



John Paul Hrencecin

February 18, 1943 - August 20, 2021

John Paul (“JP”) Hrencecin, a resident of St Augustine Florida, passed away on August 21, 2021, after a difficult year fighting lung cancer.

John Paul was born February 18, 1943, in Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania to John Hrencecin and Sophie Kornova Hrencecin. He spent his childhood in Wilkes-Barre in the family home with his two younger brothers, Edward “Eddie” Hrencecin and James “Jimmy” Hrencecin, his parents, and maternal grandmother Pearl “Baba” Kornova.

After graduating from Coughlin High School, John attended Wilkes College for two years and went on to Penn State University to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering. During the first week of school, he met the love of his life, Ruth Ann Barnish, at a pep rally. He obtained a degree in 1964 and started his career at Dow Chemical. John and Ruth Ann were married at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Wayne, NJ on July 9, 1966, after Ruth Ann graduated from Penn State.

John and Ruth Ann settled in Midland, Michigan where they had their three children.

During his career at Dow, John worked in many capacities in both the Michigan and Eastern divisions. Each move gave his family many experiences to cherish. When the children were young, they moved to Connecticut where

John was the supervisor of a polystyrene plant. This move led to a seven month stay in Brazil which was a special experience for his whole family. He retired from Dow in 1995 exactly 31 years to the day from when he started.

John loved sports and was able to play softball and basketball on community teams. He also loved watching Penn State football and all sports on TV. He was an avid fan of music of the 60's and 70's and instilled a love of music in all his children taking them to many concerts as they grew older. He also enjoyed a strong interest in stock investing and shared his knowledge not only with his immediate family, but also with a few close and respected friends.

His greatest love in life was his wife and family. He enjoyed seeing his children grow and prosper and shared his tremendous wisdom and values so they could be successful in life. John was especially proud of and treasured the accomplishments of his own children and grandchildren, but also cared deeply about his extended family of in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

John is survived by his wife Ruth Ann and their three children; son Michael John and his wife Karen, grandchildren Candice, Kailey and Kara; son David and his wife Victoria "Toria" and two grandchildren Tristan and Sophie; daughter Patricia McGraw and her husband Brian; sister in-law Sandra "Sandy" Hrencecin, niece Michelle Kozich and her husband John, their two children Jay and Alexandria; sister in-law Barbara Branson, niece Kimberly, nephews Scott and Brian; and a host of extended family and close friends who will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his mother Sophie, father John, younger brothers Edward and James, and in-laws Anthony and Ruth Barnish.

A private service will be held at St Anastasia Catholic Church in St Augustine, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to your preferred charity, church or John's most loved charity: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Paul Hrencecin*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 31, 2021 at 04:50 PM



Victoria
Burrell-

So beautiful.

Victoria Burrell-Hrencecin - August 31, 2021 at 10:27 PM



Missing you Dad....

Mom, Dave and I had a wonderful service with Father Tim today at St Anastasia.

Mike Hrencecin - September 01, 2021 at 03:58 PM

CA

Such a wonderful tribute 🤝🙏

carol antonakakis - September 10, 2021 at 11:21 PM

RA

“ *The earth has lost a good man, husband, father, coworker and friend. I met John 1964 when we shared an office as newly graduated Chemical Engineers and began our Dow Chemical careers together. As we settled into our jobs and got to know each other better, we found that we shared many interests and views and John became good friends with me and my wife. Being in a new city for only a few months and away from our families and friends my wife of only six months planned to cook her first Thanksgiving meal. We ask John if he did not have plans would he like to join us. He said his brother Eddie had come so he would have company for Thanksgiving. We said that there would be plenty for the four of us. My wife's first Thanksgiving meal was perfect and enjoyed all four of us.*

John played softball and basketball with our team of coworkers in the city league. He had a great sense of humor displayed when he said I may not score a lot of points but I will occupy a lot of space playing at the center position.

After his marriage to Ruth Ann we bowled in a mixed doubles league. John and Ruth Ann were our travel companions on several overseas adventures.

John cherished his family and friends. He always looked forward to lending a helping hand when he could. John's smile and caring manner put people at ease. Shortly after retirement both couples rented condos during the winter on Crescent Beach. We spent hours wading onto the surf to fish. During family visits the beach was our playground for our grandchildren and John fondly became known as Mr John from the condo. That was the kind of man John Hrencecin was. Now heaven has a new good citizen and keeper of their spreadsheets.

Ron and Milta Agin - September 01, 2021 at 06:42 PM



Thanks for all the memories. Love your whole family and hope we can get together soon to reminisce and make new memories

Ruth Ann Hrencecin - September 02, 2021 at 09:24 AM



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Mike Hrencecin - September 01, 2021 at 04:04 PM

DH

“ Dear JP,

I never told you how much of positive influence you were on me while I was growing up. While we were traveling by bus from Amy's wedding reception to the hotel, I did tell you how much your brothers Jimmy and Eddie positively impacted my life and it seemed you were happy to hear it. I should have told you then but I didn't.

As the youngest cousin of the group from the John, Edward, Mary, and Anna Hrynczyszyns' in the 1950's / 60's I very much enjoyed spending time with all my cousins especially at holiday dinners at Baba & Giddo's house. I learned about the importance of family and spending time together, supporting each other, eating as a family, drinking, laughing, singing, talking, kissing, and sometime yelling which I eventually concluded it was a family trait. I'll skip over the part about my beloved older cousins wouldn't tell me that we ate my pet chickens at one of Baba's holiday meals. My Mother finally told me when I was 18 after asking her what ever happened to my pet chicks?

