



John Clayton Tobias Jr

June 19, 1960 - March 17, 2017

John Clayton Tobias Jr., died peacefully in his home on March 17, 2017. His soulmate, best friend, and wife, held his hand with the rest of the family surrounding him. John was born June 19, 1960, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to John “Bud” Clayton Tobias Sr. and Helen Agnes (Sullivan) Tobias.

John grew up in Sault Ste. Marie. His father died when John was 5 and he spent his school years helping his mom raise himself and his four siblings. He attended Sault Area High School and graduated in 1978. John entered the United States Marine Corps that same year. He spent six years in the Marines and upon his discharge continued to serve his country in the Michigan National Guard for the following eight years. He left the guard when he moved his family to Indiana and worked in Chicago for several steel forging plants as operations manager. In August of 2006 he married Michelle Shields at the Sault Ste. Marie Country Club and they observed that they both finally got it right. They made their home with their melded family in Pickford on the banks of the Munuscong River.

John was a senior member of the Manufacturing Engineers of America, a life/charter member of the Fraternal Order of Orioles, Kinross Nest 311, and an active member of the VFW Post 3676 where he participated often with their honor guard. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 323.

John liked to hunt deer and bagged several trophy bucks in several states. He loved to spend time with his family and even when ill helped maintain his beautiful yard on the river in pristine form. He and Michelle enjoyed dates at the Hessel Casino where the staff treated him like royalty and friends.

John is survived by his wife, Michelle; his sons, John Clayton III (Brandy) Tobias of Williamsville, New York, Matthew Petingalo of Pickford, and Shawn Tobias of Pickford. He is also survived by daughters, Elaine (Lacy Woods) Tobias of Raber, Amanda (Alan Lehre) MacDowell of Rudyard, Michigan, and Danielle (Adam) McClusky of Kincheloe, Michigan; grandchildren, Abby, Meia, Dominic, Gracie, Isaac, Audrey, Alissa, John IV, Seth, and Ayla. He is also survived by sisters, Genivieve "Prinny" McKechnie and Theresa Germain, both of Kincheloe; brothers, William (Sue) Tobias of Sault Ste. Marie and George "Roy" Tobias of Kincheloe; father-in-law, Donald Theut of Sault Ste. Marie; and brothers-in-law, Rick Shields of Afton, Michigan and Rob Shields of Sault Ste. Marie.

John was preceded in death by his parents; stepson, Christopher Talentino; and brother-in-law, Jackie Germain.

Visitation for John will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford.

Funeral service will be held Friday, March 24, at 11:00 A.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home. Brother John Hascall will be officiant.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *John Clayton Tobias Jr*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *John Clayton Tobias Jr*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *John Clayton Tobias Jr*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in the fond memories of them, and The Almighty God's promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, as written in The Bible for our comfort.*

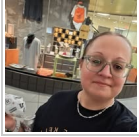
Greene Family - March 30, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Clayton Tobias Jr.*



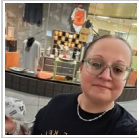
March 22, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ *Jacqueline Hasting lit a candle in memory of John Clayton Tobias Jr*



Jacqueline Hasting - March 22, 2017 at 03:18 AM



“ *You were an amazing man. I will miss you and will always think of you and miss you at the farm.*

Jacqueline Hasting - March 22, 2017 at 03:17 AM



“ *All our love, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Randolph & Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Clayton Tobias Jr.*



All our love, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Randolph & Family - March 21, 2017 at 09:42 PM



“ *I remember playing in the band at John's big hog roast parties he was a very generous person also and would do anything for anyone see you on the other side bro*

Don Housman - March 21, 2017 at 11:04 AM



“ I love you dad!!
The realization of this is so hard to conquer 💔 You will always be
my number one and my hero** just a girl and her dad



Laney Tobias - March 20, 2017 at 02:22 PM



“ Fly high. ❤️❤️



Danielle McClusky - March 20, 2017 at 10:19 AM