



John E. Mapes

September 6, 1958 - May 24, 2025

John Edward Mapes, a devoted son, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away on May 24, 2025, at the age of 66.

Born on September 6, 1958, John was the beloved son of John Mapes and Theresa Wilson. He spent his early years in South Lyon, Michigan, where he developed a love for the outdoors and a spirit of adventure that stayed with him throughout his life.

John had a deep appreciation for nature and animals, especially his loyal dog, EZ. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and simply being outdoors. His passion for life led him to travel and pursue a career training racehorses—a path that reflected both his love for animals and his hard-working nature.

A man of faith, John was a cherished member of the Kalkaska Baptist Church, where he found community and spiritual strength.

John was a loving brother to Becky Mapes (Jeff Johnston), Lori Zammit (Dan Zammit), and Kathy Henderson (Eddie Henderson). He was a proud uncle to Brandy Mapes, Ashley Nieman (Nick Nieman), Dan Mapes, Jacob Henderson, and Zachary Henderson. He was also blessed with great-nieces and nephews: Alexis Mapes, Elaine Bowman, Leland Bowman, Levon Bowman, and Maddilynn Henderson.

John will be remembered for his gentle soul, his love for family, and his enduring kindness. He leaves behind many who loved him deeply and will miss him dearly.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at the VFW

Post 1224 in South Lyon, Michigan at 5:00 pm.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 6. 5:00 PM (ET)

VFW Post 1224
125 E. McHattie Street
South Lyon, MI 48178

Tribute Wall

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“ We knew him as Jack, a super nice guy. Hugs and kind thoughts to his family.

Linda and Mark Gilson

Linda Gilson - May 28, 2025 at 11:36 AM

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“ mary Stoops sent a virtual gift in memory of John Mapes



mary Stoops - May 28, 2025 at 10:47 AM