Being 9 years younger than you I didn't see you as often as both Jimmy and Eddie but I was aware you were attending college with a goal of becoming an engineer, first at Wilkes then at Penn State. You started with Dow Chemical and followed an incredible career path. I followed you to Penn State becoming a mechanical engineer and joined GE for a great 40-year career.

While visiting you told me about interviewing a candidate for an engineering position but he failed to make an impression. You took the time to couch him on interviewing. That person was the younger brother of my best college friend. Your show of compassion helped me throughout my GE career interviewing candidates for GE, managing my own engineering group, and eventually helping military personnel back into civilian life during my years with aircraft engines.

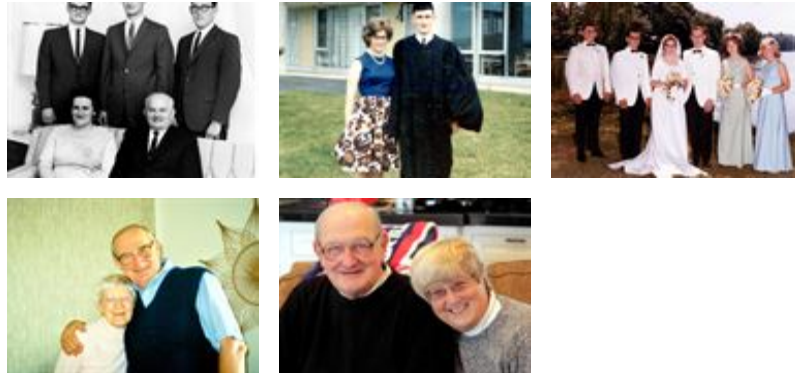
The memories of our families and friends together celebrating New Year's Day as well as annual vacations in Wildwood, New Jersey are some of the most cherished memories I will keep in my mind and heart forever. One day we will all meet again "Under the Boardwalk".

*With Love,
Your Cousin Dave*

David E Hrencecin - August 31, 2021 at 04:37 PM



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 31, 2021 at 04:36 PM

KH

“ I was so very blessed to know him as a wonderful father-in-law and grandpa to our 3 girls. He was a very loving, giving, kind, hard-working, super intelligent, laid back, and amazing person that I feel so blessed and lucky to have gotten to know as the ultimate Dad. Family was very important to him and it showed in everything he did. When Mike and I first met and I was introduced to John and Ruth Ann, had a first Thanksgiving with them, and went to David and Victoria Burrell-Hrencecin's wedding, this family always blew me away with their love and acceptance. The closeness they all share, the ease when being around one another. They are a unique tight knit group. With the grandkids, he just became an incredible grandpa. I loved hearing him tell stories while reading to the kids, adding to them. The enhanced version of whatever they were reading. It was like a Bugs Bunny version of whatever they were reading because of the questions he would ask about the stories/ characters. I loved how he was 100% into what the kids were doing or showing him. He just beamed with pride and love as he interacted with them.

Sending love and sincere condolences to Ruth Ann Hrencecin, Mike Hrencecin, David Hrencecin, Sandy Hrencecin and the Kozich family, Patty, and all of the rest of the family and friends.



Karen Hrencecin - August 31, 2021 at 02:45 PM

LS

“ *My condolences to your family. I was classmates with John during our time at Coughlin High. We shared the same home room in 9th. grade and were in several clubs together. I enjoyed knowing him and am sorry for your loss.*

*Leon Strone
The Villages, Florida*

Leon Strone - August 29, 2021 at 09:20 AM



Leon - thank you for posting. I am John Paul's son (Mike) and it is really good to hear from friends that knew my dad so many years ago.

Mike Hrencecin - August 31, 2021 at 11:46 AM

HA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have had the pleasure of meeting John during the period of Dave and Toria's wedding, and over 20 years later, when Toria's mother passed away. Both times I met a kind, caring, loving man with a sense of humour. My sympathy to you all on your loss.*

Hazel

Hazel - August 28, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ I'm proud to call John Hrencecin my father-in-law. He was a highly intelligent, kind, hard-working man with a dry wit and often playful sense of humor. He was also a very dedicated and loving husband, father and grandpa.

I remember the first time I met him, not long after meeting Dave, 28 years ago, in June 1993, when he, Ruth Ann and Mike came over to tour England and take Dave back home to the U.S. with them! John was very warm and friendly to me, and I shall never forget, he shook my hand, with a big smile and whispered, "Good luck!" And ever since, he always treated me with respect and kindness.

I was also really happy that my parents met him and Ruth Ann many times over the years, and always got along well with them, and they shared a lot of fun and laughter together.

He has been a big influence on our kids too, always imparting wisdom, knowledge and history, while also being playful and fun.

I was especially thankful when John spoke at my Mum's Memorial Service, in December 2015, and gave a very moving, heart-felt tribute to her. This was one of several rare but precious moments when I saw just how deeply he felt about people and life and how much he cared. Since losing both my parents in 2015, he and Ruth Ann have been very supportive to me and it has felt so good to still have them to lean on.

He will leave a big gap in our lives and will be sorely missed.

Sending loads of love and deepest condolences to Ruth Ann, Mike, Karen, my darling husband Dave, Patty, Michelle, Sandy, and all our family and friends who knew and loved him.💕💕





Victoria Burrell-Hrencecin - August 27, 2021 at 03:15 PM