



John A. Newkirk Jr.

December 3, 1947 - January 27, 2021

John A. Newkirk, Jr., 73, of Iron Mountain passed away Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at his home.

John was born December 3, 1947, in Elgin, IL., son of the late Dr. John Newkirk and Jeanne (Cudlip) Newkirk. John spent his working years as a salesman, employed by J.J. Keller in Neenah, WI for many years. He was an avid and skilled artist who passionately enjoyed painting. John was also a fisherman, who spent much of his free time enjoying the open water and meticulously keeping his boat in pristine condition. He loved to travel, and spend time with those who he held dear. He loved his pets deeply, and always made room on his lap to share some warmth, especially for his little buddy Ozzy. To those who knew him, he was regarded for his wit, and constant striving to keep his mind sharp through his love of reading and deep conversation.

John is lovingly survived by his significant other of 41 years, Jane Khoury and her family which includes many nieces and nephews, all who brought him great joy. John is also survived by a cousin; Harry Newkirk, life-long friends; Mark (Zorba) Valmetti and Bill Kauper, special family member; Linda McCrary, as well as many other friends and relatives too numerous to mention all by name.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister, Catherine Corcoran

No formal services are being held at this time.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John A. Newkirk, Jr. online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the care of Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jane & Family*

From the time John and I were "baptized" as neighbors in the pure water of Spread Eagle, we shared a special bond that forever remained part childish and part mature. Our last chat around Christmas was for a wonderful 73 minutes which just so happens to coincide with John's years on earth. Little did we know it would be our last earthy chat - but, retrospectively, I now know that hearing his voice and sharing that time was the best gift I received in 2020. To me, Jane and John have been inseparable souls in the context of our friendship and it is comforting to know I now have Jane here and John where we all will be at some point. John ended our call with, "Willy, I love you brother." My "I love you too" back to him will give me great peace in the years ahead. And you know that love extends to you Jane. God Bless

Bill Kauper

Bill Kauper - February 04, 2021 at 06:14 PM

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“ *Johanna Sirovy lit a candle in memory of John A. Newkirk Jr.*



Johanna Sirovy - February 01, 2021 at 09:53 PM

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Sorry to hear Jane. I hope you are all doing as well as possible. Sending hugs your way.

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