



## John C. Witschen

June 30, 1950 - November 7, 2023

Witschen, John C.

age 73, of Cambridge, passed away Nov 7, 2023.

John was born June 30, 1950 in St. Cloud to Cyril Witschen and Bernadette Schreiner. He married Mary Ann (Zinken) Witschen on October 11, 1969 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in St. Cloud. John worked as a human resources manager for many years before retiring in 2019. John had many interests including photography, cars, fishing, golf and had a passion for hunting. John's greatest joy was his family; we all benefited from the love he showed us. John's true love in life was his wife; that love never wavered. He enjoyed quiet mornings with her holding hands, taking in the view. He and Mary Ann always found ways to have fun and make each other laugh. Words cannot express the love and admiration John carried for his daughters. John was a proud grandfather who adored his granddaughters and loved spending time with them.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Ann Witschen; daughters, Christy (Chuck) Gaikowski and Tanya Witschen; granddaughters, Rachel Gaikowski and Heather Gaikowski; siblings Gloria (Mike) Kydd, JoAnn (Jeff) Lembcke and Carol Soine; in-laws Laurie (Roger) Smith and Judy (Larry) Schumann. He is also survived by 16 nieces and nephews, 20 great nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Rosie Benoit.

Visitation 3-6 PM with eulogies at 5:15 PM, Sunday, Nov 19 at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. Mass of Christian

Burial 10:30 AM Monday, Nov 20, with visitation one hour prior at the Church of the Epiphany, 11001 Hanson Blvd, Coon Rapids. Private interment Epiphany Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, plant a tree in memory of John.

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Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel  
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Visitation

NOV **20**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)  
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)  
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Archery and hunting brought us together. Jen and I will miss happy times shared*

Tom/jen DeCorsey - November 20, 2023 at 10:14 AM

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“ *The Wayne Gaikowski Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John C. Witschen.*



The Wayne Gaikowski Family - November 17, 2023 at 04:19 PM

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“ *John has hunted deer on my property many times. I also hunted with John on other properties. The most memorable times was on our moose hunts. He followed several of us on our moose hunts into the BWCA even though he didn't have a license. When we decided to take our moose hunting adventures to Ontario he was all in. The only thing he didn't like about the Ontario moose hunts was the flying. I will always regret that he never did harvest a moose.*

*I was so happy that he and Mary Ann were able to buy property and build their dream house. I don't know about Mary Ann but John was in heaven there on their property. I am so glad that John had a place where he could hunt deer and turkeys. John was HOME.*

*I will miss him dearly.*

*Rod Bolduc*

Rod Bolduc - November 16, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John C. Witschen.



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November 16, 2023 at 01:39 AM



“ *His daughter Christy has his smile. Wishing you sweet memories in this sad time.*

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**Laurie** - November 15, 2023 at 03:02 PM