



John Nicholas Wanchic

June 24, 1960 - January 26, 2024

John Nicholas Wanchic, 63, passed away suddenly on Friday evening, January 26, 2024. He leaves his wife of 34 years, Cecilia Wanchic, and their four children, Nicholas (Annie), John, Sarah, and Michael; two beloved grandchildren, Vincent and Aurora; his sister, Nina; three brothers, Michael, Tom, and Mark; and special friends to his children, Shagnyne, Jake, Becca, George, and Kate.

John traipsed over a lot of land here in Indiana and in the home of his young adulthood, Kentucky. Everywhere he went, he left lasting friendships and communities. To remember John, picture him: a riverboat captain, reading the water's surface to avoid the dangers below; perched in a blind, watching and waiting patiently for the right doe or buck to pass; walking while intently surveying a field to uncover artifacts of the people who were there before recorded history. See him bent under the hood of a car, meticulously checking every system to find the problem (and once forgetting a rag), or working diligently to maintain his favorite place, his home and the woods around it. Finally, remember him surrounded by friends and family, telling legendary stories and listening to the responses, smiling, laughing, touching your arm or putting his arm around your shoulder.

Above all other things, John loved his wife and his family. His way of showing love, both to family and friends, was through acts of sharing and service. The

bounty of his carefully tended garden, the maple syrup tapped from the trees on his property, the wild persimmons gathered from the woods, all were translated into signs of his desire to give. Abandoned animals also received his generosity. He was never without a cat or dog, or several, that he rescued and cared for. Even as his physical strength gradually failed him, he believed strongly in his role as a provider and worked to his utmost. He would work at a job or task until he was no longer able, but he never just quit. He always found another need to meet, another role to fill. John wasn't ready to leave us, and we were not ready for him to go.

Among all the people that you meet, you will never see another quite like John. He lives on through his children in the gifts that he gave: commitment, persistence, and love.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, February 3, 2024, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church 2222 East Third Street at 10:00AM. Visitation will be held Friday, February 2, 2024 from 3:00PM to 7:00PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Charles Borromeo Church
2222 E 3rd St
Bloomington, IN 47401-5385
(812) 336-6846

Tribute Wall

PD

“ I just found out John passed on. Sorry you and the kids have suffered such a great loss Cissy

Patrick Donovan - August 15, 2025 at 10:22 PM

RW

“ Hey Cissy and family, I am sorry John is gone. It has been a long time since I saw toy last. I met John on The Star of Cincinnati many moons ago and shared some of the best times of my life with John. Great Pilot and great friend, sorry we lost touch. Hope to see you in the other side John, take care Cissy.

Rocky Wilcox - August 15, 2025 at 10:15 PM

SA

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Shell adams - February 02, 2024 at 02:54 PM

SA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shell adams - February 02, 2024 at 02:37 PM

PK

*My heart breaks
He was a wonderful man*

Patty kenney - February 04, 2024 at 10:06 PM

SA

“ *I can write a book about how loved, genuine,
and wonderful man you were. ❤️ Your
memories will NEVER be forgotten. Love ya
and family Shell and Scott*



Shell adams - February 02, 2024 at 02:37 PM

TF

“ *The Vito Cruz Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of John Nicholas Wanchic.*



The Vito Cruz Family - February 01, 2024 at 07:48 PM

AP

“ Amy P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Nicholas Wanchic.

Amy P. - February 01, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of John Nicholas Wanchic.



February 01, 2024 at 08:21 AM

TR

“ From: Team Ryan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Nicholas Wanchic.

Team Ryan - January 31, 2024 at 04:55 PM

TR

“ Team Ryan purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" for the family of John Nicholas Wanchic.



Team Ryan - January 31, 2024 at 04:55 PM

NE

“ John was my youngest brother o I had the privilege of knowing him throughout all of the phases of his life. He was always the most positive person and found joy in the little and big things in life. He adores his wife and children and treasured relationships with the many people he touched in life. He will be missed

nina wanchic eisner - January 31, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Nicholas Wanchic.



January 30, 2024 at 08:48 PM

JH

“ John was a wonderful husband and father; he was brave and could smile through all that pain. Fond image of John captaining the Valley View Ferry on the Kentucky River; with Style and Panache.He has crossed that other river and into the light.... We will see you again Dear John... Love Oresta, John David, Mira and Brian.

