



John H. Wilkie

March 28, 1941 - August 14, 2019

John Henry Wilkie, age 78, of Goetzville, Michigan passed away Wednesday morning, August 14, 2019, at Hospice of the E.U.P., Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

John was born on March 28, 1941, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to the late Ernest and Lucille (Teets) Wilkie. He graduated from DeTour High School with the class of 1959. He continued his education at Northern Michigan University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1964.

John taught at DeTour Area Schools for 30 years. He then worked at MDOT (Michigan Department of Corrections) as a building trade's instructor for 11 years.

John enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing, hunting, listening to bluegrass and attending sporting events, especially those of his family. He loved visiting and sharing stories with people...his family always said no one was a stranger.

John was known for his vast knowledge of nature, freighters, and history. Former students were convinced that "Mr. Wilkie" had read every book in the library. He was a great role model for all.

He was a member of Munoscong Golf Course, Great Lakes Bowling League, MEA and MEA-R.

John is survived by a daughter: Gwen (Jamie Eavou) Wilkie of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; a son: Kenneth (Stacy) Wilkie of Goetzville, MI; and four grandchildren: Chelsey O'Connor, Madison Wilkie, Jaxon Wilkie, and Dylan Eavou. He is also survived by his lifelong friend and neighbor, David Warner. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife: Mary (Head) Wilkie,

Sisters: Bev Daley and Susie Trumbley.

A celebration of John's life will be held from 1:00 - 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 17, 2019, at his home located at 12873 E. Gogomain Road, Goetzville, MI. Casual attire (think your favorite golf shirt). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the E.U.P.

Tribute Wall

GC

“ So sorry to hear about John passing away. He was a wonderful man and school teacher. He will surely will be missed.



Gloria and Jo Crocker - August 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ So sorry that John has passed. He was a great neighbor and a great person. Our thoughts are with your family.

Debra and Gustavo Caraballo - August 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Gwen & Jamie, Kenny & Stacey,
My deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad. I didn't know him but I know what great kids he has and that is a reflection of what a great man he was. You are in my thoughts and prayers

Chris Chartrand - August 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ He was my favorite teacher. In 6th grade he made me the treasurer of our class, in which I remained the treasurer throughout high school. Will never forget him. I'm sorry for your (all of our) loss.



Michele Fisher (aks Shelly Fisher) - August 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *may God hold you in his fold for ever amen.*



kimberly wilman - August 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *It was a privilege to work with John. He was cheerful and uplifting to students and staff. May he Rest In Peace.*

Shirley Stevens - August 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your Father's passing. I know you spent many memorable times with him and that is how he will be remembered by you.*



Brian Klinger - August 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *I'm so sad to hear of Jinker's passing. John and I have been good friends for more than 70 years, going back to grade school days. The few times we were able to get together, usually around the 4th of July in recent years, were always full of fun and laughter. Rest in peace, Jinker!*

Robert D Soule - August 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ I AM SOOOO SORRY!!
When I seen this I said NOOOO!
I won't be able to be there with you and your family, but hugs and prayers go out to you.
i can't say enough, he was enjoyable conversationist. His stories of traveling I immensely loved. Nothing boring about him Gwen. We didn't have him long enough in our home, sorry to say.



Ann Hill - August 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Gwen, my condolences to you, your family and friends. May all your fond memories comfort you now and in the futures. Rest in Peace Mr. Wilkie.

Gwen Phillips - August 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ One of my favorite teachers! RIP Mr Wilkie, you've done very well. ❤️



Amy Weston - August 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM