



John D. Perry

August 9, 1941 - May 31, 2017

John D. Perry, 75, of The Villages, Florida passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at the Cornerstone Hospice in The Villages. He was born on August 9, 1941 to the late John and Bertha Perry of Crystal Falls, Michigan. During his career as a Civil Engineer, John was the Managing Director of the St. Clair County Road Commission and retired in 1997. John moved with his wife, Jill to The Villages, Florida in 1997 where he enjoyed golfing, RVing, and spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Jill; his sister, Ruth Kudwa; 3 children, son, Gregory (Kim) Perry, daughter, Lisa (Michael) Wheeler, daughter, Jennifer (Douglas) Fall; 2 step-children, Jack (Kim) Pettengill, Jolene (Shawn) Furman; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way. He was preceded in death by Janice Ross Perry and his brother, Tom Perry. Memorial Service A Memorial Service will be held at New Covenant United Methodist Church, The Villages, FL on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 1 pm. Memorial Donations In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or Cornerstone Hospice of The Villages, FL. .

Tribute Wall

MF

“ We would like to express our deepest condolences to Jill, the Perry's and the extended families. We are honored to have known and to have been able to call Mr. Perry "friend" for many years. We regret that we can not be there in person to celebrate with everyone such a wonderful man and the life he lived. He will be missed dearly by many. All our love ... The Coleman's

Mark & Renae Coleman and family - June 06, 2017 at 11:43 AM

TF

“ We are all saddened by the news of John's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



The Downey Family - June 04, 2017 at 02:45 PM

DF

“ I'll miss my buddy. Having grown up together in Crystal Falls, MI, playing ball together and other childhood experiences. 40 years later in retirement we found each other again at The Villages in FL. For the past 20 years we golfed weekly, had dinners and outing with our wives, Jill, Sue and friends. We were there to support and help each other when needed. A true trusted friend that will be very much missed. Our condolences to Jill and family.

Don & Sue Franz - June 04, 2017 at 11:18 AM

JL

“ *Jill and family, Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of John. We are thinking and praying for all of you. I remember John as a very kind and gracious person.*

Sue

Jim and Sue Lovett - June 03, 2017 at 07:36 PM

DH

“ *Jill,*

It is with a heavy heart that we are sending this message to let you know how sorry we are to hear of John's passing. You and your family have our sincere sympathy & we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

*With our deepest sympathy,
Darlene & Bill*

Darlene and Bill Hemingway - June 03, 2017 at 02:52 PM

JF

“ *Jill & Family,
We are so very sorry, you are in our thoughts
and prayers.*



Jon & Jacklyn Fredendall - June 02, 2017 at 09:34 PM

JD

“ *Sorry to hear about Dennis very nice person remembering him
when we went to school condolences to his family..Judy*

Judy(rosengren) demerath - June 02, 2017 at 11:31 AM

BC

“ Dear Jill & Family,
It is with a very heavy heart that we say farewell to John. He was such a good man with a dry sense of humor that always made me laugh when he would tell me "focus Joan, focus". That started the first time I kept score at bocce ball! It was always a joy to hear of your many travels in the RV and especially to know that you were able to cross off many adventures that were on your bucket list. I know John will be missed by all the Good Sam family and especially those in TBS. May God give strength to you Jill, and his family during this difficult time, and continue to hold all those precious memories of John within your hearts.

Bill & Joan Conway - June 02, 2017 at 11:08 AM

MD

“ Jill - My sincerest sympathy to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Ann Dunkle - June 02, 2017 at 10:43 AM

LS

“ Dear Family,

Too soon he left us....we were looking forward to seeing him at our next class reunion in Crystal Falls. I so enjoyed his very subtle humor, his veiled "understatements", and his solidness. I used to ride the school bus with Denny - he got off at the Tobin Location and I went on to the Iron Co. Infirmary at that time. As kids we often sat together on the bus. All the way through school, because his last name ended in P and mine began with R (there was no one with a Q), he sat in front of me and we often compared notes. He always helped me with my math. I remember all the parties we went to. I particularly remember that I learned the word "Piddoddle" from him - when one was on a date driving down the road at night and saw a car with only one light, the girl was supposed to yell "Piddoddle" and then the boy she was with was supposed to kiss her. I've never forgotten that!

We all will miss him. May you be comforted in knowing he was a good man loved by all.

LaDena Robichaud Schnapper

LaDena Schnapper - June 02, 2017 at 10:14 AM

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“ Dear Denny's Family,

Our class sends our prayers and condolences. We have fond memories of Denny (that's what we called him)with his very subtle humor, his wry smile, his speed on the football field and his pleasant even personality. There was a deep quietness to him that was filled with a solid stable strength.We will honor his memory at our June 29 Class Gathering.

Crystal Falls Class of 1959 - June 02, 2017 at 09:59 AM

JB

“ Our prayers to John's family. We met John and Jill through my nephew and his wife Jolene. They would sometimes come to our family reunion with Jolene and her family when they were in Michigan. They even came several times to the reunion, I guess our crazy family didn't scare them off. They fit in and participated, always welcomed. The kindness they showed will now be repaid through our Lord Jesus. Jill he is there for you now and always. John is smiling down on his beautiful family and will be missed but he has left an impression on all he knew including my family. A friendly, kind soul gone to soon. Our love and hugs to all. Janet and Keith Brown. Harbor Beach MI

Janet Brown - June 01, 2017 at 08:15 PM

JR

“ My sympathy in your time of sorrow. John touched every person he met. I gained a new friend when our families united. I will miss my book partner. Judy

Judy Rockwell - June 01, 2017 at 07:50 PM

JH

“ So sorry to hear about John he was a very nice man I will always remember that he liked peanut M&M so when he we come to the reunion I would try An have a bag for him. He will be missed by one an all.



Jennifer&Tom Holdwick - June 01, 2017 at 07:32 PM

BF

“ We deeply feel and share John's loss. He was an exemplary person in many ways....a devoted husband and parent, a loyal friend and member of his extended families, a person of good humor and good judgment, a competent engineer and manager, and always one to seek out interesting things to do and share. Back in about 1963 when we learned that Paul's first cousin was dating a Yooper from Crystal Falls and Michigan Tech, we had a feeling she'd found a good thing. John was ten days older than Paul, and, hence, much wiser, but we were all pre-war models. All who knew John will be the poorer for his passing. We send our heartfelt best wishes to Jill and each of their descendants.

*Bobbie and Paul Freshwater
Eagle Harbor, Michigan*

Bobbie & Paul Freshwater - June 01, 2017 at 06:29 PM

LZ

“ Jill and family it was with a heavy heart that we learned of John's passing. We so enjoyed spending time with you and John at our TBS campouts. John's loving and kind spirit will remain in our hearts forever,

Lorraine and Ralph Zecher - June 01, 2017 at 02:31 PM

RO

“ Jill and family
We are so sorry for your loss. John is a friend we will remember forever.



Richard & Jeannette Ormsby - June 01, 2017 at 11:06 AM