



John W. Rush

January 21, 1941 - January 19, 2023

JOHN W. RUSH

Saginaw Twp., Michigan

John Wesley Rush passed away on Thursday, January 19, 2023, peacefully at his home. John was born on January 21, 1941 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Carl and Virginia (Harris) Rush. John graduated from Southeast Missouri State University and later University of Missouri-St. Louis with a Master's Degree in Education. Prior to his retirement, John was an educator and coach in the Saginaw Township Community School District.

John was charming and a friend to all. His hobbies included golfing, sporting events of all kinds - especially those of his grandchildren, boat rides, baking chocolate chip cookies and spending time with his family and dear friends.

John was a member of First Presbyterian Church, the Michigan Education Association, the National Education Association and a Hall of Honor inductee of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

John married Susan L. (Case) Rush, his loving wife, on June 28, 1974, in Midland, Michigan. She survives him. John is also survived by his three sons, Brian J. Rush, St. Louis, MO, Michael J. (Emily) Rush, Saginaw, MI, and Steven C. Rush, Saginaw, MI; his grandchildren, Corbin Rush, Cameron

Rush, Claire Rush, Hudson Rush, Tyson Rush, and Mayah Whitten; John's brother and sister-in-law, Ron (Sue) Rush, Quincy, IL; in-laws, Bill (Jody) Case, Colorado Springs, CO; and several beloved nephews, nieces, extended family and friends.

John was predeceased by his parents, Carl and Virginia Rush.

In accordance with John's wishes, cremation will take place. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Wakeman Funeral Home, 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI. The Rev. Ray Dice will officiate. Friends are welcome to visit with the family on Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. until the time of John's memorial service.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association or Heritage High School Athletics.

Memories and sympathies of John may be shared with the family on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 25. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
(989) 752-8531
wakemanfh@charter.net

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Connie L Huss lit a candle in memory of John W. Rush*



Connie L Huss - January 26, 2023 at 11:01 AM

CH

My deepest condolences to such a wonderful person John was. I am in complete shock. He will be missed. My prayers go out to the whole family.

Connie L Huss - January 26, 2023 at 11:05 AM

BH

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. Mr. Rush was such a kind and thoughtful man. He was one of my favorite teachers and an incredible coach. Thank you for sharing your sense of humor and love of basketball with me. You will be missed.*

*Hugs,
Beth Sandon Hostetler
"Long tall"*

Beth Hostetler - January 25, 2023 at 03:38 PM

RT

“ *A gift in memory of John Rush has been made to the American Heart Association by the Travis, Travis and DeGree families.*

Robert Travis - January 24, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John W. Rush.*



January 24, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John W. Rush.*



January 24, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John W. Rush.*



January 24, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Rush. I met him at Stone Elementary School where his twin boys attended. I was a teacher of one of the twins. He was such a supporter of education. He was a great supportive parent and active in the boys lives. I enjoyed talking with him because he had a positive outlook on many subjects. He was a great teacher and advocate for students. My prayers go out to the family as they mourn this great loss.*

Audrey McKandes - January 23, 2023 at 10:21 PM

SB

“ I first met Mr. Rush when my girls attended Westdale school. He had both of them in his P.E. class and I got to know him through the parent group. He always had a smile on his face and was so kind. Years later we reconnected with him, Sue and the Rybak's (another great teacher at Westdale) through my cousin. My prayers go out to the entire family.

Shirley Bringer - January 23, 2023 at 07:12 PM

EM

“ Suzie and the boys, I was floored when I heard the news, U J will be sorely missed. I was so glad we got to spend a little time together this summer. There are so many memories, softball games, card games, just hanging out together. I feel so bad that I did not get a chance to take him and Micheal and Steve out fishing this year but the good Lord had other plans for me and Mary. His smile, his laugh and dry wit were always something happening with him. We will see you and the family Wednesday, if you need anything please give me a call. Bless you all! Terry and Mary Minard

Eugene "Terry" Minard - January 23, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John W. Rush.



January 23, 2023 at 05:04 PM

RT

“ I’m so sorry to hear about John’s passing. John was such a great person. He was so friendly and kind hearted. John will be missed by so many people. My thoughts and prayers go out to Sue and family. RIP John

Rosie Trahan - January 23, 2023 at 04:36 PM

DJ

“ Mr. Rush is a teacher I will never forget. The lifelong relationships he made set him apart from the rest. I am thankful to have known him and continue to be inspired to be that kind of teacher for my students. Huge hugs and prayers to his family and all of those whose lives he touched. ❤️

Danielle Jankens - January 23, 2023 at 08:27 AM

HG

“ I'm so saddened to hear about the passing of Mr. Rush. Mr. Rush was my favorite! I was a shy middle schooler and he had such an impact on me and likely didn't even know it. He saw the shyness in me and would go out of his way to get a smile or laugh from me. He was fun to be around and was encouraging of my bowling skills. He endearingly referred to me as "Holly Baby" during the team's bowling games and also during the morning announcements when he read the team's bowling results. It was just the right balance of embarrassment and fun!

