



John Stuart Mathews

August 27, 1947 - September 2, 2016

John Stuart Mathews, age 69, of Madison, passed away on Friday, September 2, 2016, at Agrace HospiceCare, Fitchburg, WI. He was born on August 27, 1947 in Kalamazoo, MI, the son of Albert E. and Janice (Brown) Mathews. He was married to Diane Hoernschemeyer and later divorced. John graduated from Western Michigan University and served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Vietnam War. John worked for Masco Corp. as a yacht captain sailing on the Great Lakes and as far south as Florida, then later as an event coordinator. He also was a navigation instructor/teacher, a salesman, and an artist. He reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Dorene, and moved to Madison in 2009. John belonged to the Waubesa Beach Neighborhood Association (WBNA) and the Lake Waubesa Sailing Club. He loved woodworking, drawing, painting and sailing. John is survived by his significant other, Dorene Soret, Madison, WI, and her daughters, Alicia Soret, Jacksonville, FL, Tori Sampsell, Madison; four sons, Morgan (Megan) Mathews, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, Michael (Krista Gorman) Mathews, Oakhurst, CA, Martin (Toboli) Mathews, Guthrie, OK, Marc Mathews, Detroit, MI; a daughter, JoAnn Mathews, Grosse Pointe Park, MI; a brother, Joseph (Diane) Mathews, Lawton, MI; two grandchildren, Joseph and Onora Mathews; a step-grandson, Jacob Flowers; two nieces, Kelly Mathews, Kalamazoo, MI and Heather Mathews, Portland, OR. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 10, 2016, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Lawton, MI. ❖A Toast to John❖ will be held at Christy's Landing,

Madison, WI, on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the WBNA or to The Lawton Heritage Museum.

Tribute Wall

MG

“ Met John and Dorene at a house concert. They were among the last to leave that night and became dedicated fans and friends of the music Andy Nath and I made as the Sugar Daddies. They had us out to play and party several summers in a row and it was always a joy to see them both and catch up on what new projects John had going. Big hearted, generous and genuinely happy with life is how I'll always remember John. You will be missed, friend!

Michael Gruber - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

MG

“ A candle was lit by Michael Gruber
on September 5, 2016 2:18 PM

Michael Gruber - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

GK

“ A candle was lit by George Keeler
on September 6, 2016 5:33 AM

George Keeler - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

GK

“ Sailed Lake Waubesa extensively with John the summer of 2015. Really got to know the person. What a privilege. Always a kind word for everyone. There needs to be more John Stuart Mathews in this world. Dearly miss him. Sail on John.

George Keeler - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

CH

“ Graduated with this sweet guy many years ago. I was fortunate enough to meet up again with him and Dorene 3 years ago and so glad I did... He had an amazing life. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers and my heart aches for your loss.

Chickie (Hahn) Hill - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

CH

“ A candle was lit by Chickie (Hahn) Hill

on September 6, 2016 7:15 AM

Chickie (Hahn) Hill - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

MW

“ It is a pleasure for me to have known John and Dorene, when we were growing up in Michigan and seeing the joy they had when they were together.

These two are a couple of the good ones, and I have always valued their friendships.

Rest in piece, my friend.

Mark Wagner - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

LM

“ Deeply sorry for his early departure and for your loss; so happy to have met him.

Lucinda Hernandez Mahaffey - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

BB

“ Sending peace ~ Sail on, John ~ ~ ~

Barb & Bob - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

EH

“ A candle was lit by Eldean Gwen Cornish Hultquist

on September 6, 2016 11:07 AM

Eldean Gwen Cornish Hultquist - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

EH

“ Graduated with John and last saw him at the class reunion (50 years!) and he came out to the farm to visit Mom, whom he adored. Many years ago, Tim and I ran into him at D'Coy Duck, Tim meeting him for the first time and became upset when John hugged and kissed me several times. I later told John about it and at the reunion he hugged and kissed me whenever he thought Tim might be looking to get a rise out of him. By then, Tim knew about his teasing character and only grinned at John's antics! He will be sorely missed by everyone and anyone who had even a glancing acquaintance with him.

Eldean Gwen Hultquist - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

MH

“ A candle was lit by Mary Jo Helker

on September 6, 2016 12:57 PM

Mary Jo Helker - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

AK

“ A candle was lit by Anita Ketelboeter

on September 6, 2016 2:03 PM

Anita Ketelboeter - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

CW

“ So sorry to hear this. He was a great friend growing up in Lawton. I am so glad I got to see him at our reunion last year. My sympathy for Dorene and the family.

Carmen (Drake) Williams - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

PS

“ I met John a few times when Dorene revisited Ft. Myers Beach. He was a nice person with a great sense of humor. My heart is full of sympathy for Dorene and all who were close to him. Blessings to you all.
Polly

Polly Steinhausset - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

CJ

“ The Waubesa Beach Neighborhood was SO VERY LUCKY to have John and Doreen be a part of it. What a great neighbor & friend to us all! Will miss your smile, hugs & teases.
Wherever you are...now THEY are the lucky ones.

Cliff & Joanne - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

LS

“ A candle was lit by Lainie & Greg Streets
on September 7, 2016 7:06 PM

Lainie & Greg Streets - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

LS

“ Luckiest girl to know this wonderful man! So blessed to have him as a friend and I miss him oh so much. Love to you Dorene and all his WONDERFUL family!

Lainie Streets - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

MA

“ A candle was lit by Mark Walters & Jane Adams

on September 8, 2016 9:28 AM

Mark Walters & Jane Adams - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

DB

“ Our deepest sympathy to Dorene and John's family. How wonderful to have seen the joy you two had together these past few years. John was a wonderful guy - always a smile for everyone. It was our pleasure to have known him growing up in Lawton and to have witnessed his happiness these last years. Rest in Peace - our prayers for strength for Dorene and his family.

Derick and Linda Barkalow - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

DB

“ A candle was lit by Derick and Linda Barkalow

on September 8, 2016 12:39 PM

Derick and Linda Barkalow - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

SC

“ John will be missed by all who knew him. The Waubesa Beach neighborhood lost a great friend. Not many people make such a great impression and are loved as he was.

Sally and Dick Christenson - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM

TE

“ *A candle was lit by Terry and Linda Erdmann*

on September 9, 2016 8:39 AM

Terry and Linda Erdmann - May 10, 2021 at 11:05 AM