



John Thomas Plews

February 29, 1964 - April 14, 2021

John Thomas Plews, age 57, of Paw Paw, passed away suddenly, Wednesday, April 14, 2021. John was born February 29, 1964 in Allegan. John was a lover of music, enjoyed playing the guitar and loved being outdoors. John was an avid sports fan and loved going to his grandkids' sporting events. He was a friend to many and a great conversationalist. John enjoyed hunting and fishing, but more than anything he cherished time spent with his family, especially his kids and grandkids.

Surviving are his children, Amanda (Devon) Russell, Jessica (Brandon) Sparks, Douglas (Anne) Plews, Kiaya Plews, Elisha (Lena) Plews; many grandchildren; stepfather, Alfred "Skip" Linville; siblings, Sheryl (John) Zaczek, Kathy (Amber) Fairbotham; several nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Betsy Linville and Thomas Plews, and his grandparents.

Following his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 10 AM until noon at the Great Lakes Chapel; 29530 M-43 (between 29th and 30th); Paw Paw, MI 49079. Arrangements entrusted to the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Great Lakes Chapel
29530 M-43
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Jessica Sparks lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Plews



Jessica Sparks - December 28, 2021 at 11:12 PM

LH

“ John was one of my best friends since he was in 7th grade. He was always there for me to talk to. He always was kind and caring with a big smile. He watched all of my son Tyler's football games and we would talk on the sidelines about what plays we would run as a coach. He followed Tyler's football career at MSU. He loved playing football and watching it. He loved playing his music and his family and friends. I will miss him so much and our talks. The world was a better place with him in it. I love you my friend. Heaven has gained a great person.



Lori Henson Hunt - April 19, 2021 at 11:06 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mark hall - April 18, 2021 at 10:24 AM

MH

Me Mary John band Brian with Jodi video taping 1993 Brian's Graduation skip day

Mark hall - April 18, 2021 at 10:27 AM

SZ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sheryl Zaczek - April 18, 2021 at 01:08 AM

SZ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Sheryl Zaczek - April 18, 2021 at 01:06 AM

SZ

These pictures were from his cousin Mary McCoy. They were in a band together in Minnesota. Thanks Mare for the awesome pictures/memories!

Sheryl Zaczek - April 18, 2021 at 05:56 PM

SZ

“ I don't know what I'm gonna do without my little brother around. We've been pretty much inseparable while growing up...mostly the same school friends, folk dancer friends, church friends, etc... I would go to all of his sports games, we would snowmobile, swim, sled, ice skate, and waterski together... etc. He was always there when I asked him for help, loved family gatherings, etc. I'm gonna miss him so very very much!

Sheryl Zaczek - April 18, 2021 at 12:45 AM

CN

Prayers for all of you Sheryl. I'm trying really hard to focus on how happy he must be. A clear mind, 20/20 vision, and playing and singing to his hearts content. It's not really helping so far but I'm going to keep trying. My heart goes out to you, family was everything to John.

carol newenhouse - April 18, 2021 at 03:03 PM

KF

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=N_lrrq_opng

Kathy Fairbotham - April 19, 2021 at 07:57 AM



https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=N_lrrq_opng

Kathy Fairbotham - April 19, 2021 at 07:58 AM

CB

“ To Sheryl Z. and the Plews family,
Please know that I am thinking of you and wishing you strength through the hard days ahead. May your memories give you comfort and peace.

Carrie Butler

Carrie Butler - April 16, 2021 at 07:57 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



MARK HALL - April 16, 2021 at 07:51 PM

MH

John and i and marry and Brian at brains skip day in high school in moose lake

MARK HALL - April 16, 2021 at 07:54 PM

MH

john was a great musician

MARK HALL - April 16, 2021 at 08:03 PM

MH

from my family to yours we send you thoughts and prayers

MARK HALL - April 16, 2021 at 08:07 PM

CA

I am guessing he and Brian are jamming in heaven!

Cara - April 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM

MH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



MARK HALL - April 16, 2021 at 07:47 PM

MH

we had so much fun playing in a band together it was a blast

MARK HALL - April 16, 2021 at 07:50 PM

JW

“ *A sad day. John was a good friend in our younger days and all of our folks were friends. We played ball together in the summer leagues as kids. God Bless You my friend. There is no suffering where you are now. Peace be with you and your family. Amen*

Jack Walburn - April 16, 2021 at 02:54 PM

CN

“ *I've never met anyone with a bigger heart than John and he will forever have a very special place in mine. It seems impossible to feel such incredible sadness and at the same time incredible joy. There is such sadness for the loss of this life, and yet, I can't help but feel great joy for John. Imagine the moment, the instant, when the struggles of this life were instantly gone and he found himself in the presence of his dear mother and grandparents and the very presence of our Father, who holds all of us in His hands. I'm sure that big smile of his lit up his face. Someday he'll be there, ready to greet us with that smile. What a day that will be!*

carol newenhouse - April 16, 2021 at 01:05 PM

 Jess Sparks

Beautiful! Thank you for sharing. The best memories with my dad were ones that included you!

Jess Sparks - April 22, 2021 at 10:13 PM

SS

“ John and I go way back. We shared our school years in sports, scouts, and schools and were in the same Class of '82. As those years slowly fade away from memory, I appreciate those moments that remain, and there are many.,I always think of him on leap year and try to calculate how “young” he was... He was a good friend, a good man- but no surprise there- his Mom and Dad were so very warm and nice.

John, you left us too soon and I wish we had more time with you old friend.

Steve Sherburne - April 16, 2021 at 11:36 AM

CA

I have heard many stories about you.

Cara - April 18, 2021 at 09:05 AM

CA

“ *I once scorned ev'ry fearful thought of death,
When it was but the end of pulse and breath,
But now my eyes have seen that past the pain
There is a world that's waiting to be claimed.
Earthmaker, Holy, let me now depart,
For living's such a temporary art.
And dying is but getting dressed for God,
Our graves are merely doorways cut in sod. By Calvin Miller*


Cara - April 16, 2021 at 05:58 AM

CA

“ *Cara lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Plews*



Cara - April 16, 2021 at 05:57 AM

 Kiaya Plews

“ *Kiaya Plews lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Plews*



Kiaya Plews - April 16, 2021 at 01:28 AM

 Kiaya
Plews

“ *Dad John loved music... he always lets me play on his drums and keyboard every time I visit him, and often sang songs, some of which he made up and written himself (someday I intend to find recordings of his songs, including his unfinished number "Those Dirty Lonesome Blues" which tells about his life-- starting with his many divorces-- and would be fitting for his funeral should more be added to it).*

We talked many times on the phone, and I always promised we'd see each other again. I intended to stop by for a surprise visit to his home in Michigan once I have the right transportation arranged, but fate changed such plans... first the pandemic delayed travel and kept us apart, and now some accident killed him! Here's hoping I would at least be able to attend his funeral and visit my half-siblings whenever I could in his memory... the way he called me "sweetheart", the way he kept track of how "old" he is by counting how often the Leap Year he's born on had passed. He was one of a kind, and I thought he'd live much longer than this. Things wouldn't be the same without him, and I dread the thought his legacy as a musician and a father might die with him... heaven forbid it would come to that.

Daddy, I miss you.

Kiaya Plews - April 16, 2021 at 01:22 AM

 SZ

*He loved you too Sweetie!!! So much!!! Hold your memories close.
Love you very much! Aunt Sheryl*

Sheryl Zaczek - April 19, 2021 at 08:08 AM