John David Hale - January 30, 2024 at 07:16 PM

OM

“ Oresta, John David, Brian and Mira planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Nicholas Wanchic.

Oresta, John David, Brian and Mira - January 30, 2024 at 05:12 PM

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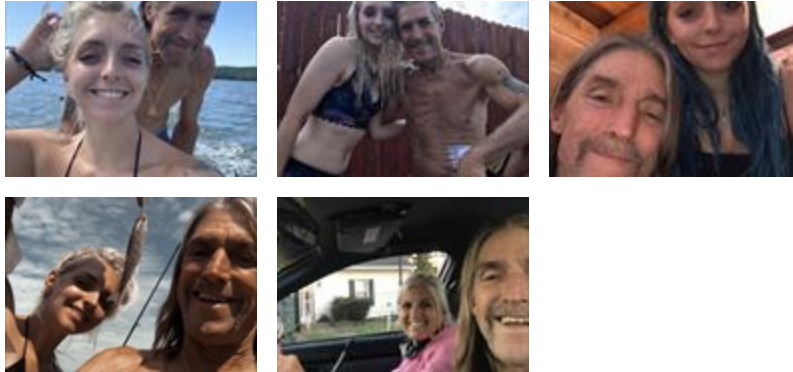
“ Oresta, John David, Brian and Mira purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Nicholas Wanchic.



Oresta, John David, Brian and Mira - January 30, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Sarah Wanchic - January 30, 2024 at 09:18 AM

JF

“ Jon Figg and Lisa Figg-Simpson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Nicholas Wanchic.

Jon Figg and Lisa Figg-Simpson - January 29, 2024 at 09:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Nicholas Wanchic.*



January 29, 2024 at 09:31 PM



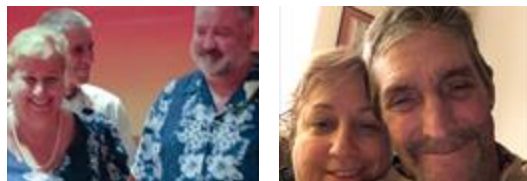
“ *From the Powers purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of John Nicholas Wanchic.*



From the Powers - January 29, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ *John was someone who would go out of his way to help anyone. John, thanks for throwing darts and talking the shit. And a big thanks for marrying Janice and me.*



Dean May - January 29, 2024 at 02:31 PM

DM

“ 2 files added to the album John



Dean May - January 29, 2024 at 02:14 PM

MA

“ John was a welcoming guy who was kind enough to let me play with his cool instruments and always loved to chat music. His kindness and laid-back, independent lifestyle will not be forgotten :) Thank you for everything, John.



Marie - January 29, 2024 at 01:56 PM

LT

“ Liz Patrick and Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Nicholas Wanchic.

Liz Patrick and Team - January 29, 2024 at 01:23 PM

LT

“ Liz Patrick and Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Nicholas Wanchic.



Liz Patrick and Team - January 29, 2024 at 01:23 PM

LA

“ Love, Team Alex purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Nicholas Wanchic.



Love, Team Alex - January 29, 2024 at 12:53 PM

JF

“ Share a good memory about John...So many memories that it would be impossible to do or this post would never end. So many memories, so many fish, so many times just hanging out. Anytime I needed a hand doing anything John was there to help. John helped and supported me so much during the illness and eventual passing of my wife less than 2 years ago that I could never express my gratitude enough. But then again that was just John, a caring, good-hearted person that would help anyone he could whether he knew you or not. Anybody that truly knew John knew he never met a stranger. Anytime you can go through life without any enemies you've done something right in life and I sure don't of anyone that didn't like John. John along with Cissy really only had one job in life when they became parents. It was to raise good-hearted, caring children and get them started in life and pointed in the right direction...mission accomplished.. Good job. John and his family has always treated me like family and I will always be grateful for that. It would be impossible for me to express how much I'm going to miss my buddy at my side but also I do know the pain he was in these past few months and know he doesn't have to hurt anymore. All I can say is rest in peace buddy and I'm sure going to miss you being around...Jon Figg

