



John Cieslinski

February 26, 1947 - December 13, 2020

The world lost a great man as our father John "Big John" Cieslinski, age 73 of Ubyly passed away at Bayfield Assisted Living in Bay City on Sunday December 13, 2020. John was born in Yale, MI on February 26, 1947 to the late Anthony and Marcella (Sofka) Cieslinski. On May 8, 1976 John married the love of his life, the late Glenda (Coates) Cieslinski. John spent 378 days away from his beloved wife before he was called home.

John is survived by two sons Gary (Marie) Cieslinski of Elkton and Joseph (Jennifer) Cieslinski of Ishpeming, one daughter Amy (Tim) Lightfoot of Bentley; six grandchildren Chantel Cieslinski of Elkton, Matt (Cassandra) Cieslinski of Ohio, Cheyanne Cieslinski of Ohio, Ansley, Hannah and Caiden Cieslinski all of Ishpeming, one great-grandchild and two grand-dogs Turner and Duke. John is also survived by his brother, Michael (Melinda) Cieslinski of L'Anse and sister, Terry (Mary) Vandemark of Caro as well as nieces and nephews and his furry companion, Abby.

John and his beloved owned Pine View Farms in Ubyly for many years. From sun up to sun down, he was in the field or in the barns. John raised dairy cattle until the dairy buy out came through in 1989. During the years of raising dairy cows, John received numerous awards from MMPA for milk production volumes. John also received top yield awards from Pioneer seed over the years. In 1990, the gears changed to beef cattle. Cash crops were raised on the family farm as well. In 1999, arthritis took its toll on John and he rented out the farm and sold the cattle.

John served on numerous boards and committees over the years. He was a trustee for Sheridan Township for numerous years. He served on the ambulance board for Central Huron Ambulance Service just to name a couple. John is an active member of St. Columbkille Church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus where he has earned the status of 4th degree Knight. John and Glenda loved to travel. Their last vacation was a long anticipated Alaskan cruise. They wintered in Lakeland, Florida yearly. They didn't care where the vacation was as long as they were together.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Parish – St. Columbkille Catholic Church. Officiating will be Fr. Nate Harburg. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, December 17, 2020 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe or Friday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until service time at 11:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
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Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
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Tribute Wall



“ *John Cieslinski*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Keeping you close in my heart and in my prayers. And yes he will be missed by all who knew him.*

Cindy Sturgis - December 17, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ *Words seem so in inadequate to express the loss of this kind and gentle man. John was like a brother to me. With this loss I feel a part of my heart is lost. There will never be another like John. I can take some comfort knowing he is in a better place. No more pain and suffering. Knowing you are being reunited with your loving wife brings comfort to those left behind. All that's left to say is Rest In Peace sweet John.*

Susan Sofka - December 16, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ *Kevin Sweeney and Tom and Nancy Collins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Cieslinski.*



Kevin Sweeney and Tom and Nancy Collins - December 16, 2020 at 12:14 PM

KP

“ Amy and family, So sorry to read about John’s passing. He was a great man and will be missed by many.
I’m sure Glenda met him at the gates and said “What took you so long?”
Thoughts and prayers for his family at this difficult time.
Kay Peruski

Kay Peruski - December 16, 2020 at 09:54 AM

MC

“ There are no words possible for the loss of your father, grandfather and brother. Not being able to be there due to Co-Vid adds and additional grief. We are sooo sorry and hope you know how much we love each of you. God Bless. Melinda/Mike

Melinda/Mike Cieslinski - December 15, 2020 at 05:18 PM

YK

“ Yvonne, Mike and Kerri purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of John Cieslinski.



Yvonne, Mike and Kerri - December 15, 2020 at 01:29 PM