



John D. Shafer, Sr.

June 10, 1950 - August 13, 2015

John D. Shafer, Sr., 65, of Rosendale, died Thursday, August 13, 2015, at his home. He was born on June 10, 1950, in Beaver Dam, a son of Bernard and Grace Braatz Shafer. On September 19, 1970, he married Susan B. Liegl in Oakfield. Some of John's favorite things included his family. He took such pride in his grandchildren and great grandchildren. They spent vacations, holidays, and ordinary days together making special memories. He loved collecting John Deere memorabilia. Farming was such a large part of his life and he loved to collect historical pieces. One of John's last wishes was to go to the John Deere museum in Illinois with his sons and grandsons. John loved his Green Bay Packers and loved going to games with his wife, Sue, and taking turns bringing their different grandchildren. One of John's favorite memories was his recent trip to Hawaii with Sue. Many of the friends they made during the trip stopped in often to visit and were a great source of comfort. John was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and had a secure faith in his Savior, Jesus. He went into the shadow of death with the assurance of free and faithful love and forgiveness. He is survived by his wife, Sue; two sons: John (Julie) Shafer and Chris (Michelle) Shafer, both of Fond du Lac; eight grandchildren: Alysa (Brian) Balfour, Emily (Zach) Voss, Isabella Shafer, Morgan Shafer, John Shafer III, Oliva Shafer, Ben Shafer, and Drew Shafer; one great-granddaughter, Ellie Voss; his mother, Grace Shafer of Ripon; two sisters: Pat (Chuck) Michels of Minocqua and JoAnn (Bob) Mallard of Madison; three brothers-in-law: Richard (Shirley) Liegl of Fond du Lac, Joseph

(Janet) Liegl of Chapel Hills, North Carolina, and Melvin (Cindy) Liegl of Grafton; and a sister-in-law, Lavinia (Hal) Draves of Oakfield. He was preceded in death by his father, Bernard, and a brother, Steve. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2015, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 606 Forest Avenue, Fond du Lac, with Rev. James Borgwardt officiating. The family will greet relatives and friends on Saturday at church from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers or plants, please consider a donation in memory of John Shafer, Sr. to Agnesian Hospice or Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Sue, Son Matthew and I share our deepest sympathy to you and your family; to Aunt Grace, Pat and Jo and their families. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I hope you can take comfort in the words of condolence and love that surround you, your faith, and the warm and everlasting memories of John as a husband, father, grandfather, brother and son. I hope these bring you healing and peace.

Susan Shafer Carson - August 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Sue sorry to hear about John He will be missed.need anything let me know. Matt and OJ Morgan

Matt Morgan - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Sue, Susan and I offer you our sincere condolences. We are keeping thoughts of you and your family close to our hearts. I'm so glad that I had the opportunity to see my cousin, John, when we were in Wisconsin earlier this summer. And I'm so glad I was able to help him check off an item on his "bucket list". Words don't do much to heal the pain in your heart, but please be comforted by knowing that you did everything possible for him and that now, he is at peace. As long as he is remembered, he will live on in your heart and mind.Love, Bob & Sue

Robert Shafer - August 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Dear Sue, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Nicole Peters - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Hugs and prayers to you and your family Sue. May John rest in peace. Fondly, Kristie Martin

August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue, I am so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy. I never met John but he sounds like a wonderful Christian man. I am glad that I ran into you a while back so I could be praying. I will keep you in my prayers. May you feel God's peace and strength for each day. Love & Hugs Marilyn

Marilyn Zeatlow - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Sympathy from the Jeffrey Champion Dental office.

brenda marshall - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Suze. Wierd that I had been thinking of you and saying to myself, "I should call Sue tonight and check how John is". So sorry to hear of your loss. Hugs to you and your family.

Ellen Harbridge - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *?The tide recedes but leaves behind bright seashells on the sand. The sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land. The music stops, and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains..... For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains.His memory will be forever tucked in your hearts. Enjoyed our short friendship with him.Thoughts to you all Sue, John, Julie and family; Chris, Shelly and family*

Marlene and Ed Papendorf - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *My prayer is that you feel the love of God through the prayers, thoughts and love, from the hearts of those who care and share in your time of sorrow. I am sorry for your loss. Sending you love and hugs!*

Amy Steinbach - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Sue,So sorry to hear about John. I'm glad you have so many happy memories of your time together.Love to you and the boys,Cathy Weinberger Porter Schumerth*

August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sue,sorry for your loss! We sure had fun with you on the boat trips on our Hawaii trip! Especially the first one that we took on the catamaran.My sympathy to you and your family.Jean Brignone*

August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *RIP John*

Kathy Owens - August 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Sue, so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Paula Hass - August 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Grace, Sue and Family. So sorry to hear about the death of John. Deepest sympathy at this difficult time. You are in my prayers. Paul Shafer, Amery, Wis.

August 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Sue, Grace, you have my sympathy.

marlene potratz - August 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel to watch over you.

Connie Butler - August 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM