



John Bernard Schmitt

December 5, 1936 - September 10, 2021

John B.

Age 84 of Shoreview, Minnesota.

Passed away Sept. 10, 2021

Survived by wife, Mary Lou; daughter, Susie (Paul) Wright; grandchildren, Paul Wright IV and Chloe Wright; sister, Susanna Schecter; sisters-in-law, Janice (Don) Hoye, Geri Timmons, Jan Smith Hughes and Jan Curtis Hughes; nieces, nephews and many friends.

Preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Susan Schmitt; son, Bob; brothers, Joe and Jim; sister, Julie Throgmorton; brothers-in-law, Jim and Denny Hughes and Jim Timmons.

Visitation 2-5PM Sunday, Sept 26. Funeral Service 11 AM Monday, Sept. 27 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview. Service may be viewed at <https://youtu.be/mZpoKrKAMBk>.

Interment Incarnation Cemetery.

John enjoyed the outdoors and was the Voice of the City of Lakes Loppet, The Birkie and the Turtle Man Triathlon and numerous High School Cross Country Ski Races. Member of US Parachute Association, National Ski Patrol, Ski Meisters, Avid Woodworker and Craftsman, Blue Grass Musician and long-time Salesman for Brown Wilbert Vault Co.

Tribute Wall

BE

“ *What a great guy, lets say it again. WHAT A GREAT GUY !!*

Bradley J Erickson - September 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *I am very sorry to hear of you loss!! He sounds like a wonderful soul!!*

Shelley korem - September 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *A priceless smile. May you live on in your loved ones' eternal memories. Ski, chute and fiddle on, John... My deep sympathies.*

Audrey Daras - September 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I have a great quote I saved from John. He and I were talking about "bad habits" while working on a project together in his home back in 2018. I remember saying how easy it was to learn bad habits. To which he replied, "Yep, it's easy to learn bad habits...especially when you can get them to work." Classic!

On another occasion we were talking about the area of sales as a profession. He said to me, "There's a lot of techniques. But in the end, people may never remember what you said, but they will remember how you made them feel."

John always made me feel exceptional. That was his way with everyone, I believe. And this is why he is missed and honored. He had a honest way with words and action that showed deep thought and integrity. I am grateful for the chance to work together with John and his brother-in-law Don in the workshop, to eat donuts and drink coffee at the kitchen table, to laugh over the stories of his "bootlegged" upbringing. He was a true renaissance man. I am sure those who knew him will agree. He was loved, admired, and enjoyed.

Marilou, Susie & Paul, the grandkids, and the greater extended family, I am sorry for your loss of this wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many.



Ken Burton - September 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *We have nothing but the fondest memories!
Thinking of you, so sorry we couldn't be there.*

Jim and Candy Cotone - September 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Mary Lou and Suzie,*

Our deepest sympathy at the loss of your husband and father. John was a good man and an important friend in my life. His unbridled spirit will live on in my heart and keep the special memories I have of our adventures vibrant in my memory.

My God reunite John with Bob in everlasting life, and shine down on you and your families.

Love, Kevin Mazzu and Team Mazzu (Lis. Mackenzie, Coco and Sophia)



Kevin Mazzu - September 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Rest In Peace John. I enjoyed the time we visited in my office at our funeral home. We were not his biggest client but he made all of his clients feel so important. He was a wonderful man and the world would be a much better place if there were more John Schmitt's in the world.*

*Joel L. Keranen
Erickson Crowley Peterson
Funeral Home
Calumet, MI.*

Joel Keranen - September 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *So sorry to hear the news of John's passing. My deepest condolences and sympathy to you, Mary Lou, and to the family. John was such a great man. He had a personality to match the voice! Always cheerful and positive, John had a way of noticing everyone and thanking them for their contributions. He was always upbeat and charming. "Yee Ha!" He was always ready for a Loppet event! I will miss announcing with him. Rest in Peace, John.*

Sheryl Golin - September 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *I have the fondest memories of John and the Schmidt clan during our skiing days on Turtle Lake with the U of M Ski Club. The Schmidt's were the most gracious hosts for our team, and a loving family who've been life long friends for many. I'll always remember Johns cheerful spirit, kind nature, and common sense advice. He will be missed. Our prayers are with the Schmidt family.*



Doug Pasnik - September 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *My condolences to John's family.*



Suzanne Harris - September 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Godspeed John, you will be missed!*

Brett Jacobsen - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *Mary Lou, It is with incredible sadness that we received the news of John, your beloved husband and best friend's passing. Such a warm, loving, gentle, caring and very talented family man and friend to so many. We are so blessed to have known him and to have shared so many memorable times together. You are in our thoughts and prayers as you journey through this difficult time - not alone but with God and many family members and friends standing with you. We send our love ❤️, dear friend .*
Wim and Sharron

Wim and Sharron Sherman - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *What a wonderful man he was and represented funeral service so well for so many years. Peace my friend.*

Mary Thompson - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ John was one of the first salesman I met in the industry, he called on our funeral home in Western North Dakota. Thankfully his expertise and wisdom followed when I came to work in Minnesota a few years later. John always kept things interesting and was always of tremendous support! I always looked forward to our visits and conversation, his YEE-HAW will be missed. Mary Lou and family, my sincere condolences.



Laurel Klosterman - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Mary Lou and Family, I was so sad to see the news of John's passing. He is one of the best people I met during my time in funeral service. Outside of work, we would see each other at the grocery store every once in a while and he would always spend time catching up with me. John had the ability to make anyone feel like they were the most important person in the world. He will be dearly missed as a friend and as a staple in the industry. Take care and hugs from myself and Andrew.



Jessica Stern - September 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So sorry to hear this....God Bless your family...jeanne

jeanne minder - September 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ So many wonderful years of memories of a man who was always a gentle friend and amazing bluegrass musician. We are thankful for the years of friendship and send our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

Ron & PJ Slovikoski - September 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ John was truly a person that I learned something new from on a regular basis.

His wisdom on life was worth its weight in gold and always encouraging, thoughtful and caring.

John had been a stable, reliable and the most knowledgeable resource I had growing up in the business.

Not only did everyone know John, they respected him.

He would give the shirt off his back for anyone, with his warm, caring, compassionate nature endeared him to all and anyone he came into contact with.

Knowing John and his family since a young boy, I have always admired Mary Lou, and thought the world of both of them.

Even with John's difficulty in getting around, he still made sure to come to the plant and visit with all of us which we are forever grateful.

John was larger than life. Parachuting into funeral director events, making presentations to large group of funeral directors with uncanny knowledge and practicality.

All of us that knew John have memorable stories of him we would like to share. Someone like John touched the lives of so many people.

If John had such a positive impact on me personally, I can only imagine all the wonderful things he did for all the others he interacted with in his lifetime.

Thank you John for all you were, are and stood for during the 40



years I was able to spend with you.

Your legacy will live on in the profession I know you loved.

With the most respect & Love,

*Christopher Chandler Brown (4th) Generation
Chandler-Wilbert/Brown-Wilbert
Since 1922*

Christopher Brown - September 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM