



John R. Senyko

July 4, 1939 - December 26, 2024

Mr. John R. Senyko
Saginaw Twp., Michigan

On December 26th, 2024, John R. Senyko, age 85, a man of unwavering faith and quiet strength, departed his earthly life for his eternal home in Heaven, while in the care of the Aleda E. Lutz, V.A. Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan, where he received a veteran's Honor Walk in honor of his service. Born to the late Lillian and Mike Senyko on July 4th, 1939, John grew up on his family's farm in South Branch, where he developed the strong work ethic that would define his life. After graduating from Mio High School's Class of 1956, he served in the United States Army from February 12, 1958, until his Honorable Discharge on December 13, 1960, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, having collected stories from his time in Germany during the Cold War that he would share for decades. On December 11, 1970, John married Joyclyn Marie (Mazany) Cox. Together with their children, Michael and Linda (whom John lovingly adopted), they built a life rich in adventure and joy, traveling across five continents while remaining deeply rooted in their community. John was an active member of Community Baptist Church, a dedicated Saginaw Lions Club member, and touched young lives as a Big Brother in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America program. A true farmer at heart, John maintained a lifelong passion for John Deere tractors, preserving and restoring his family's John Deere B tractor alongside his cherished collection of over a dozen award

winning tractors and farm implements. He took great pride in sharing stories of his farming heritage and the evolution of these beloved machines, approaching each one with meticulous care and deep appreciation for their history. He also owned and operated Cross Business Machines, Inc. in Saginaw. John approached owning a small business with the same integrity and attention to detail that characterized his life.

John is survived by his son, Michael (Kristen) Senyko; his daughter, Linda Cox (Jim DeShone); granddaughters, Emma Senyko and Melissa Nordquist (fiancé C.J. and daughter Izalea); grandsons, Connor Senyko and Daniel Cox (fiancé Tina & girls); his in-laws, Teresa Slominski, Jan Mazany, Janet Senyko, Ken Fallstick; cherished Florida friends, the Carney family; and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and treasured friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joyclyn, on January 6, 2023; Joyclyn's daughter, Teresa Cox; his brother, Edward Senyko; and his in-laws, Cecilia Fallstick, Douglas Mazany, Daniel Mazany, and Pat Slominski.

Friends are invited to join in the Celebration of John's life at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 29, 2024, at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave., in Saginaw. Pastor Douglas Jackson will officiate. Visitation will be Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until the service. John will be laid to rest beside his wife in a private family burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Goodar Twp., Ogemaw Co., South Branch, MI. Those planning an expression of sympathy may make memorial contributions to Community Baptist Church and School. Memories and sympathies of John may be shared with the family on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Cemetery

South Branch, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ I remember cross business machines and his name from when I worked an office job and frequented his place of business back in the late 1970's. Just one of those people and names that's hard to forget. Rest in Heavenly Peace John 🙏

Jamie (Malott) Thompson - January 20, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John R. Senyko.



December 28, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John R. Senyko.

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John R. Senyko.

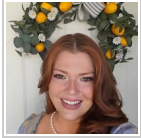


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“ In the 60s, John Senyko joined the Big Brother organization, becoming a beloved friend & confidant to my Dad after his own father left. Dad once told me that the most life changing conversation he ever had was with John, helping him see the value of putting effort into his education, which lead to him meeting my Mom & being able to provide for our family. I know that over the years Dad talked to him frequently, not just to get caught up, but to get advice & comfort through out his adulthood.

I myself had a tender moment with John, when as a child, I broke a couple of items in his house while playing. When I was made to apologize, he saw the guilt on my face, & instead of scolding or making me feel worse, he simply said "Is that all?", letting me go on my way. I've never forgotten that kindness.

Dad is mourning the loss of his mentor today, the same as he would a parent. I, too, am sad John's gone & oh so grateful for how he blessed our family starting so many decades ago. Rest in Peace, dear John, & thank you.

Bethany Paxton - December 26, 2024 at 09:05 PM



Thank you so much for your kind words. Dad would be proud and has treasured his relationship with Larry since the day Larry came into his life.

Linda Cox - December 27, 2024 at 12:50 PM

DG

John was one of the sweetest and most unassuming men I have ever known. He was very quiet which made you pay even more attention to him. His service to the Saginaw Lions Club was sincere and deliberate- he convinced me to serve as President in our club's 100th year, and he devoted many years and many hours to the Lions which in turn benefitted many, many people in this area. John, rest in peace faithful servant.

Delores Gale - December 28, 2024 at 04:04 PM

TM

John was the glue that kept the Saginaw Lions Club together. It was through Lions that John and I had a long friendship. He was a very modest and soft spoken person and one with great integrity. We have lived in Arizona for 30 years. He also kept me updated on club activities. I will miss him, a true friend.
Tom Mutton

Tom Mutton - December 29, 2024 at 12:31 PM

GM

To John's family. Doc and I were unable to attend John's service because we have Covid. Just know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. John was a great guy. Know him from being in the Saginaw Downtown Lions Club. He was a busy worker to the service of and for others. Very quietly but not unnoticed. He and Joyce stayed with us and toured Sydney, Australia. He was in awe of it all. Fun time. Rest well John. A treasure now in heaven. Our condolences, Gary and Judy McCray

Gary and Judy McCray - December 30, 2024 at 01:18 PM

LD

Thank you to everyone for your kind words for our dad. It is appreciated not only by me, but I'm sure my brother Mike is appreciative also.

Linda Cox (John's daughter) - January 11, 2025 at 11:32 AM