



John B. Wilder

November 13, 1947 - July 3, 2009

John Bueford Wilder

61, of Yale, died very unexpectedly Friday, July 3, 2009 at his cabin in Hale. He was born November 13, 1947, in Detroit the son of Anderson and the late Twila (McGhee) Wilder and was a graduate of Peck High School.

His marriage to Susan C. Sutton was December 16, 1967, in Croswell.

John served his country with the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969 then continued his service with the Inactive Naval Reserves from 1969 to 1971.

John was the owner/agent for 31 years of Wilder State Farm Insurance Company of Yale. He was Past Commander of Yale American Legion Post #320, former President of Yale Community Hospital Board of Directors and member of Board of Directors of the former Wolverine Bank, Sandusky. He was a member of Yale Chamber of Commerce and member and past president of Yale Lions Club.

Surviving, in addition to his wife Susan of 41 years are a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Mike May of Mattawan and son, Andy Wilder of Hale; grandchildren, Lauren and Ashley May; father, Anderson of Arcadia, Florida; siblings, Martin (Norma) of Canton, Al (Debra) of Howell, Tim (Laura) and Dan all of FL, sisters, Debby (Mike) Malone of FL, Peggy Rice of Westland and Donna Wilder of Mt. Clemens and several nieces, nephews and many friends. His family honors the memory of John and invite you to visit and share Tuesday, 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz

Funeral Directors, Yale. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Rev. Wayne Parker, pastor of Merriman Road Baptist Church, Garden City, will officiate. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Yale. Memorials are suggested to Memorial Scholarship Fund or Blue Water Cancer Fund.

For information and Guest Book
kaatzfunerals.com

Previous Events

Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Yale
10 S. Main Street
Yale, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Susie, My heart and thoughts are with you, Michele and Andy!##imported-begin##Dean Potter##imported-end##

July 13, 2009 at 11:41 PM



“ I am so sad to hear about Johns passing. What a beautiful human being he was. When I would call the office, he would catch me up on the happenings of Yale and we would laugh and laugh-he always had a story about my Mom. God bless you all.##imported-begin##LuAnn Collura (Williams)##imported-end##

July 10, 2009 at 03:39 PM



“ Susie and Family, We are all so very devastated by your loss. The measure of life is not it's duration, but it's donation. John's donation to everyone he met was ever so great. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Joe & Eva Leithead##imported-end##

July 10, 2009 at 08:53 AM



“ susie and family
you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. may family, friends and your faith in GOD comfort you at this time.
sincerely

bob and nancy elston##imported-begin##bob and nancy elston##imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 05:24 PM



“ I am blessed that I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Wilder. He is a wonderful man, and anyone who had the opportunity of meeting him would undoubtedly say the same thing. He honestly could bring a smile to your face just by walking in the door, he lit up the room! Our thoughts and prayers are with his family; Andy, Susie, Michelle, Mike and their girls. John will be truly missed.

Sincerely,
Samantha & Mike Michaud
and family###imported-begin##Samantha & Mike
Michaud###imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 09:27 AM



“ To the Wilder and May family our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sadness. It is with heavy hearts we are thinking of you and praying for you and your families.

The Tuckers###imported-begin##Douglas Tucker###imported-end##

July 09, 2009 at 09:13 AM



“ Susie and family - We are so sorry for your loss. John was a great friend, neighbor and employer. May the wonderful memories you have help you through this difficult time.###imported-begin##Christie Brown###imported-end##

July 08, 2009 at 04:21 PM



“ Susie and Family, John was a very Tender and Caring Man, who helped so many people in so many ways. I was so grateful for his help when John died. He went way out of his way to ease my pain. His kindness and generosity will fondly be remembered. We have another bright star in the nighttime sky. God Bless you all, may you find peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Rose Ann Wise-Wilcox###imported-begin##Rose Ann Wise-Wilcox###imported-end##

July 08, 2009 at 03:42 PM



“ I will never forget the things John taught me as my first boss in his early years as a State Farm agent. He was wonderful, always pleasant, patient, kind, gentle smile & words of wisdom. Sorry my work schedule won't allow me to be there for the service, my thoughts & prayers will be with you all.###imported-begin##Karin (Urban) Langolf###imported-end##

July 08, 2009 at 12:38 PM



“ John was a wonderful friend of my Dad's. The Yale community has lost a honest business man who cared much for his clients and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.###imported-begin##Joan E Ingram###imported-end##

July 08, 2009 at 09:10 AM



“ So shocked and deeply saddened by the loss of one of the kindest men I've ever known. My deepest sympathies, much love and many prayers to the family.

