



## John E. Lahti Jr.

March 24, 1945 - December 24, 2024

On the night of December 24th, just before Christmas Day, John Ernest Lahti, Jr., 79, passed to celebrate our Lord's birth with Jesus, family, and friends. What a celebration that was!

John loved to have fun and had a joke for every occasion. Where they came from no one knows! His fish tales, often exaggerated, would keep you in stitches. He also loved airplanes and was a member of the EAA and attended almost every year. He also liked RC modeling and flew with his brother-in-law, Bob Weber.

John had many friends and if you met him once, he considered you his friend. He was always willing to lend a hand to a neighbor. He loved to "yack" with anyone who walked by the house and always had a smile, story, or joke for everyone.

John loved to ride motorcycle with Linda, his wife of 53 years, friends, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bob and Mary Beth Weber.

John loved to fish. His mentor was his Uncle Eero Kesti who taught him to fish. He often took his nephew, Jim, ice fishing with him.

John had two very special cousins, June and Bruce, as well as many others

too numerous to mention. John loved his church family. He was a Deacon at Balsam Street Christian Church and also served on the Building and Grounds Committee.

John is survived by his wife of 53 years, Linda (Nelson) Lahti; brother-in-law, Robert; sister-in-law, Mary Beth; nephew, Jim Weber; brother-in-law, Fred Antonissen and his children, Robert and Kristi; many cousins, very special church friends, and coworkers.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Ernest Lahti Sr., aunts and uncles, cousins, and little furball friend, Smoke.

A visitation for John will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 9:00am-11:00am at Balsam Street Christian Church in Kingsford. Services will be held immediately following at 11:00am with Pastor Larry Neargarth officiating.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John Lahti online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Balsam Street Christian Church  
324 N. Balsam Street  
Kingsford, MI 49802

## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

FF

“ From Margaret Mike Jean and Fred purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John E. Lahti Jr..



From Margaret Mike Jean and Fred - January 04, 2025 at 03:02 PM

KL

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, Linda. John was always friendly to Bill and me. Love, Bill and Kathy Larson

Kathy Larson - January 03, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John E. Lahti Jr..



January 02, 2025 at 07:58 PM

TP

“ Tom & Pat Pearman lit a candle in memory of John E. Lahti Jr.



Tom & Pat Pearman - January 02, 2025 at 07:14 PM

TP

*Sorry for your loss Linda, John was a dear friend!*

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**Tom & Pat Pearman** - January 02, 2025 at 07:17 PM

BW

*I would like to remind those who have come to express their thoughts of sympathy to my sister and family that there will be a luncheon to follow the service in the lower level of the Church. Please join us and continue to share your thoughts and memories with us. Thank you!*

*The family of John Lahti*

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**Bob & Mary Beth Weber** - January 06, 2025 at 11:33 PM

BE

*Linda thoughts & prayers go out to you. So sorry for your loss of John. May he rest in peace. God bless you during this difficult time. Love, Bonnie & Cooper Edlebeck*

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**Bonita Edlebeck** - January 08, 2025 at 09:01 AM

PS

*I was so sad to hear of John's passing. Through them buying so many things for their home we became very good friends. They were such a cute couple so dedicated to each other. Sadly John's health was not good and caused him suffering. He will be missed I'm sure but his pain is over.*

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**PAULA SANTONI** - January 10, 2025 at 12:39 PM