



John J. Jewell

August 22, 1954 - February 7, 2023

John J. Jewell, 68, of Akron, Indiana passed at 1:47 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 at his residence.

John was born on Aug. 22, 1954 in Plymouth, Indiana to the late Lee George and Sarah Margaret (Ogden) Jewell. He married on Aug. 25, 1979 in the Grace United Church of Christ of Culver, Indiana to Rhonda Yazel, she survives.

In earlier years, John was an Eagle Scout and was an avid hunter and trapper. As a child, he attended the First United Church of Christ of Plymouth and the Grace United Church of Christ of Culver. He was a graduate of Culver Community Schools in 1972.

He bought the Phillips 66 Station in Mentone in 1978. He owned and operated J & J Auto Sales for over 30 years. During his working years, he had many customers and friends that frequented the station.

He loved watching television, especially sports. He was a collector of sports cards and had owned over 400 Corvettes in his life. He enjoyed many outdoor activities with his children including fishing, hiking, bicycling, and riding ATV's. John's life changed drastically in 1998 after he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

He is survived by his wife Rhonda Jewell of Akron; son Rory and wife Alisan Jewell of Ft. Wayne; daughter Chaitra and husband Ryan Adams of Akron; grandchildren Gracin, Finley, Keaton, Jurnee, Berklee, and one on the way; sister Phyllis and husband Stephen Bendzunas of Bluffton, South Carolina; George and wife Kerry Jewell of South Bend, Ind.; brother-in-law Mike and June Yazel of Mentone; sister-in-law Teresa and Jim Jones of Brookston; and several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents, sons Justin and Cody Jewell, and mother and father-in-law Harold and Ellanora Yazel.

Memorial visitation will be held from 11 am to 1 pm, Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Indiana with a time for family and friends to share memories of John at 1:00 pm.

A private family interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in John's memory to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society PO Box #91891 Washington, D.C. 20090-1891 or to Gentiva Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Mentone Cemetery

Morgan St Jefferson Street
Mentone, IN 46539

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 25. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home
101 North Tucker Street
P.O. Box 56
Mentone, IN 46539
(574) 353-7975
info@hartzlerfuneralservices.com
<https://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Honoring John Jewell in memory of John J. Jewell



Hartzler Funeral Services - February 25, 2023 at 04:06 PM

SH

I went to school with John he will be missed terribly GOOD BYE JOHN WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU

Shirley Hamm - March 07, 2023 at 07:40 AM



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John J. Jewell



Hartzler Funeral Services - February 09, 2023 at 12:39 PM

CH

A video tribute to JJ, the greatest brother ever.

chevagogo@yahoo.com - February 13, 2023 at 03:25 PM

CH

A Beautiful Tribute for JJ, the Best Brother Ever.

chevagogo@yahoo.com - February 13, 2023 at 03:27 PM

LH

Beautiful

lisa horning - February 13, 2023 at 04:19 PM

SK

Phyllis, George, and others in John's family, I sorry for your loss. I only knew Johnny when he was a little kid running around Cook Lake.

Susie Kubley - February 14, 2023 at 08:03 AM

SM

John had the sweetest smile. Beautiful family. Rest in peace John.

Sandy Master - February 14, 2023 at 09:10 AM

SB

Sorry for your loss. Beautiful slide show. Will keep the family in my prayers. Samantha B.

Samantha Bradford - February 23, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John J. Jewell.*



February 22, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - February 22, 2023 at 08:34 AM

GJ

“ Our brother was a very adventurous soul. While it is true, the 6 year’s difference between him and myself, made it difficult in our early years to be close, we more than made up for it in his later years. At around age 44, despite being diagnosed with MS, he was still a very vibrant person making the most out of life as he could. As a young person, there were moments when it seemed like we needed to wrap him in bubble wrap. And then as a middle aged man, he tried to fly, which didn’t work out so well either. But as an easy going car salesman and repair guy, he provided a nice place to stop in Mentone and just catch up on the latest news or whatever. He, like myself, enjoyed watching a freight train or two, and his station was located right beside the Nickel Plate RR. If you are a train enthusiast, you didn’t even need to see the train. Just hear and feel the rumble of the cars flying by. Anyway, he proved that he was a fighter by the way he didn’t give in to MS. Yes, it eventually took over, but his strong will and determination allowed him to continue doing as much as possible. Through all of this, you could usually find him with a smile on his face. He just took it in stride. That was his trade mark.

George Jewell - February 20, 2023 at 09:23 AM

PB

Thinking of my brothers and my childhood brings back many good memories. We were so lucky to be raised on a lake and living near a scout camp. When John was born I remember being somewhat disappointed. I wanted a sister, but John was such a good baby I enjoyed taking care of him. George and I took care of him a lot while Mom was busy with her church work. We'd take him on long walks in the woods and around the neighborhood. We'd go up to Groves' grocery and get pop-cycles. I remember a scary time when we were watching him and he took a bad fall. Thank goodness he had a hard head!

John always loved wildlife. When he got older we'd go out in our rowboats and catch baby turtles. We sold them to a pet store in Plymouth, but had to stop. You could only keep them a short time, since their shells would get soft in captivity, because they needed more sun.

I remember coming home from our grandparents home in Culver after dark, having to stop so John could go out and catch the toads and frogs in front of our car in the headlights.

When he was a teen he caught a snake once. I don't remember whose car it came home in, but I wasn't in it. It was a harmless one, thank God!!

I remember he was fearless and did many things Mom would worry about. My youngest son, Kevin, was a lot like him and Mom was always calling him John by mistake.

