



## John Daniel Popko

August 11, 1962 - May 23, 2026

John "Johnny" D. Popko, age 63, passed away peacefully at home in Edina 5/23/2026. He was born on August 11, 1962 in Minneapolis, MN where he spent the majority of his life.

Since he was a younger man, Johnny had a deep connection to the outdoors. He was happiest when he was hunting at his cabin, and spending time around the campfire with family and friends.

This man had a playful spirit. He was a champion thumb wrestler, prankster, and a connoisseur of heavy metal. He had a gentle demeanor that people naturally felt in his presence.

A motorcycle accident early in life altered Johnny's physical being and brought many challenges, but it never diminished the kindness and warmth that defined who he was. In the years that followed, he showed quiet resilience, patience, and enduring love for those around him.

His family takes comfort in knowing that Johnny is at peace. He will be remembered for his love of the north woods, his endless positivity, and the quiet places that brought him happiness.

Survived by mother Phyllis Popko; Siblings Teresa Stewart, Roxane (Randy)

Peterson, Kelly (Luke) Tabara; Nieces and Nephews Joshua Stewart (Amanda), Krista Holappa (Kyle), Jeffrey Popko, Maru Tabara and Melat Tabara, Mila Holappa and Dorothy Stewart. Preceded in death by father John A. Popko.

Funeral service to take place at Church of St. Patricks 6820 St Patricks Ln Edina, MN on Thursday June 4, 2026 at 11am with visitation 1 hour prior at church, lunch to follow, please park in the west parking lot. The internment will be at Pine Grove Cemetery, Cameron, WI, scheduled for the family at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Patrick of Edina  
6820 St. Patrick's Lane  
Edina, MN 55439

## Memorial Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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