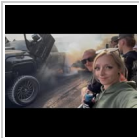
Jon Figg - January 28, 2024 at 11:17 PM

RG

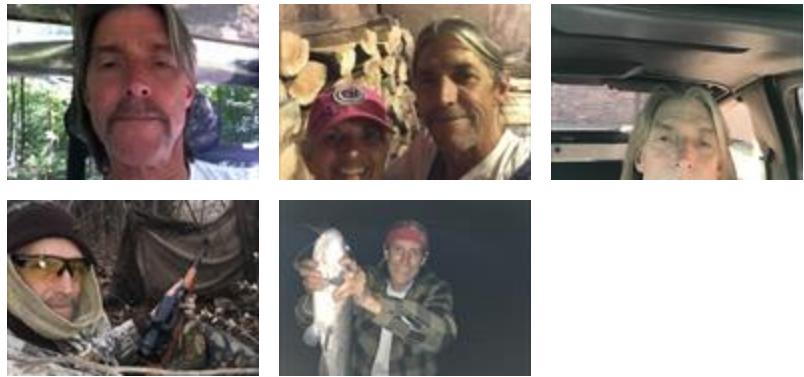
“ My dear friend John I hope to fish with you in the next life, I am glad you were my friend. I well miss you always.



Robert Gregory - January 28, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ I have a lifetime full of memories with my dad. They hold more meaning now than I ever thought they would. Please share any pictures or memories you have.

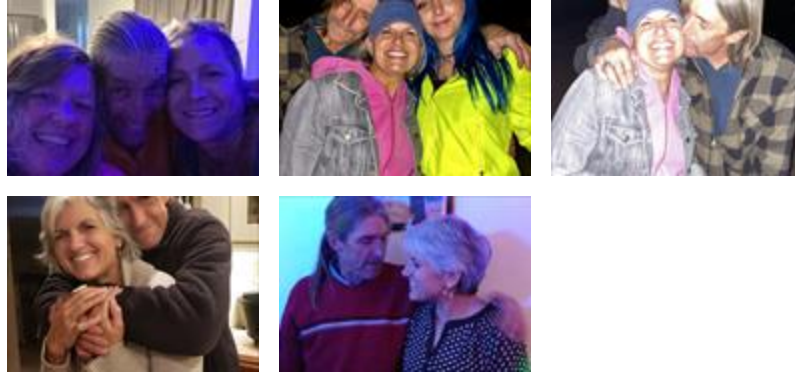


Sarah Wanchic - January 28, 2024 at 09:10 PM

TR

“Loved it when John would tell his stories of his life as a boat captain and his arrowhead collecting. John had such a passionate personality especially when it came to Cissy and the Kids. He will be truly missed. Hugs and prayers.

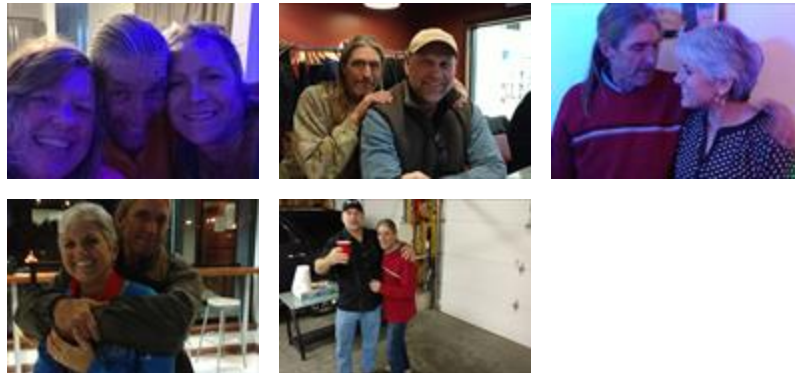
Jay & Tracie Richardson



Tracie Richardson - January 28, 2024 at 06:48 PM

TR

“9 files added to the tribute wall



Tracie Richardson - January 28, 2024 at 06:16 PM

AA

“ *He was such an amazing guy. The room always lite up when he walked in and he always had such a bright smile on his face. He will be missed by many.*

Amanda Adams - January 28, 2024 at 04:45 PM