



## John D. Iott

May 5, 1948 - September 9, 2024

John D. Iott, 76, of Fife Lake, passed away on Monday, September 9, 2024. He was born to the late Elton and Clara (Roszyk) Iott in Toledo, Ohio on May 5, 1948. He grew up on the family farm in Ottawa Lake, Michigan. After graduating from Whiteford Agricultural Schools, John enrolled in the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Apprenticeship program. John spent his career working as a Master Plumber. He moved to Kalkaska in 1996 and started Kalkaska Plumbing and Heating Inc. which he ran with his son Joe. In 2014 John retired from the business, yet still was very active with the company. He enjoyed coming into the shop every morning for coffee, helping with running to pick up parts and deliver them to his guys, and even doing the occasional on-site estimate.

In John's younger years, he enjoyed pony pulling and line dancing. He also loved living in the woods in the cabin on the river that he built with the help of his sons. He absolutely loved Harley Davidson Motorcycles and Jeeps. Much of his free time was spent riding one of his Harleys or simply going for a ride in the Jeep with Sandy. Every winter John and Sandy would travel to Zephyrhills, FL, with their Harleys, trailer in tow and enjoy time with friends in Betmar Park, where he owned a home. John cherished time with his family, whether relaxing at his riverside cabin, attending his grandsons' football games, or driving through the wooded trails nearby. He was a quiet, humble man with a sharp wit when he chose to show it. With a big heart, he cared deeply for those fortunate enough to be part of his life. He was deeply loved and

respected by all who knew him.

John is survived by his life partner, the love of his life, Sandy Shell of Gladwin, MI, whom he spent the last 15 years with; two sons John (Patty) Iott of Ottawa Lake, MI and Joe (Lindsay) Iott of Kalkaska, MI; grandchildren Jack, Jake and Clara Iott of Ottawa Lake and Josh and Dylan Iott of Kalkaska and Hunter Suydam of Florida; siblings Joyce (Frank) VanLooke of Hodgenville, KY, James Iott of Ottawa Lake, MI and Carolyn (Jim) Strahan of Ottawa Lake, MI; many nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and colleagues. John was preceded in death by his parents; brother Ralph Iott; and two sisters-in-law Bev Iott and Mary Iott.

Visitation will be held from 2-8pm on Friday, September 13, 2024 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Burial will take place privately at Oliver Township Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Oliver Township Cemetery

5000 Cool Road SE  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S. Cedar  
Kalkaska, MI 49646  
(231) 258-3346

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ So sorry to hear of this. My heart and prayers go out to Joe and all of John's family. John was a super guy.

*I will miss him,  
Brent G.*

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**brent gahn** - October 03, 2024 at 08:19 AM

ML

“ Joe & Johnny and families,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your Dad was a great guy. We met at the singles dance years ago. We had so many fun times taking dance lessons and line dancing. We also loved riding his motorcycle and also snowmobiling up at the cabin. We also attended many pig roasts and had so much fun. We sure made alot of memories.

*But you boys were the light of his life!*

*Please know that you are in my heart and prayers.*

*Mary (Case) Lantagne*

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**Mary (Case) Lantagne** - September 13, 2024 at 09:45 AM



OI

“ Our Deepest Sympathy - Phillip and Tamara lott, Autumn and Mark Cashen, Megan lott, Brandon and Ashley lott planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D. lott.

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**Our Deepest Sympathy - Phillip and Tamara lott, Autumn and Mark Cashen, Megan lott, Brandon and Ashley lott** - September 13, 2024 at 09:13 AM

LF

“ Love, Saddler Family and Schaub family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John D. Iott.



Love, Saddler Family and Schaub family - September 13, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John D. Iott.



September 13, 2024 at 08:10 AM

WD

“ Williams Distributing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D. Iott.

Williams Distributing - September 13, 2024 at 08:10 AM

DK

“ Drew, Amy, and kids purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of John D. Iott.



Drew, Amy, and kids - September 12, 2024 at 09:16 PM

CH

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. It brings back many memories of our childhood living in close proximity in Ottawa Lake. We often road horses together and enjoyed many childhood experiences like attempting to ride a heifer calf or testing out the electric fence around the hog pen. Amazing we both lived this long.

