



John Albert Dudek

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Obituary for John A. Dudek

John Albert Dudek age 76 of Oakland Township, Michigan passed away on February 1, 2024 at Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital. He was born on August 11, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan to Joseph and Elizabeth Dudek. John grew up in a loving home, always welcoming family and friends.

He graduated from Hazel Park High School. After high school, John attended a four-year college program at the Society of Arts and Crafts in Detroit, Michigan (later known as the Center for Creative Studies) where he studied illustration and design. Throughout his school years from elementary school to college and career, John made a great number of friends, maintaining these friendships throughout his life.

He met his wife, Camelia (Cammie) Soof, in 1970. John and Cammie married on April 4, 1976 and made a beautiful life together. They lived at their home in Sterling Heights, Michigan for twenty-one years. They were blessed with the adoption of their two beautiful daughters, Danielle Marie Dudek and Amanda Rene Dudek. In 1997, the family moved to their current home in Oakland Township, Michigan. The Dudek family was blessed again when Amanda gave birth to her wonderful son, John Cameron. John was supportive, protective and proud of his family.

John loved God and prayed every day.

John loved life.

John loved his family.

John loved his friends.

John loved his country and was very patriotic.

He enjoyed making new friends and continued to do so, up until his last days. Being a good listener and a great conversationalist, John built relationships with people that made an impact upon their lives. John's sense of humor, wit, and ability to tell stories entertained those around him.



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John had an illustrious career. He was well-established in the advertising art community as a very talented and creative designer. John received many accolades and awards for his work, but always remained humble. He had the opportunity to design and art-direct for hundreds of clients, e.g. Chicago Bears, General Motors, Universal Studios, WGN, WJR, Carhartt, CBS Fox, Sports Authority, Cadillac Club, La-Z-Boy, The Muppets, to name a few.

John was a fighter until the end. He died from a weak heart that gave out after a long battle. He always kept his attitude positive with the prayers and the support that surrounded him. He regrets that he will not be here to see his grandson grow up and that he cannot continue to grow his relationship with his future son-in-law, Daniel Mosher.

John was an only child, now joining his parents in heaven. He is survived by his loving wife, Cammie, and his daughters who adored him – Danielle Dudek Mosher, Amanda Rene Dudek, and his darling grandson – John Cameron Mazur. He also leaves behind aunts, an uncle, cousins, and his multitude of friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 16 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday, February 17 from 10:00 am through the noon Memorial Service at Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road, (1 block N. of 13 Mile Road, west side of John R. Road), Madison Heights, Michigan. Following the Memorial Service, a luncheon honoring John will be held at Club Venetian Banquet Center, 29310 John R. Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.




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Memorial Visitation

 **Friday**, February 16, 2024

 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


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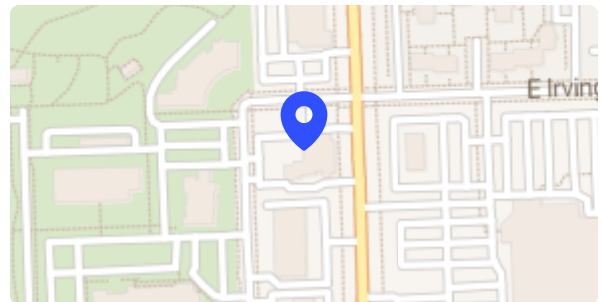


Memorial Visitation

 **Saturday**, February 17, 2024


 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


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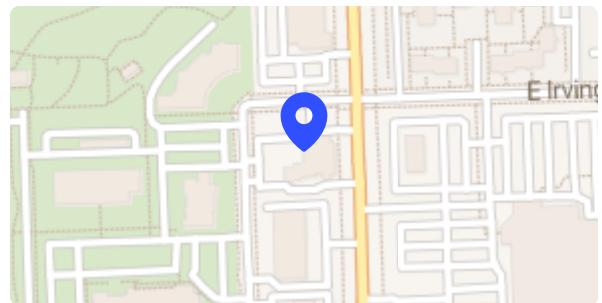


