hickory Corners High School in 1962. He joined the United States Airforce and served for four years, stationed in Thailand and Vietnam as a cook. After his return to the states he began working for the Battle Creek Veterans Administration as a fire fighter. He retired in 1994, after 31 years. He met Susette M. Hughes and they married on November 12, 1997. In 1998, they sold their farm and moved to Hessel, where they made their home.

John was a member of the First Union Church in Cedarville, and a member of the American Legion for many years.

John loved fishing, vegetable gardening, and wood working out in his shop.

John is survived by his wife, Susette M. Holden; sons, John Michael Holden of Battle Creek, Michigan, David (Loretta) Holden of Paradise, Michigan, Robert (Denny Beck) of Galesburg, Michigan, and Troy Sanders of Tausan, Arizona; daughters, Kimberly (Mark) Brown of California and Hope (Seth) Wojack of Florida; eighteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; mother-in-law,

Nora Brown of Kalamazoo; brothers-in-law, Doug Hughes of Florida, Don Hughes of Florida, Bill Brown of Kalamazoo, and Bobby Brown of Kalamazoo; and sisters-in-law, Scharla Hughes of Florida and Mya (Bob) Kushing of Matawan, Michigan.

John was preceded in death by his parents; and sister-in-law, Kaye Marble.

Graveside Service and Interment will be on April 9, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at Fort Custer National Cemetery, 15501 Dickman Rd., Augusta, MI 49012

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



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