Sincerely,

Ronda Mills##imported-begin##Ronda Mills##imported-end##

July 08, 2009 at 08:54 AM



“ Dear Susie & family,

We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. If we can help in any way, please feel free to call on us.##imported-begin##Mike & Judy Mausolf##imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 09:38 PM



“ To Susie, Michelle & family and Andy - We are sorry you have to feel the pain of John's death. He was such a kind, gentle and caring man and he will be missed by the whole community. You must be proud of this man, as they don't come any better than he was.##imported-begin##Ed & Lory Roberts##imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 06:41 PM



“ John was our insurance agent for many years and such a wonderful friend. John often talked about his family and we could easily tell how much he loved them. He was more than just an agent, but a friend that will forever be missed. We are sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##The Simons Family##imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 05:55 PM



“ *The Lavens Family will never forget the kindness John has always shown to us. He will always be remembered for his calm, loving, and generous personality and we will cherish the days we had with him forever. Sue, Andy, and Michele, we are so sorry for your loss, words cannot describe.*

The Lavens'##imported-begin##Mike & Sheri Lavens##imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 02:48 PM



“ *John was such a neat guy and will be missed. I remember John telling me he signed up for ADP not because he had issues or concerns but because he loved to interact with others and learn. He said he never wanted to stop learning and growing. That's a very special trait. My condolences to Andy and the rest of John's family.##imported-begin##Craig Simmons##imported-end##*

July 07, 2009 at 02:01 PM



“ *John Wilder was my father in law, mentor and friend. I will miss his warm heart and willingness to always help. I celebrate the memories and mourn the loss of a kind, caring man.##imported-begin##Mike May##imported-end##*

July 07, 2009 at 12:51 PM



“ Dear Susie,

Our hearts are filled with such sadness on the loss of our great friend John. Our friendship has span over 30 years, sharing memories of our children, travel and State Farm.

May precious memories bring all of you comfort and surround you with peace.

*Our love and prayers,
Dave & Gahl Mitin##imported-begin##Dave & Gahl
Mitin##imported-end##*

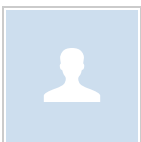
July 07, 2009 at 12:24 PM



“ Mike, Michelle, and girls,

We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We're all thinking about you! Love, The Sills' Family##imported-begin##Dave, Kathy and Alex Sills##imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 11:39 AM



“ John was a great friend and guiding light through my training years with State Farm. We are all blessed to have known John. You will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Glenda Kuhn-Heilig##imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 10:26 AM



“ Susie,
I was shocked and saddened to learn of John's passing. I will forever remember his kindness and his wonderful smile that could brighten even the gloomiest of days. Heaven has gained another bright star. Hugs to you and your family.-Chris##imported-begin##Christina Zacharias##imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 09:12 AM



“ Our prayers are for John's family. Our contact with John was always of the most professional level.##imported-begin##Harold W. & Diane C. Keivit##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 10:42 PM



“ John was not only our insurance agent, but was a very good friend of ours.I will miss the golf outings,going to his summer and winter homes, our trip to Chicago, and visits with him. He always had a smile for everyone, and was a very caring person. He enjoyed his family and cherished his friends. He was always there to give a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

His life may be gone from this earth,but his memories will last forever.

God Bless John and give comfort to his family.

We will miss you.

Don & Marsha Jakubowski##imported-begin##Don & Marsha Jakubowski##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 07:36 PM



“ God Bless our prayers are with you and your family##imported-begin##JUDY REICHERT/PHIL BAGWELL STATE FARM##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 04:54 PM



“ So sorry about you recent loss. Phil is so very sad about losing one of his best friends. We will miss his visits to our office. Good Bless.##imported-begin##JUDY REICHERT/PHIL BAGWELL STATE FARM##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 04:49 PM



“ Susie, we are so for your loss. What a great person as friend and professional business man. We will keep you and your family in are prayers.

Sincerely

Ron & Darlene##imported-begin##Ron & Darlene Meharg##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 04:33 PM



“ My deepest sympathy and prayers are for the family. God Bless##imported-begin##SHIRLEY GROUP##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 04:24 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to John's family. John touched the lives of many and will truly be missed, not just by family and friends but also all your associates throughout State Farm. I feel fortunate to say that I knew John and was able to get to know him even better this year through a training program we went through, ADP. Thank you John for everything you've done for this world.##imported-begin##Pat Fuller##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 04:06 PM



“ Susie -Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Amy Harris
Bagwell Agency - Florida##imported-begin##Amy Harris##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 03:48 PM



“ John has left a legacy that can truly be admired - a legacy through his community, his church, his family and at State Farm. He will be forever missed and never forgotten.

John was a guiding light to me as a new agent at State Farm and continued that quiet guiding strength through our time together in ADP. We are all so blessed to have John as part of our lives. Thank you, John.##imported-begin##Eva Ambrose##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 03:36 PM



“ You will be greatly missed my friend, Your kind soul touched my heart, and I am a better person for it. Your ADP pal,
Elizabeth##imported-begin##Elizabeth Fortino##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 02:31 PM



“ Susie,
Please accept our heartfelt condolences.
Cindy and Alan##imported-begin##Cindy Lane##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 01:38 PM



“ We have read success is measured by someone who lives well, laughs often and loves much. Someone who has earned the respect of mankind and the love of little children, who has accomplished his task, who has left the world better than he found it, who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it, who looked for the good in others and given them the best he had, whose life was an inspiration; whose memories a benediction. John was all this and more to all who knew him and loved him so. He will truly be missed. Our love and sympathy to Susie and his family.##imported-begin##Gary & Fran Mudge##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 01:22 PM



“ Susie,

*I am so sorry to hear about John. I will keep you in my prayers.
John was such a good man. Always happy, just a wonderful soul.*

Love,

Jan Meikle##imported-begin##Jan Meikle##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 11:06 AM



“ Chad, Jeff, Harold and I will keep you in our prayers and thoughts
during this time.##imported-begin##Sue Conklin##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 09:31 AM