*I remember riding on the fender of an Oliver tractor with my brother Gene and John driving to cultivate beans and corn. John was in the 6th grade I believe and was already an expert at spin braking the end of the row to get perfectly aligned with the next row without hitting one plant.*

*We also shared taking out our 1945 Jeep CJ thru the woods with toboggan in tow.*

*I wish I could have had more experiences with John as an adult but time passes quickly and life gets in the way.*

*John was a big part of my childhood and will be greatly missed.*

*Cousin Chuck Hausmann*

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**Chuck Hausmann** - September 12, 2024 at 01:12 PM

MM

“ Matt Barb Todd Amy Cooper Gus Murphy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John D. Iott.



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**Matt Barb Todd Amy Cooper Gus Murphy** - September 12, 2024 at 09:47 AM

TB

“ Troy&Stacy, Logan, Izzy, Jillian, Bubba purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John D. Iott.



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**Troy&Stacy, Logan, Izzy, Jillian, Bubba** - September 12, 2024  
at 09:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John D. Iott.



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September 12, 2024 at 08:39 AM

MR

“ Matt, Carrie, Austin and Landin Reinbold planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D. Iott.

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**Matt, Carrie, Austin and Landin Reinbold** - September 12, 2024 at 08:39 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John D. Iott.



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September 12, 2024 at 08:15 AM

AS

“ All my love forever. Sandy Shell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D. Iott.

All my love forever. Sandy Shell - September 12, 2024 at 08:15 AM

LB

“ Loretta Boulton lit a candle in memory of John Iott



Loretta Boulton - September 11, 2024 at 10:42 PM

JH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



James R. Herman - September 11, 2024 at 09:35 PM

TF

“ The Logan Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John D. Iott.



The Logan Family - September 11, 2024 at 08:44 PM

LD

“ Not only was John my classmate, we shared cousins. Recently I was remembering the square dance classes Uncle Gene had for us kids in the barn. I remember when John was my partner, and he could really swing one around. He will be missed by many. Lorraine Hausmann Dressel.

Lorraine Hausmann Dressel - September 11, 2024 at 08:43 PM

DH

“ Heartbroken to have lost our dear neighbor here in Betmar. Our sympathy to Sandy, and John's family. Will miss the roar of the Harley on Thursday mornings as John and Sandy took off for their weekly ride. Stephen & Diana Hobart

Diana Hobart - September 11, 2024 at 05:02 PM

JL

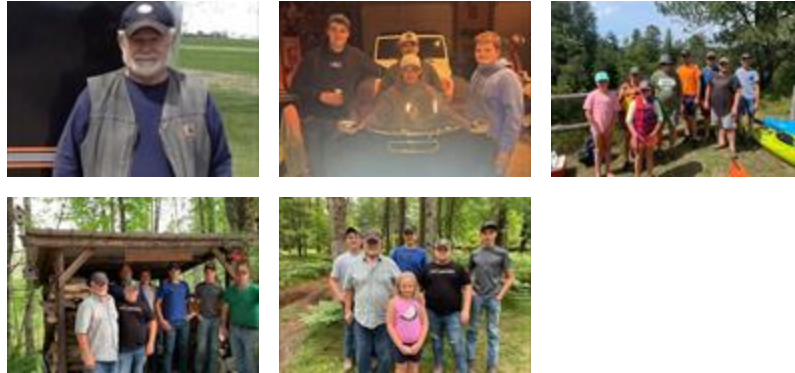
“ James L. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John D. Iott.



James L. - September 11, 2024 at 04:01 PM

PI

“ 19 files added to the album Cabin Memories



Patty Iott - September 11, 2024 at 03:57 PM

SM

“ Scott Mindy Kaylee Tyler Charlie Maddie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John D. Iott.



Scott Mindy Kaylee Tyler Charlie Maddie - September 11, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John D. Iott.



September 11, 2024 at 10:35 AM

MB

“ Mike & Mary Ann Bardwell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dennis Iott.

Mike & Mary Ann Bardwell - September 11, 2024 at 10:35 AM