



John William DeWitt

May 18, 1959 - February 17, 2026

John William DeWitt,

66, of Indianapolis, passed away February 17, 2026 after battling health issues for many years. John was born May 18, 1959 in South Bend, Indiana to the late James and Mary (Banks) DeWitt. He grew up in Culver, Indiana and graduated from Culver Community High School Class of 1977.

John later lived in Knox, IN, Indianapolis, IN, and then lived in Akron, Ohio for a few years before returning to Indy. He held a variety of production, sales, and advisement positions throughout the years before his disabilities forced him into early retirement.

John was a people person, his grade school report cards often showed “very talkative” under the teacher’s remarks, and he was always finding opportunities to crack jokes or teach others throughout his life. He loved spending time with his family, and many family events featured him cooking his father’s famous “Bowling Alley” hamburgers. John loved playing sports, having grown up in a bowling alley, playing basketball in high school, and then later golfing any chance he got. He could always be found listening to music, his favorites including AC/DC and Pink Floyd.

John is survived by his two daughters, Sheena (Jordan) Davis and Leanna (Alec) Burch-DeWitt; grandchildren, Rylan Davis and Jonah Davis; brother, Jim (Margaret) DeWitt, Jr.; two sisters, Karen (Mark) Noll and Kathy (Jim) Patrick; special friend and caregiver, Teri Su Garske; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He will be missed by family and friends.

A Celebration of Life open house will be held in Culver, IN at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in John’s memory may be made to the Indiana Golf Foundation, or to a charity of the donor’s choice. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Such fond memories of John as my childhood friend growing up as next door neighbors. Can't count how many badminton games were played!*

Sad that I will not be in town then but sending the family a big hug. RIP John ❤️

Dee Florea - March 23 at 08:04 PM

LB

“ ***Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 1-5pm @ 615 E Lake Shore Dr, Culver, IN 46511***

We are having a casual party to celebrate John's life with his favorite music and some light snacks. He requested good times only! Please come by and share your favorite memory of him with us.

Leanna Burch-DeWitt - March 15 at 09:55 AM

MG

“ *Was truly a great friend to many in all classes at CCHS. Always a fun time and a super person to be around. RIP sir. Mark Gordon '78.*

Mark Gordon - February 24 at 09:53 PM

KS

“ *Will always remember Johnny, July 1976, Manley and I AND 4 kids came to Culver to the Babcock Cottage for our honeymoon. Of course we had a boat and Jim and Johnny were there to help Kathy and Brian try to ski! Just a very young kid! Memories help to get us through the hard times! Karen Scheurich*

Karen Scheurich - February 23 at 05:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - February 23 at 08:31 AM

SB

“ Had a lot of fun with John as a friend & high school baseball teammate. Enjoyed the benefit of bowling many free games, after hours with John. I think I ate 2 or 3 meals per week at the Bowling Alley... good memories. My heart felt condolences go out to his family & loved ones. May "Howie" rest in peace.

Steve Brockus - February 22 at 10:27 PM