



## John A. Adriance

March 6, 1937 - December 3, 2023

John A. Adriance

Age 86

Paw Paw

Passed away Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 at Rose Arbor Hospice, Kalamazoo. John was born March 6, 1937 in Kalamazoo, son of the late John and Lillian Adriance. John was a lifelong member of Covey Hill Baptist Church as well as serving as a board member for RBM Ministries. He also served as choir director and Sunday School teacher for many years. John lived on the family farm in PawPaw his whole life and was a very skilled handyman. Over 40 children have passed through their home as foster kids over the years. John was a people focused individual and was always willing to help anyone in need.

John is survived by his loving wife of 66 years Dena; 3 children, Lynna (Randy) Dylhoff, Tom (Beth) Adriance, Tim (Terri) Adriance; 11 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson; brother-in-law Dale Powers; sister-in-law Alma Powers; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, Melodi (Paul) Acree; sister and brother-in-law, Nancy (Gerry) Meyers; his parents, and sister-in-law Mary Powers.

The family will meet friends on Thursday, December 7th from 11am until time of funeral services at 1pm at Covey Hill Baptist Church, Pastor Dan Wilson officiating. Interment will follow in Robinson Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to either Covey Hill Baptist Church or Rose Arbor Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Robinson Cemetery

34000 20th Avenue  
Gobles, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Covey Hill Baptist Church  
33566 28th Avenue  
Paw Paw, MI

## Service

DEC 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ A loving caring man that was like a Dad to me when I was younger, Mr.Adriance led me to the Lord when I was a young boy, I will miss him dearly and all the fun we use to have talking about my old 63 C10, just like my old Chevy Truck he use to tell me... I will see you again my friend.  
Thank you Mr.Adriance and all your children for sharing a wonderful Man with me and my family for so many year's.

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Dustin Serrine - December 08, 2023 at 08:10 PM

BF

“ Bob & Pat, Linda & Ken & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Adriance.

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Bob & Pat, Linda & Ken & Family - December 06, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Adriance.



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December 06, 2023 at 06:12 PM

EC

“ I spent my teen / early young adult years at Covey Hill. Some of my favorite memories of John are when he shared some of his stories and hiw he so boldly and fearlessly shared his faith with everyone. This is not good bye but till we meet again.



Erika Craig - December 05, 2023 at 11:31 PM

JD

It breaks my heart to see you go such a wonderful man of god an I had him as my friend June

june DePierre - December 06, 2023 at 04:28 PM

LF

“ Lois, Steve, Ruth, Mary, Beth & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Adriance.

Lois, Steve, Ruth, Mary, Beth & Families - December 05, 2023 at 11:33 AM

LF

“ Lois, Steve, Ruth, Mary, Beth & Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John A. Adriance.



Lois, Steve, Ruth, Mary, Beth & Families - December 05, 2023 at 11:33 AM

LR

“ My condolences to Dena & the entire family on the loss of Johnny. As a new believer in 1962, Johnny & Dena were so welcoming to me when I accepted the Lord at Covey Hill. His love for the Lord & his family made a lasting impression. He blessed so many people & will be missed by so many.

Lynne (Baas) Rouch - December 05, 2023 at 10:40 AM

JG

“ Deepest Sympathies, Dena, Lynna, Tom, Tim, and rest of family. As a kid growing up going to Covey Hill, will always remember Johnny leading songs at church, he was a man I always looked up to.  
Lynna, and Randy, sorry I can't make the funeral, but I'll have you in my thoughts.  
Jim Geresy

Jim Louis Geresy - December 05, 2023 at 08:20 AM

DF

“ DeVries & Lane family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Adriance.

DeVries & Lane family - December 04, 2023 at 10:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. Adriance.



December 04, 2023 at 10:08 PM

TB

“ When we first visited Covey Hill Baptist Church over twenty years ago, the Pastor and John came to visit us at our home to thank us for visiting. We knew that they cared for people and our search for a church family was met. John was a great friend and mentor. He will be missed for sure. Praise Jesus! 🙏 Terry & Belle Burris

Terry & Belle Burris - December 04, 2023 at 09:11 PM

SD

“ I am so sorry! Jim was the same age as John. It is hard to let them go. I will be praying for you. Love, Sarah Durham

Sarah Durham - December 04, 2023 at 07:09 PM

DB

“ John was my husband, Al Beers cousin and I was very privileged to be a part of the Adriance clan and enjoy wonderful July 4th picnics there. I loved hearing the stories and seeing pictures of my gos band's summertime at the farm. I love you Johnny. Diane Beers

Diane Beers - December 04, 2023 at 06:34 PM

BJ

Our deepest sympathies on your loss. He was a great man of God and it showed in the way he lived his life.

Barbara and Harry Jepkema - December 04, 2023 at 10:55 PM

BJ

“ Barbara And Harry Jepkema lit a candle in memory of John A. Adriance



Barbara and Harry Jepkema - December 04, 2023 at 05:58 PM

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Barbara and Harry Jepkema - December 04, 2023 at 06:05 PM

DP

“ Thanks Johnny for being my brother and inlaw.. It was always fun riding in your Fords.. I enjoyed working on cars in the old barn on your farm.. Rest in piece...”

Dale Powers - December 04, 2023 at 05:23 PM



“ Megan Garrett lit a candle in memory of John A. Adriance



Megan Garrett - December 04, 2023 at 03:54 PM

BG

“ Betty And Ralph Garrett lit a candle in memory of John A. Adriance



Betty and Ralph Garrett - December 04, 2023 at 03:33 PM

AK

“ Goodbye, my friend. So many great memories of your friendship, mentorship, support, and model on how to be a good person. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Aaron Kuehn - December 04, 2023 at 03:05 PM

TG

“ *Saying John was a good man would be an understatement. He loved his wife, his children, his grandchildren, even his ex-son-in-law and I. But most importantly John loved his Lord and Savior. I am so glad Kenny and I were able to see him in August. We love you John, Dena and all the family. Thoughts and prayers will be with you all.*

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**Terri E Garrett** - December 04, 2023 at 03:03 PM