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John Alan Averbeck, 68, of Cascade, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2026, surrounded by his family, after a brief but courageous battle with stomach cancer.

Above all else, John was a family man. He modeled what it means to truly love your partner, sharing a remarkable 46-year marriage with his beloved wife, Susan Averbeck. He was an extraordinary father, grandfather, and friend whose steady presence, humor, wisdom, and unconditional love shaped the lives of everyone around him.

Born in Fond du Lac on June 22, 1957, to Ernst and Evelyn Averbeck, John contracted German measles as a young child, leaving him deaf in one ear and with hearing loss in the other. Despite the challenges this created, he excelled academically, earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh with a 3.8 GPA. He spent more than 20 years at Kronos Inc. rising to the level of Operations Planning Supervisor and building a career in manufacturing he was genuinely proud of.

John possessed one of the sharpest minds those closest to him have ever

encountered. He read The Wall Street Journal cover to cover every day, followed current events closely, and had a remarkable understanding of the world around him. Yet despite his intelligence, he remained humble, approachable, and endlessly curious.

What people will remember most, however, was the joy John brought into a room. He was genuinely, disarmingly funny, with a quick wit that made every conversation memorable. Whether it was a day on the pontoon, time with his beloved Chinatown community, a sunset walk with Susan along St. Pete Beach, cheering on Wisconsin sports teams, enjoying a concert, or gathering with family and friends over dinner, John knew how to fully enjoy life and make others feel welcome beside him.

He was also extraordinarily tough, having once walked more than a mile on a broken leg to reach medical help while out hunting. Even in his final illness he faced severe pain with a composure that left his family speechless. John simply was a man who did not complain, often citing 'I am as healthy as a horse.'

More than anything, John loved without condition. He accepted people completely, showed up for those he cared about, and lived with a reliability and integrity that felt absolute. His family will remember not only his wisdom and strength, but also his laughter, warmth, and unwavering presence.

John is survived by his loving wife Susan; son, Joshua (Lora) Averbek; daughter, Alexis (Kevan) Toby; and his grandchildren, Colton and Dominic Toby. As well as his many brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernst and Evelyn Averbek; a sibling lost in infancy; and many beloved aunts and uncles.

A celebration of John's life will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at Whispering Springs Golf Club. The venue opens at noon, with a brief remembrance at 1:00 p.m. and lunch to follow.

John would not want people gathered in sorrow alone, but in gratitude, laughter, storytelling, and love. His family invites all who knew him to raise a glass, share a memory, and celebrate a truly remarkable man who will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in John's memory to the Kettle Moraine Angels. (<https://www.kmangels.org/>)

Please take a moment and listen to a song at John's request: Dust in the Wind
"Now don't hang on. Nothing lasts forever but the earth and sky..."

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Whispering Springs Golf Club
380 Whispering Springs Dr
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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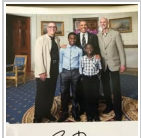
Tribute Wall

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“ When John and I were just out of high school we traveled in my old broken down Chevy up to our parents cottage in the Crivitz area for a weekend getaway. It was just the two of us, and I remember it well. John in his usual light-hearted way, contributed much laughter on our trip up and back. Fast forward almost 50 years to last summer, he and I again traveled, this time up to brother Dave's cottage in the Minocqua area, just the two of us once again. I couldn't help but reminisce back and conclude that John was the same guy in all the good ways, still young at heart, adventurous, and kind. He will be missed and was loved by many. Brother Steve



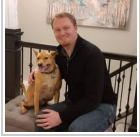
Steve Averbeck - May 28 at 11:19 PM



“ While we didn't get to know him too well, a stand-out memory was his laughter. He was a kind, earnest, and gentle man.



Kevin Williams - May 28 at 02:34 PM



“ Will always remember my first time meeting you. Alexis and I had just started dating and she invited me over to your house for dinner. It was just going to be the three of us because Sue was down in Florida on a business trip. Alexis had asked if I was nervous/going to be intimidated meeting you. Mentioned to her that because of my stature I do not get intimidated very often, but honestly that was not ever going to be a concern though because you were so welcoming and had the best judge of character! We decided to make homemade pizzas and Alexis had picked up the supplies, she got the dough, sauce, cheese and for some reason misunderstood what kind of sausage to get and had picked up little smokies instead of Italian sausage. You and I had a great chuckle over that and from that moment I always knew we were going to get along well! You welcomed me into your family, gave me your blessings to marry your daughter (that conversation I was nervous for haha) and grow a life with her which has brought forth two beautiful grandchildren who adore you! I am going to miss you so much but will remember all the fun times we had! Love you John!

Kevan Toby - May 28 at 11:18 AM

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Kevan, that is so special!! You will always be my favorite son-in-law! John loved you very much, hence giving you the boat he so enjoyed & scaring you death with his wildness! A story we can always laugh about.

Susan M Averbeck - May 28 at 09:08 PM