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Oliver Hoffmann posted:

I knew John as a colleague of my dad's when they were both working at Skidmore Sahrton in the 1970's and 80's. I met him when I was about 11 or 12, and he seemed to enjoy making me laugh. That's something that never changed about him for as long as I knew him. I attended CCS (the College for Creative Studies), and during that time, he became my teacher. Most of the students found him intimidating, but I already knew him, and it was easy for me to engage him. We had to pull advice from John, but when he gave it, the work got better. I produced my best college work in his class. In more recent years, when John hosted reunions of his creative friends, he generously invited me to join them. The level of talent in his circle of friends was truly amazing, but it was his empathy for people going through tough times that I will remember the most. My dad passed away not long before John, but they both live on in my memories—and both of them make me smile.

January 26 at 9:15 AM



AI Evans posted:

John was a colleague and friend. We worked together for many years. He was an amazing guy. Intelligent, personable and one of the most talented graphic designers I have ever been associated with. Probably the best. I enjoyed his company. One interest we shared: old cars. I felt privileged to have been able to work along side John. He was an inspiration to me and many others.

February 19 at 11:25 AM



Peter W. planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of John.



February 17 at 5:51 AM



Michelle Lannoo posted:

On top of being a dear, dear friend of my Mom's, John gave me a chance as a young student. This allowed me to learn by doing, true on-the-job experiences. This led to employment right out of school, professional contacts and important relationships that have carried me to this day. Thank you John, we are eternally grateful for you.

February 17 at 5:21 AM



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Alyssa Telleck posted:

I feel very lucky to have known Papa Dudek. His sense of humor is what will always come to mind when I drive down memory lane. A sense of humor... is needed armor. Joy in one's heart and some laughter on one's lips is a sign that the person down deep has a pretty good grasp of life. Papa Dudeks memory will now and forever be a treasure.

February 16 at 11:53 AM



Jacob F. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



February 16 at 11:42 AM



Julie And Ross Macbeth sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Dudek family.



February 16 at 3:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Dudek family.



February 15 at 11:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Dudek family.



February 15 at 7:26 AM



Mark K. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



February 14 at 12:48 PM



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Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Dudek family.

February 14 at 10:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Dudek family.

February 14 at 7:59 AM



Gary And Anne Cooley planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

February 14 at 7:59 AM



Prayers From The Wound Clinic. sent a Fairest of All to the Dudek family.

February 13 at 12:39 PM



Jim Secreto posted:
He was my best friend !
February 11 at 8:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Dudek family.

February 10 at 11:41 AM





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Justin planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



February 10 at 11:41 AM



Patricia Danz posted:

My deepest condolences to Cammie, Danielle, Amanda, and the entire Dudek family. I first met John and Cammie back in the '80s when my ex-husband Neil Coomes worked at Skidmore Sahratian. The 4 of us enjoyed countless memorable times together from restaurant dinners to trips to Manhattan and Chicago for antique shows, to dinners at home when Cammie and I each cooked elaborate ethnic dinners-- Lebanese and Polish respectively. Fun times indeed! Later on in my life, just a couple of years ago, I unexpectedly found John on Facebook and reconnected. It was sheer joy to see him and Cammie again after 27 years over lunch at their beautiful home in a neighboring sub to mine! The next most fun visit was when he recruited me to take him shopping at the Polish Market in Troy. He was like a kid in a candy shop filling his shopping cart to the brim, making sure he was going to stock their refrigerator and freezer with his favorite Polish delicacies that he repeatedly said, "Cammie hates this stuff!". I will miss most his hilarious stories and twinkle in his eye, and his uncanny ability to get to the heart of a personal dilemma (mine), as if he was the best therapist I could ever have. He had masterful listening skills and emanated a genuine caring for people. I'm profoundly grateful to have been fortunate to call him Friend for the past few years.

February 9 at 11:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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