



## John A. Bruns

July 26, 1935 - September 3, 2022

JOHN A. BRUNS

Spaulding Township, Michigan

John passed away on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at 87 years old. He was born on July 26, 1935, in Saginaw, Michigan. John Allen Bruns was married to Shirley (Fries) Bruns on May 28, 1955, and after 59 years of marriage, Shirley predeceased John on August 25, 2014.

John is survived by his sons, Jay (Kim) Bruns, Mike Bruns, and his fiancée, Shelly Bohinski, James (Karen) Bruns; his grandchildren, Rachel Ensign, James (Gabrielle) Bruns, Michael (Megan) Bruns, Jacob Bruns, Kenneth (Kaitlyn) Weber, Kacey Bruns and Aaron Briggs, Glen (Kristin) Morin; his great grandchildren, Riley Mae and Hazel Grace; his brother, Larry (Sharon) Bruns; his brother and sister-in-law, Larry (Sharon) Lacy; sisters-in-law, June Bruns, Sue Bruns, Sally Fries, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Larry (Paula) Brenner; several nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. John is also predeceased by his parents, John and Neva Bruns; his in-laws, Peter and Lydia Fries; his brothers, Dale (Randy Lou) Bruns, Thomas (Marlene) Bruns, Richard Bruns; his brothers-in-law, Duane Fries, Ronald Fries, and his sister-in-law, Margaret Piwowarski.

Prior to his retirement in 1986, John worked for Baker Perkins for 32 years.

He served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1958, and was stationed in Germany for 2 years, also served 10 years in the Michigan National Guard. John farmed his entire life, until he suffered a stroke in 2018. The last several years, John became hired help, working on his son, Mike's farm. Back in the day, Dad played fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball for many years. He also was an avid bowler. He enjoyed his U.P. getaways, spending many summers there. He loved being on his brother-in-law, Ron's pontoon boat, perch fishing with Uncle Ray and Uncle Larry all summer. Dad especially loved spending time with his family and friends. His grandchildren meant the world to him. Dad was always there whenever you needed anything and we will all miss his helping hand. John was a lifelong member of St. James Lutheran Church.

In accordance with John's wishes, no services are planned. He will be laid to rest with Shirley at a private family committal in Spaulding Township Cemetery. The family wishing to send a special "Thank You" to HealthSource Saginaw and Covenant Harrison (7th Floor H7M) for all of their loving care given to John. Memories and sympathies of John may be shared with the family on his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Spaulding Township Cemetery**

5636 Cole Road  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I had no idea that Uncle Junior passed away. This is what I hate about moving away from my home town, sometimes it's like I'm living on the moon.  
I can't apologize enough for missing the funeral, I didnt know, I regret it very much.  
Bruns' were tight when I was growing up and it is the greatest of memories that I have spending weekends at Grandpa's because most of the my uncles were with in a couple miles. Including Uncle Junior, Uncle Dick, and Uncle Larry and my cousins. The absolute good ole days.  
Uncle Junior looked alot like my Dad Tom, and more than a couple times I mistaked him for my dad while they played Set back or at Christmas.  
This is the part of life that sucks,  
Loved ones passing and memories fading. Mike, Jimmy and Jay I'm so dam sorry I wasn't there to pay my respects. Because I had alot of respect for Uncle Junior.  
I still love all my family even though it's been so long. Take care guys.

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**Jeff Bruns** - February 13, 2024 at 09:56 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I did not know Junior well but may his memories live on through Jay, Mike and Jim.

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**Scott Tagget** - September 17, 2022 at 08:47 PM



“ *John A. Bruns*

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September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *John A. Bruns*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *We knew him as Uncle Junior as kids, and though he could give a hard time to those he didn't respect, he was always nice to me and generous. When I would come over to watch my younger cousins, he would put gas in my tank and I felt like he really listened to me when we talked as if I were another adult when I wasn't yet.*

Steve Piwowarski - September 07, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ *Gary McClain lit a candle in memory of John A. Bruns*



Gary McClain - September 07, 2022 at 11:19 AM