



## John Michael Stewart

October 24, 1966 - September 9, 2023

John Michael Stewart Sr., born October 24, 1966 in Chicago, Illinois passed away suddenly on September 9, 2023 in DeSoto, Missouri at the age of 56. John married his high school sweetheart, Amy (née Butler), on June 6, 1987. His greatest gift to her was their children: Coley Fetters (Mark), Amanda Ruhl (Jeremy), Hailey, John (Gena), and David. He was the proudest papa of four grandchildren: Jace and Julie Ruhl, and Rusty and Harry Stewart.

Additionally, John is survived by his father, Warren Stewart, his in-laws Michael and Elise Butler, his siblings, Sheri, Suzanne, Ron, and David. He was a loved brother-in-law, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend to many. John has been reunited in Heaven with his daughter, Hailey, his mother, Patricia, and his brother, Warren, all of whom he dearly missed.

John lived the last 33 years in recovery. His last day was spent sober and living his program. He was an avid fisherman, sports fan, and cook. John had an immense enthusiasm for music, especially of but not limited to his favorite Irish rock band, U2. Above all, John will be remembered as a family man. He loved life and lived it to the fullest.

John was raised in the Catholic faith and his spirituality was a large part of who he was. Though his body has departed this earth, we are confident in his salvation and the everlasting glory that welcomed him at the gates of Heaven.

He was surrounded by our love here on earth and is now bestowed the eternal love of his God and those he himself has loved and lost. It is now Hailey's turn to be with our dad.

"Dad, you taught us how to love ourselves and how to love others. You were a constant example of hard work, determination, and perseverance. We knew we were your world, and you will live on in our hearts. We are proud to have belonged to you and we are who we are because of you. We'll see you when we get there."

A visitation will take place at Robert D. Brown Funeral home in Hillsboro, MO on Friday, September 22, 2023 from 4 to 8pm. Visitation will continue at 10am on the morning of Saturday, September 23, followed by a funeral mass at 12 noon at Good Shepherd Church of Hillsboro. Burial immediately following at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Hillsboro, MO.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Hill Mortuary, Funeral Homes & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of John Michael Stewart*



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**Chapel Hill Mortuary** - September 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *So sorry to hear about Johns Passing. I grew up on the same block as the Stewart family in Tinley Park Illinois and remember all the Stewart children. I was older than they were but my sisters and brothers hung around with them. John is resting in the arms of Jesus. I also remember Warren and Mrs. Stewart fondly.*

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**Diane Studebaker Sheeran and the Studebaker family.** - October 24, 2023 at 10:01 AM

KO

“ *So sorry for your family's loss. Your dad was a hard worker both in cross country and the wrestling room. Always determined. He left you much too early. I was one of his coaches.*

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**Ken Ogradowski** - October 02, 2023 at 10:57 AM

AN

“ We have been friends and partners in recovery for ten years at least. When I heard of your untimely passing, I thought, "That guy stumbled a hundred times." Not so. You won a hundred and one times. In the end, you are standing there with that great smile, hands on your hips, and one foot on the back of your defeated foe lying at your feet: your addiction. Nobody I know of has fought any harder than you have. You won, buddy. You won big. Your story does not end here, John. We have watched you all these years. You will be an inspiration for us for a long time.

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**Alan Napier** - October 01, 2023 at 09:02 PM

RS

“ Rick Stewart has purchased Purple Majesty for John Stewart



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**Rick Stewart** - September 20, 2023 at 06:06 PM

EZ

“ " A father's hug lasts long after he lets go."- Author unknown. ❤️  
I been friends on Facebook with John for years. He was an amazing person. There is not enough space on this page to describe him. I will miss his posts and our fishing stories.  
I will miss you. May God bless.  
My sincere condolences,  
Eric Zipko



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**Eric zipko** - September 19, 2023 at 10:48 PM

LC

“ *Lance and Rachel Cox has purchased Eco-Friendly Memorial Trees for John Stewart*



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**Lance and Rachel Cox** - September 16, 2023 at 05:00 PM

FF

“ *Fussner Family has purchased Cherished Moments - Blue for John Stewart*



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**Fussner Family** - September 16, 2023 at 12:16 AM

MS

“ Two Words "Bremontown Sports"

*1 fall John , me and all the guys who played football with us*

*and could hold a paint brush as well as paint somewhat straight created a regulation size*

*NFL football field masterpiece right across from John's house.. We all painstakingly precisely measured it all out..*

*Every 10 yards for a first down and of course end zones .. We even had big orange cones in all corners of both end zones.*

*The official game ball of many games was a real genuine wilson pete rozell e signature NFL football which I still have today in it's own display case ..*

*We were all NFL players for what seemed way to short of season The park distict lawnmowers eventually came and our NFL field of dreams went..*

*But baseball was right around the corner so it was ok..*

*God Bless You John you were sober when God called you home.*

*John you won that long*

*difficult battle my friend..*

*🙏 Amen 🙏*

*My deepest condolences to the family.. God Bless You2 🙏*



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**Mark Sanders** - September 15, 2023 at 08:48 PM

TF

“ The Yancey family has purchased Eco-Friendly Memorial Trees for John Stewart



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**The Yancey family** - September 15, 2023 at 08:36 PM

PG

“ *First of all my condolences to John's family and friends.  
I met John on a fansite for the Dutch national soccer team.  
He was a passionate fan of the Dutch soccer team and we talked about upcoming games or tournaments and celebrated our wins.  
Rest in Peace my dear friend* 🤍🤍🤍



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**Pascal van Gerven** - September 15, 2023 at 07:24 PM

AM

“ *We the members of the AA Group #1160 The Virtual Ducks are deeply saddened by the passing of our brother in Sobriety Mr. John M. Stewart and extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to his family. We too share memories of him that we will cherish forever and will miss him in our meetings. May the love of Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit, be your comfort now and in the days to come. We say farewell to our beloved fisherman.*

*The Virtual Ducks*

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**ANN MCGEE** - September 15, 2023 at 06:49 PM