



## John A. Hoover

June 28, 1949 - September 26, 2025

On September 26, 2025 John A. Hoover of Covert passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family at Corewell Health Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, MI at the age of 76.

John was born June 28, 1949 in South Haven, the son of Murl D. and Frieda A. (Kohlhoff) Hoover, spending his entire life in the Covert area.

After graduation, John served in the National Guard and received an honorable discharge. On June 28, 1975 he married his high school sweetheart, Regina M. Austin. Throughout their more than 50 years together, they had three daughters.

John enjoyed life and loved his family. As a father, John always made sure his family was taken care of, love was an action that was lived throughout his life.

John's love of learning how things worked had him tearing things apart and putting them back together. This opened up a career with Dawson Mfg. where he excelled as their Supervisor of Maintenance.

Being full of curiosity and having tons of imagination, he was always up to something. He loved traveling whenever possible, gardening, bird watching, cooking, photography, and mechanics. John also enjoyed flying and woodworking. He even operated his own sawmill, The Hoover Mill.

If you needed to find John, he was always in his shop working on or fixing something that would make things easier, better or faster. He maintained his family's cars, helped his neighbors, and completed science projects with his daughters. John believed that nothing was too difficult to tackle and his projects spanned the gamut as a result.

John was fun to sit and talk with, as he was a dreamer at heart. Those privileged to be in his presence, would quickly be drawn into conversations imagining possible projects and travels, meanwhile enjoying his special sense of humor. He loved to tell ridiculous jokes and left his family with voicemails and pictures that will keep his humorous side alive.

After John's retirement, he continued to live life on his terms, doing things he was passionate about with his family. He took daily golf cart rides around his property with Regina, spending time by their firepit, watching the turtles in their pond, and gazing at the stars.

John had an intelligent mind and was a voracious reader. After losing a leg, he kept on living to the fullest. Never giving up was a way of life. He continued attending family outings, tinkering in his shop, and riding his tractor.

John embodied the philosophy of "living in the moment." He will be missed greatly by his loving family and many friends.

Surviving are his wife, Regina M. Hoover; their 3 daughters, Amanda M. (Greg) Miller of Mattawan, Rachel R. (Jesse) Carpenter of Bangor, Heather N. (Terrence) Irvine of Covert; 4 grandchildren, Isis (Jacob) Dailey, Lyra Carpenter, Scarlett Hoover, Truitt Irvine; 3 great-grandchildren, Layla, River, and Noah Dailey; sister, Sharon R. (Rick) Ward of Kalamazoo; sister in law, Margaret E. (Burt) Farley and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was

preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters, Carolyn Grant, Marion Sliter; and brother, Murl A. Hoover.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and the family will meet friends on Friday, October 17, from 3-5 p.m. with a memorial service at 5:00 p.m. at the Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home. A supper will follow from 6-8p.m. at The American Legion in Bangor. The family suggests memorials be made to The American Cancer Society or to a donor's choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

## Memorial Service

OCT 17. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Bangor, MI

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Our condolences go out to you and your family for the loss of your husband, dad, and grandfather. The Emenhiser Family*

Jen Emenhiser - October 26, 2025 at 08:48 PM

LF

“ *Regina and girls,  
You all are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.  
Dan and Lynne Farmer*

Lynne Farmer - October 17, 2025 at 03:52 PM



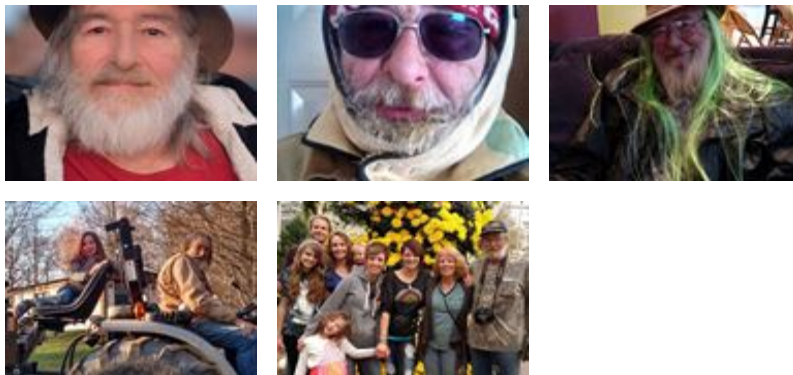
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. Hoover.*



October 13, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - October 13, 2025 at 02:35 PM

NK

“ Regina & Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. Please know that you are  
all in my thoughts and prayers.

Nikol Karsen - October 07, 2025 at 09:27 AM

CT

“ John will be missed. He was a good friend.

Cynthia and Sam Titman - October 05, 2025 at 05:48 PM

GE

“ Greg & Greg Jr. Myrkle , Dawn Eisner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of John A. Hoover.

Greg & Greg Jr. Myrkle , Dawn Eisner - October 03, 2025 at 05:33 PM

GE

“ Greg & Greg Jr. Myrkle , Dawn Eisner purchased  
the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family  
of John A. Hoover.



Greg & Greg Jr. Myrkle , Dawn Eisner - October 03, 2025 at  
05:33 PM

RD

“ Regina my thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Rick Dillman - October 03, 2025 at 04:41 PM

TM

“ So many memories from back in the day when the kids were little. Hugs and prayers for comfort.

Tina Mitchell - October 03, 2025 at 03:08 AM

GM

“ My Prayers for all of you. I always enjoyed talking to John on his trips to the hardware store. A wonderful man with skills that couldn't be measured

Greg Myrkle - October 02, 2025 at 09:20 PM

DH

“ My memory is of how inventive, curious and smart John was. And I don't think that there was anything mechanical he couldn't figure out. No physical limitation stopped him from doing what he wanted to do.

D. Hope - October 02, 2025 at 07:21 PM

MZ

“ Melanie Thompson Zeiger lit a candle in memory of John A. Hoover



Melanie Thompson Zeiger - October 02, 2025 at 05:15 PM

MZ

“ Sending prayers and a hug for your hearts.

Melanie Thompson Zeiger - October 02, 2025 at 05:15 PM