



## Mr. John Norman Gross Jr.

July 12, 1949 - September 13, 2017

John Noman Gross Jr., 68, of Lexington, Mi, passed away at Beaumont hospital in Royal Oak on Wednesday September 13, 2017. A memorial service will be held 11:00am Sunday, September 24, 2017 at Jowett Funeral Home in Port Huron. Visiting hours will take place from 10:00am until the time of services at 11:00am in the funeral home.

John was born in Mt. Clemens, MI to John and Margaret (Geis) Gross on July 12, 1949. He grew up in Memphis and Richmond and attended Richmond Community Schools.

John was a disabled veteran. He served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from February 2, 1967 to June 2, 1969 and was honorably discharged. He fought on hill 861 during the Tet offensive and received The Presidential Unit Citation for Extraordinary Heroism along with The First Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force.

John's occupation was with the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier, and then became United States Postal Service Senior Growth Management Coordinator for the Royal Oak District.

He was an assistant scout master for the cub scouts, junior vice commander with the VFW, an investigator for the Macomb County Humane Society, and involved in his local community government.

He was a firm believer in standing up for our country's constitutional rights for himself, his family, and every person in his community. He felt a responsibility to act upon those rights and considered it a privilege, as well, as an American

citizen to stand firm and preserve those rights and serve his community. He loved his family first and foremost with all his heart and they were always first. He always enjoyed attending his grandchildren's activities and always more than eager to help with any projects or doing things for and with all his family.

Everyone experienced his sense of humor but his family knew it was a part of the person he was. He always had a way of making everyone laugh even at the worst of times. You never knew what he would come up with next and we all loved that about him.

He had many hobbies and passions that included collecting and shooting guns, he loved motorcycles and hill climbs, shooting pool, camping, collecting beach glass, having coffee with friends, playing poker, talking politics, and was a skilled woodworker and created many beautiful and special works. He is preceded in death by his parents, John Gross Sr., Margaret Gross, and Berdean Gross (Stepmother), and Larry Johnson Jr. (nephew).

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Kathleen (Kathy) Gross. Four children: John (Brenda) Gross III, Tony (Barb) Gross, Amanda (Jim) Stapleton, and Andrew Gross.

His siblings: Diane Hutt, Marietta/Keta (Tom) Claeys, and Nancy (Scott) Kirby. Seven grandchildren: Kyle and Madison Gross, Anthony and Avery Gross, Connor Sopha, and Graelyn and Delaney Stapleton.

He will be greatly missed but will be carried with us all in our hearts forever. With his love to give us strength, our family, will continue to hold tight our broken chain to keep it whole and strong.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron  
1634 Lapeer Ave.  
Port Huron, MI 48060  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Mom, Nikki, and Jackson purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. John Norman Gross Jr..



Mom, Nikki, and Jackson - September 22, 2017 at 11:22 AM



Kathleen Gross

“ Kathleen Gross sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Norman Gross Jr.



Kathleen Gross - September 21, 2017 at 12:18 AM



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Kathleen Gross - September 21, 2017 at 12:17 AM

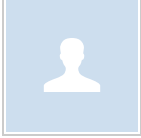


Kathleen Gross

“ Kathleen Gross lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Norman Gross Jr.



Kathleen Gross - September 21, 2017 at 12:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Norman Gross Jr..*



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September 19, 2017 at 08:22 PM