



John D. Soper Sr.

March 26, 1930 - April 11, 2020

John D. Soper Sr., age 90, of Bad Axe, went home to be with his Lord on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at his residence.

John was born in Bad Axe, Michigan on March 26, 1930 to the late Bartholomew (Bert) and Mary (Neveau) Soper. He grew up on the family farm west of Bad Axe. John married his childhood sweetheart Lena (Fritz) on August 26, 1950.

John was a deeply devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, who adored his family and loved spending time with them. He will be greatly missed by his family, who loved him dearly.

His hobbies included hunting and fishing, as well as putting his woodworking skills to good use, creating hundreds of dog and bird houses for those who could use them. Many thought of him as an accomplished handy man based on his knowledge and ability to tackle any project.

He enjoyed working with his hands in several trades, including plumbing and heating, masonry, and sales with Huron Pride Ice Cream and the 7-Up bottling Company. He retired from the Carmet Company of Bad Axe.

John will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 70 years, Lena, and their six children: John D. Soper, Jr. of Adrian, David W. (Jean) Soper of Caro, Mark A. Soper (Rose Barnes) of Marion, Janet E. (Warren) Kirsch of Harbor Beach, Bert E. (Janet) Soper of Emmett, and Daniel R. (Cindy) Soper of Bad Axe. 17 grandchildren: Amanda, John, Adam, Joshua, Kevin, Laura, Zachary, Kelsey, Jacob, Jennifer, James, Jessie, Jessica, Bert, Daniel, Chase, and Lauren.

Also 24 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brothers and sisters: Clarence, Russell, Albert, Clayton, Lavernis, Leona, Eileen, Beatrice, Ethel and James.

John was recently predeceased by a daughter-in-law, Deborah Soper.

A private burial service will be held at Colfax Cemetery in Bad Axe. There will be a memorial service at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church in the future when we can gather.

Tribute Wall



“ *John D. Soper Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Dear Lena and family,
Our thoughts and prayers of comfort to you all
as we are saddened of the loss of your
husband, father, and grandfather.*

To my wife and I John was a beautiful friend!

*We had the pleasure of renting a home from John and Lena for 7
years. During this time John and I had spent some time together
mowing lawn, shingling the roof, replacing window sills, and
gardening. We still have rhubarb that John gave us when we
moved.*

*We always told him he was the best landlord anyone could ever
have!*

*Last summer we stopped by as we seen John was out sitting in the
shade of the trees. He gave us the best hug you could ever have.*

*John has been a treasure to us all! We will miss him. We will always
love him!*

The community of Bad Axe has lost one of their finest citizens!

God Bless you and comfort you!

Sincerely,

Frank and Leta Heck



Frank M. Heck - April 17, 2020 at 05:48 PM



Thank you so very much for your thoughtful remembrance.

Dan Soper - April 18, 2020 at 06:31 PM

LS

Thank you so much. What a wonderful tribute. I know you and John spent many, many hours together. He loved working in his old garage down there and moving the grass on those 2 acres. We appreciated you too as renters also. Wishing you God's best. Lena

lena soper - April 19, 2020 at 12:17 PM

AS

“ *Sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family from ours. May he R.I.P.*

Angel Ortega Martinez Sr (Luis Shook) - April 14, 2020 at 10:52 PM

DS

Thank you Luis

Dan Soper - April 18, 2020 at 06:31 PM

MN

“ *Lena and family, Sending our deepest sympathy and many hugs! I remember John at the Soper reunions and other family activities. My grandpa was Arthur Soper and my mom, Irene Soper Santhany. Lena, I believe you and I had a baby at the same time in the Pigeon Hospital in July of 1968. I have numerous pictures here from my Grandma Soper's(Mabel) collection that I would be happy to share for your memorial service. Just let me know. My address: Mary Nicholson, 1609 N, Kirk Rd, Fairgrove, Mi 48733. May God wrap His arms around you and comfort you.*

Mary Nicholson - April 14, 2020 at 01:51 PM

LS

Thank you Mary I remember going to aunt Mabels for reunio. our 6 wk old took prise as youngest. Would love to see pictures. .if we can schedule some thing Thank you for the condolences.

lena soper - April 15, 2020 at 11:11 PM

DS

Thank you Mary

Dan Soper - April 18, 2020 at 06:32 PM

BC

“ *John was a good, good man. I considered him a friend. I had the pleasure of many great conversations over the years while I managed Self Serve Lumber in Bad Axe and while I was Mayor. Always a good conversation with sound advice and information. I am so sorry to see my friend gone but I know that he rests in the arms of our Lord. 😭 B. Cleland.*

Bill Cleland - April 14, 2020 at 11:15 AM

DS

Thank you Bill

Dan Soper - April 18, 2020 at 06:33 PM

JD

“ *John was a great neighbor. He would always wave or speak when I saw him out. He will be missed. Wishing his family comfort and peace.*
Jan Dibble

Janet Dibble - April 14, 2020 at 07:53 AM

DS

Thank you Jan

Dan Soper - April 18, 2020 at 06:33 PM

BM

“ *Uncle John was a loving husband and father and made friends where ever he went. What I do remember most was his sense of humor. He always made me laugh and I will never forget that. May u find comfort in knowing that he was loved by so many and will be sadly missed by all.*

Beverly McIlhargie - April 13, 2020 at 06:38 PM

DS

Thank you sweet cousin

Dan Soper - April 18, 2020 at 06:34 PM

LS

That you Bev. I appreciate your camments. I can almost hear your laught whenever we were together. We will be in touch when we can arrrange a memorial servive Love, Aunt Lena

lena soper - April 19, 2020 at 12:24 PM