I've admired how much he loved his kids and what a good father he was! He lived with MS with so much grace and strength.

Phyllis Bendzunas - February 21, 2023 at 04:49 PM

EB

“*John was a special cousin whom I really only knew in childhood, but visits to his family on the lake, created many wonderful memories similar to going to summer camp. Days would be spent either rowing boats or swimming on the lake, hunting for frogs and tadpoles, or hiking, always together with John, George and or Phyllis. John was a delight with a great sense of humor, zany, and fun to be around. I know that he has crossed the rainbow bridge to a better place, surrounded by those who have preceded him, and is in grand company.*”

Elaine Jewell Burn - February 19, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John J. Jewell.*



February 17, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John J. Jewell.*



February 13, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ *I'm so deeply sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Jewell. He was such a kind man who adored his family. I know that I have lost contact with Chaitra, Ryan, and family. I send my deepest condolences to you all.*

Christopher Hindsley - February 12, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ *Sorry to hear, I always liked John*

Jeff Maggart - February 11, 2023 at 03:39 PM

GM

“ *My deepest condolences to John's family in this time of sorrow. Growing up in Mentone wouldn't have been the same without him. Your laugh and passion for cars will always be remembered. Thank you for giving a young man the thrill of driving his first Corvette. Additionally, the truck I bought from you in 2005, I still drive today. Thanks for many great memories. You will be deeply missed.*



Greg McCleese - February 10, 2023 at 01:50 PM

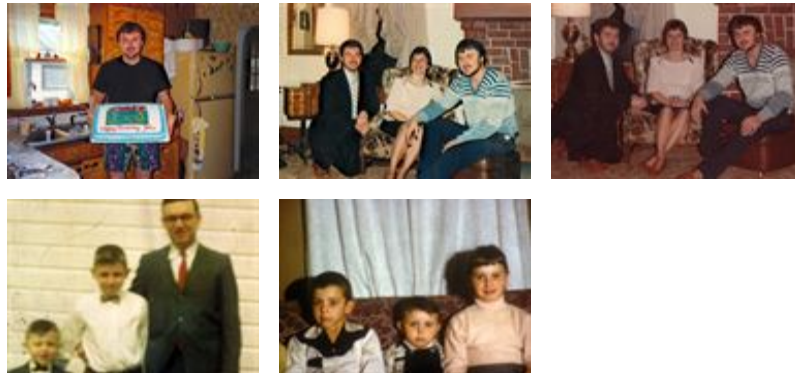
BP

“ *I was saddened to hear of John's death after years of battling multiple sclerosis. He was my younger cousin who was full of life and mischievousness as a child. I remember going out together in his rowboat and hunting for frogs and turtles in the lake by his childhood home. And, scampering around in a nearby woods full of puffball mushrooms and other natural wonders. May he find even more beauty and wonder in heaven.*

Barbara Cromer Page - February 10, 2023 at 02:00 AM



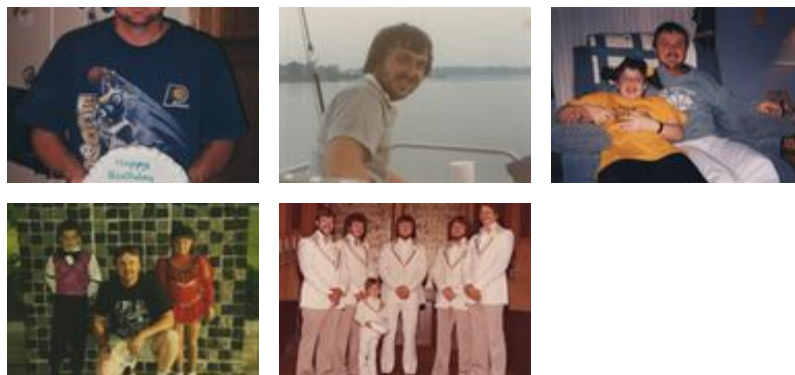
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Hartzler Funeral Services - February 09, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ 109 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hartzler Funeral Services - February 09, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of John's passing and his struggles late in life. John was my childhood friend and classmate at West Township School. Please accept my sympathy to the family. Mikki Holloway Maynard*

Mikki Holloway Maynard - February 09, 2023 at 11:40 AM

BW

“ Rhonda and family, Butch and I send our deepest sympathy to you for the loss of John. He has been such a trooper, fighting so hard to survive but is now at peach, probably pumping gas or working on vehicles in his forever home. Blessings from our hearts to yours as you go through this process of grieving the loss of someone so dear. May he rest in peace now.
Butch and Diane Warren



Butch and Diane Warren - February 09, 2023 at 08:31 AM

TM

“ Thoughts and Prayers. Jeff and Tami Murphy

Tami Murphy - February 09, 2023 at 08:05 AM

DS

“ Sending prayers to the entire family at this sad time.



Diane Sheetz - February 09, 2023 at 07:55 AM

BM

“ You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. May the sweet memories comfort you at this time.

Brenda (Kowatch) Madala - February 09, 2023 at 06:24 AM

JF

“ *Most sincere condolences. John was always such a kind fellow classmate. Prayers for the family*
Jacki(Gordon)Frain '72
Jim Gordon '73

jacki frain - February 08, 2023 at 10:38 PM

JB

“ *So sorry. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Jim and Shirley Bickel - February 08, 2023 at 07:01 PM

KR

“ *Please know that you all are in my thoughts and Prayers!* 🙏🙏❤️



Kathy Rocchio - February 08, 2023 at 05:40 PM