



John Wangensteen

February 26, 1933 - April 24, 2021

John Wangensteen, age 88, of Oak Grove, MN passed away at home after a long struggle with cancer on Saturday, April 24, 2021 surrounded by his family. John was born on February 26, 1933 in NE Minneapolis to John and Gladys Wangensteen and was welcomed home by sister Joyce.

After his father's untimely death in the spring of 1933, his mother re-married JE Pletscher in 1944 and they moved in to the house near Pletscher's Greenhouse on Old Highway 8 in New Brighton.

He graduated from Murray High School in 1950 and the University of MN in 1969 with a Civil Engineering degree. He worked as an engineer with the Metropolitan Sewer Board, Northern Contracting, and others before starting his own engineering business called Select Engineering. John loved to solve problems and work and tinker on any project.

After retirement he became the go-to guy for deck building advice and help - and he was always happy to lend a helping hand! He had a heart of gold and a zest for life. He loved a good game of cribbage and was often times late to events because he would stop to help a stranger fix a flat tire.

John was preceded in death by daughter Carol, his mother and father, sister, Joyce Butler and step siblings, Bob and Marilyn, and his lifelong friend, Dick Smith. And many more.

John will be greatly missed and is survived by his wife, Joan Loye; children, James (Karen), Glenn (Diane) and Karen (Paul). Stepchildren, Sue (Greg), Rick (Jan), Doug, Sharon (Tom) and Arlene. Grandchildren, Tony (Emily),

Jason, Blake, Hannah, Jack, and Amanda. Great-Grandchild, Brooklyn. Step-brothers, Glenn and John Pletscher.

Our many thanks to VA Hospital and Kindred Hospice for the care they have given him over the past year(s).

Due to covid restrictions, a private family service will be held.

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Wangenstein.* ”



May 04, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Cynthia and Michael Fletcher purchased the Fair est of All for the family of John Wangenstein.* ”



Cynthia and Michael Fletcher - May 04, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Cynthia Fletcher-Dustin lit a candle in memory of John Wangenstein* ”



Cynthia Fletcher-Dustin - May 04, 2021 at 03:17 AM



John was one of the nicest people I have met in this life, he had a heart of gold!

Cynthia Fletcher-Dustin - May 04, 2021 at 03:18 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Wangenstein.*



May 03, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Amanda - May 02, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *John was my uncle and Kathy and I will miss him greatly. He and Joanne were the first ones that we trusted enough to take care of our daughter Jessica when she was 1 year old. It's no wonder that he had such an effect on her and our son Jay. While John and Joanne lived in Colorado we were able to visit them fairly regularly. He had a little robot that puffed smoke from its head, spun in circles and loudly say greetings to everyone. It was pretty obnoxious but John loved watching the kids push the start button over and over again. I remember when Kathy and I were living in Burnsville MN. John came over to visit. Somehow he had gotten into my underwear drawer and found a hearted pair. Before long he had them on and was dancing on our coffee table. Being my mother's brother I have known John all my life, it's hard to let go, may he rest in peace.*

Dick Butler - May 02, 2021 at 02:39 PM

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“ John Wangensteen was my Godfather, my Great Uncle, and I loved him so. He was a silly, intelligent, energetic, happy man. Never hesitated to play with my brother and I in our youth, or in our adulthood- haha. He would tell me about his projects, show me his tinkering, and his collections, and I just loved it. He found me important, made me feel like he really always wanted to talk to me. He was a wonderful man, I will treasure my memories with him. Rest In Peace Uncle John, I hope you always watch over us.

Jessica Joy Patel (Butler) - May 02, 2021 at 08:19 AM

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“ John was one of the most giving and hard working people I have ever met. With his boundless energy, he was always there for his friends, family and just about anyone in need. He loved my mother and gave her the happiest times in her life. For that I will be forever grateful. He will be missed by many. May he rest in peace.

Susan Loye - May 01, 2021 at 09:02 AM