



John W. Kennedy

January 7, 1945 - January 23, 2026

John Kennedy, La lewa, of the Oneida Nation of the Thames, Turtle clan, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away surrounded by the love of his family.

A skilled carpenter, John took great pride in working with his hands and could often be found in his shed tinkering new ideas. He enjoyed fishing, was passionate about golfing and educating and advocating for his Indigenous heritage. John collaborated with his community and local leaders to orchestrate and execute memorable events to honor the Indigenous peoples of the past, present, and future.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia D. (Eatwell) Kennedy, children; Cheryl (Scott) Gonion, John (Rebecca) Kennedy, Dawn (Tom) Potrykus, and Becky Kennedy, grandchildren: Sara, Chase, Michelle (Albert), Chasity (Dan), Chaize, Marissa (Mitch), and Nathan, Anastasia, Ayden, great grandchildren; Dominik, Madison, Layne, Eli, and Wade, siblings; Betty, Sharon, Dave and Jeff, sisters-in-law; Diane Caswell (Lee), Donna Wright, Wilma (Fred) Bellinato, along with many nieces and nephews and his extended AA family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Charles and Lenora (Hill) Kennedy, sisters Joan, Laura, and Baby, brothers; Ray, Wilbur, Mitch and Elliott, and brother-in-law, Fred Wright.

The memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026 from 1:00pm until 5:00pm in the Jowett Funeral Home – 1634 Lapeer Ave., Port Huron.

Memorial contributions can be made to Blue Water Traditional Pow Wow – in care of the Port Huron Museum.

Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to serve the Kennedy Family.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 29. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Deborah S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John W. Kennedy.

Deborah S. - January 30 at 07:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John W. Kennedy.



January 29 at 06:48 AM

AB

“ Adam, Larissa, Emma, Lilli, & Murphy Beecher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John W. Kennedy.

Adam, Larissa, Emma, Lilli, & Murphy Beecher - January 29 at 06:48 AM

KS

“ Kevin and Lisa Shanahan purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John W. Kennedy.



Kevin and Lisa Shanahan - January 28 at 08:23 PM

BB

“ *Bill and Chris Benear purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John W. Kennedy.*



Bill and Chris Benear - January 28 at 09:15 AM

JG

“ *Pat and family,
We were sorry to hear oh John's passing. Our thought are with all of you as you mourn his passing. Roger and Judy De Groot*

Judy De Groot - January 27 at 07:32 PM

LW

“ *Love, Rebecca (Coté) Wilkins purchased the Fair est of All for the family of John W. Kennedy.*



Love, Rebecca (Coté) Wilkins - January 27 at 06:47 PM



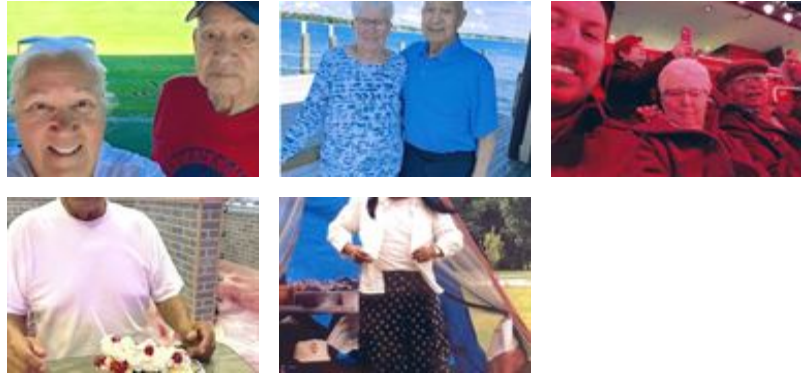
“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John W. Kennedy.*



January 27 at 02:09 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - January 27 at 10:42 AM



“ Lea & Kevin and our family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of John W. Kennedy.



Lea & Kevin and our family - January 27 at 10:12 AM



“ Lea & Kevin and our family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John W. Kennedy.

Lea & Kevin and our family - January 27 at 10:12 AM



“ George and Charisse & the Kennedy Kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John W. Kennedy.



George and Charisse & the Kennedy Kids - January 27 at 09:50 AM

VC

“ Veronica Campbell purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John W. Kennedy.



Veronica Campbell - January 26 at 10:28 PM

ST

“ Sara, Jason, and Dominik too purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John W. Kennedy.



Sara, Jason, and Dominik too - January 26 at 08:22 PM

ST

“ Sara, Jason, and Dominik too planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John W. Kennedy.

Sara, Jason, and Dominik too - January 26 at 08:22 PM

MK

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle John, our thoughts and prayers are with all of our family. Wish I could be there. ❤️
Melody, Steve, Carilyn, Krystal & Alex

Melody Kennedy - January 26 at 08:17 PM

DZ

“ Enjoyed playing hockey with John back a few years ago. If you tried to go around John you would have some welts to show for it. Great guy. RIP.

Dean Zimmerman - January 26 at 08:04 PM

AL

“ All our love, Randy & Stacey LaPreze purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John W. Kennedy.



All our love, Randy & Stacey LaPreze - January 26 at 07:51 PM

BN

“ Bob, Kathy, Eric, Shana, Noah & Naomi purchased the Love's Journey for the family of John W. Kennedy.



Bob, Kathy, Eric, Shana, Noah & Naomi - January 26 at 07:25 PM

BN

“ Bob, Kathy, Eric, Shana, Noah & Naomi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John W. Kennedy.

Bob, Kathy, Eric, Shana, Noah & Naomi - January 26 at 07:25 PM

FJ

“ *Faith Jaciuk lit a candle in memory of John W. Kennedy* ”



Faith Jaciuk - January 26 at 05:17 PM