



John A. Batson

February 13, 1940 - February 14, 2023

John Batson of Flint, passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. John was born February 13, 1940 in Truman, Arkansas, the son of Carl and Oma (Howlett) Batson. He grew up in Chicago and in 1960 he enlisted in the US Army, serving in Vietnam. In 1965 he moved to Flint to work at General Motors, where he became a skill tradesman he eventually retired after 34 years. John married Coleen Burleigh in 1992. For those that knew John knew he loved unconditionally and at times could be brutally honest, he had a contagious smile that could light up a room. He was devoted to AA for a number of years in the Flint area. John leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Coleen Batson; his children, John (Larry) Kelleher, Joanna (Chris) Escamilla, Mathew (Jennifer) Batson, Marcia Shelton, Paul Shelton, Andrea Shelton; grandchildren, Crystal, David, Benjamin, Sidney, Katerina, Ava, William, Vanessa, Kyle, Tyler, Jeremy, Joseph, Brandon, Andrew, Mario, Vincent; 8 Great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Oma Batson, his beloved sister Peggy Buonavolanto and 3 brothers.

A visitation will be held Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 12:30 PM at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Visitation will be followed by a procession to Great Lakes National Cemetery with honors at 1:30 PM.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St.
Holly, MI 48442
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

Military Honors

FEB **23**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Rd
Holly, MI 48442-9444
(248) 328-0386

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Batson.*



February 16, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *I had invited mom and John to dinner one night and decided to make cabbage rolls for the 1st time. I had served them before sitting down to join them and took a bite; to my surprise the rice was not cooked and was crunchy. John sat there and ate every bite without complaint which is more than I did. Bless his heart for enduring that meal. Fly high John and finally be at peace.*

Marcia Shelton - February 16, 2023 at 08:12 AM



Completely forgot about the dessert; apple pie that had way too much flour and was very starchy. Yea I was winning that day!

Marcia Shelton - February 16, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. Batson.*



February 16, 2023 at 06:31 AM

OR

“ *The smile in his picture is what I remember most about John. Always was smiling. May you rest in peace.* ”



Onalee May Roberts - February 16, 2023 at 05:40 AM