He was also a kind and caring guy. My mom passed away just a few months into my freshman year of high school. Mr. Rush showed up at her funeral visitation. I sent him a thank you note at the time, but I don't think he ever knew the extent of what that meant to me. Him showing up in support of me during that very difficult time meant everything. I still reflect fondly on that memory. I was just one student that crossed his path. I am sure there are countless others whose lives he has impacted over the years. I'm certain his family and friends meant the world to him. My condolences to all as you celebrate his life!

Holly Gerisch - January 22, 2023 at 08:35 PM

MT

Susan & family

I am so sorry for your of John who was an amazing man with a wonderful sense of humor.

It's been many years since we seen each other yet I remember the good times we had.

Sending condolences & prayers.

Mary Tietz - January 23, 2023 at 02:48 AM

KL

“ Dear Susie, John was an excellent educator and coach, very popular with STCS students and staff. He had integrity and a sense of humor and was loved by his family and friends. Sending prayers and condolences to you and your family. He will be missed! Karen Luplow

Karen Luplow - January 22, 2023 at 06:36 PM

DM

“ We are saddened by the passing of our dear friend John Rush. We have shared many fond memories with John, Susie, Mike and Steve during the past 45+ years. Our times spent in backyard pool gatherings, Hoyt Park baseball games, home visits, New Year's Eve gatherings and watching the Spartans defeat the Wolverines.

In the early days John always had a knack of evaluating the crazy coaching decisions and terrible calls by the officials. However, over time John seemed to mellow some or the coaching and officiating got better; either way attending or watching games with John was a treasured treat.

Our deepest sympathy and love to you dear Susie, Steve, Mike and all of your family and friends.

Please know we are praying for God's peace and comfort in your loss.

*All our Love,
Dan, Charlotte and all of the McShannock's*

Dan McShannock - January 22, 2023 at 02:03 PM

JT

“ I remember Mr. Rush coaching with my dad at MacArthur. He was so funny and a joy to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jill Tietz - January 22, 2023 at 12:15 PM

KM

“ John Rush was my friend. He could always make me laugh. An excellent teacher, coach and family man. I'll surely miss him. Love to Susie.

Kay Moeller - January 22, 2023 at 11:49 AM

TP

“ Dear Susie! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mr. Rush was one of my favorite teachers at Westdale. I remember a few of us got our picture taken in his class PE and it was in the newspaper. I have the article somewhere. He sure made a positive impact on so many children! He will be missed but his legacy will live on. Hugs and Love Terri Perry

Terri Perry - January 22, 2023 at 10:43 AM

PM

“ Susan....I am so very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a wonderful, loving and well respected man. Hugs and Prayers to you and your family.

P. Jean Mathis - January 22, 2023 at 10:23 AM

TB

“ Oh Susie, so sorry to hear about Johns passing. He was a great man and you were a great couple. My prayers are being sent to you and your boys!

Tricia Benkert - January 22, 2023 at 10:16 AM

JQ

“ I was so fortunate to work with John for many years in the Township Schools. He was always so positive & such a good man & caring teacher! Blessed to know you John!❤️

Jeanie Quinn - January 22, 2023 at 09:05 AM

JB

“ Sue and family, so sorry to hear about John's passing. You lived across the block from us on N Bond years ago. We had the pool on Benjamin at. I saw John at Spatz bakery at while ago and had a nice conversation with him about the old neighborhood. He was such a nice man and his smile was contagious. Sending prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Julie Blodgett Behmlander - January 22, 2023 at 08:02 AM

SH

“ My condolences to Mrs. Rush, Stevie and Mikey and their families.

Mr.Rush was kind, funny and loved his family dearly.

His kindness towards me when I saw him working the scorer's table at Heritage had a huge impact on me as a basketball official.

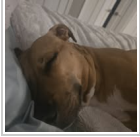
Nothing but love Mr.Rush.

Scott Helmka - January 22, 2023 at 07:43 AM

VT

“ I am so heartbroken to hear of John's passing! John and Sue were my neighbors years ago! He was such a great person! Sending lots oh hugs and prayers to Sue and his family! You will be missed by so many!! RIH!

Valarie Taylor - January 21, 2023 at 11:55 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to the family and dear friends of Mr. Rush. I remember him from school, he was a great mentor. May he be at peace.

Kristine Townsend - January 21, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John W. Rush.



January 21, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ He was my absolute favorite teacher. He always had a giant smile on his face and loved his family so much. Prayers to the family

Lori Krieger - January 21, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ Del and Judy Sherman purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of John W. Rush.



Del and Judy Sherman - January 21, 2023 at 03:54 PM