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Big Rapids - John Lee Bailey, DC, passed away unexpectedly on October 25, 2021, into the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

John was born and raised in Wyoming, MI where he attended Godwin Public Schools, graduating class of 1971. He attended Northern Michigan University and Aquinas College before going on to complete his Doctor of Chiropractic at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA in 1976. Within that same year he settled his family in Mecosta County, Michigan where he opened his private practice, Bailey Chiropractic Offices, in Big Rapids. He served the surrounding communities for 43 years before retiring in 2019.

John was very active in the community, a member of the Chamber of Commerce as well as many committees. He supported fundraising events and Sportsman Banquets of all kinds and was known as a generous prize donor. He was passionate about sponsoring various local youth athletic teams, even more so when his grandchildren became old enough to participate. Also, an active sportsman, he enjoyed tennis, bowling and softball, but his main hobbies were hunting, fishing, sporting clays and golfing. The friendships he made during these years were very important to him and he received as much as he gave. He was a loyal (to a fault) fan of the Detroit Tigers and U of M football.

His family was the joy of his life, and he gave his love and wisdom to his children and then his grandchildren in his typical quiet but generous nature. Because we are not a large family, we made it a priority to gather together for all holidays and birthdays, making each one special.

John is survived by his wife, Cindy (Erb); daughters, Angela (Darin) Hollandsworth and Lisa (Colby) Bettis; son John Lee Bailey, Jr; grandchildren, Aidan, Avelina and Caitlyn Hollandsworth, Bodie, Jackson and Clara Bettis; mother, Evelyn Bailey; sister Fran Bailey (Jim Tobias); sister-in-law, Kathy (Richard) Grigas; nephews Jim (Sonja)



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Scott and Tim (Angela) Scott; niece, Karie (Matt) Uhl; great nieces and nephews, Audrey, Grace, Charlie, Sam, and Grady. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Bailey, brother-in-law James Scott, father-in-law Clifford Erb, mother-in-law Esther Erb, sister-in-law Karen Afman and her husband Bob Afman.

A Memorial service will be held at 12 p.m., Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids. John's family will greet friends from 10a.m.-12p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in his name can be made to: Ducks Unlimited (DU Memorial & Honor Gifts) @ ducks.org, Compassion International @ compassion.com, or Ferris Athletics @ ferrisstatebulldogs.com. Share a memory or express condolences at mohnkefuneralhome.com.



Tribute Wall

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JT

Jerry And Shirley Taylor posted:

our thoughts and prayers are with Cindy and all of the family at the untimely loss of Dr.John. we had the privelege of knowing him and appreciated his kind manner and gentle touch. we would have liked to have been at the service but we are following covid

December 7 at 8:00 PM

BB

Bruce And Pat Beetley posted:

12/7/21 Our hearts and thoughts are with the Bailey family as you celebrate the wonderful life of your/our loved Dr. John! 🥰. Please know that we would have loved to be with you today and at the service tomorrow! You will all be in our thou

December 6 at 8:00 PM

DZ

D. Zalaoras posted:

Godwin Heights H.S. 1971 senior yearbook photo

November 30 at 8:00 PM

JB

James Brand posted:

Will miss John's quiet demeanor and thanks to him for many years of comfort with my flaky back. He made it possible to keep standing before my classes after some stupid back episode brought on by my overdoing it. Rest well my friend.

November 22 at 8:00 PM

JG

Jo Gibbons lit a candle in honor of Dr. John.

Prayers to Dr Baileys family. A big thank you for sharing the best chiropractor around - he was one of a kind. He is deeply missed.

November 4 at 8:00 PM



LC

Linda Connell lit a candle in honor of Dr. John.

Rest in Peace Dr. Bailey

November 2 at 8:00 PM





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DA

David Aiken posted:

When I first arrived to teach at Ferris, due to a previous back injury, I could barely walk. Suggesting a reasonable treatment strategy, John got me up and walking again, and kept me walking for the next 15 years. Then he treated my cattedog, who had hip

November 2 at 8:00 PM

CS

Cherie & Marc Scott posted:

Cindy, my heart aches for you and your family. We're sending lot of love and sunshine to you from Arizona. God Speed.

November 2 at 8:00 PM

SB

Sister Mary Ann Barrett, Op posted:

On behalf of the Aquinas community, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Cindy, Angela, Lisa, John and all your families. John had the touch of a healer. God grace you with Gratitude for his years among us and with Peace as you celebrate his eternal life

November 2 at 8:00 PM

JF

Jane Elizabeth Foster posted:

Tom and I will miss Dr. Bailey. Just walking in his office and seeing he and Heidi made our day!
Jane

November 1 at 8:00 PM

LC

Larry Capps posted:

My prayers and thoughts are with John's family. I am so sorry that we lost touch. Some of my fondest memories are playing and coaching soft ball for Dr. J and Baily's Chiropractic. Thank you for supporting us for those years.

October 30 at 8:00 PM

MM

Mark Mondrella posted:

Rest in Peace John

October 30 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dr. John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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