



## John Raymond Alanowski

March 18, 1953 - March 12, 2019

John Raymond Alanowski was born on March 18, 1953, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Barbara, of 45 years of marriage, his daughter Angela Rae (Chandler) Williamson, son Michael John Alanowski (Danielle Anderson), grandchildren Abigail Rae Williamson, Anna Carol Williamson, sisters JoAnn (Andrew) Hendrick and Mary (Jim) Cullinane, sister in law Patricia Scully, niece Amber Rae, great niece Olivia Rae, brother in law Dale Gallapoo, and many nieces, nephews, and friends including his very special doggie friend, Sophie. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Mary Alanowski, and his sister, Shirley Gallapoo. John graduated from Creston High School in 1971, and in 1974 began his long career in the real estate business. He also spent many years as the owner of the Flying Fish Bridge Market. John loved being outdoors. He especially enjoyed bonfires, deer hunting, fishing, and boating at his family cabin on Big Star Lake in Baldwin, Michigan. He also enjoyed cowboy movies, garage sales, feeding the birds on his back porch, and any television show about treasure hunting. John was known to his family and friends as “the dog whisperer,” because every dog he met turned into his best friend.

John was characterized by his hard work, caring nature, humor, and love of life. He was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend to everyone.

The funeral service will be held Saturday March 16 at 11:30 am at Front Line Church, 4411 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. The family will receive visitors Saturday one and a half hours before the service.

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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Frontline Community Church North Campus  
4411 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI, US

**MAR** **Funeral Service** 11:30AM

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# Comments

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“ 10 files added to the album Memories Album



Angie Williamson - March 18, 2019 at 02:38 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Raymond Alanowski.



March 16, 2019 at 08:08 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Raymond Alanowski.



March 16, 2019 at 07:38 AM

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“ We've known your family for most of our lives. Our hearts ache for you all. John is no longer suffering and he is in Gods hands. We pray so hard for peace, comfort, long loving memories and mercy. See you soon. Margaret and Jeff Ingle



margaret ingle - March 16, 2019 at 07:30 AM

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Steve Bristol - March 15, 2019 at 03:26 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Raymond Alanowski.



March 14, 2019 at 08:24 PM

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“ I will always remember uncle john as someone who always wanted to make everyone happy. Even when it meant dressing up as Santa. He is now in heaven at peace with his big sis who loves him very much. They were always there for eachother and now are together forever in a wonderful place. I love you Aunt Barb, Angie and Mike. You are in my prayers through these difficult times.

Love

Your niece and cuz Debbie

Deb Mayle - March 13, 2019 at 09:57 PM

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Trish Scully - March 13, 2019 at 03:44 PM

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“ Dear Barb, Angie and Mikey,  
We are so sorry for you loss. We know this is difficult time for all of you! We live next door to Mary & Jim and I feel way closer to your family than you even know ;) We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers and hope knowing John is not suffering and in a better place helps with your grief.  
Love, Brian & Kim Gibson



**Kimberly Gibson** - March 13, 2019 at 03:11 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. We all will miss him, but are so glad we will always have memories of the good times. Greg, Melody and Ali Wallace.

**wallace** - March 13, 2019 at 12:20 PM

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“ Don't know where to start,we shared so many good times together, with his son Mike, hockey games, motley crue, NASCAR, poker night at the cabin,we always had fun together,even at work, cutting grass, hauling furniture, lunch at sand Mann's,his favorite, always a pleasure to be his friend, I will miss him, funny fact he never wore socks, even in winter, he was a great guy!!! One of the good guys in life,and he had a great one,loved listening to his stories, good bless,Rip

**Noah** - March 13, 2019 at 12:12 PM

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“ I enjoyed working with John since 2008. He was a hard working guy who knew how to get a lot of different jobs done, very resourceful. He always remained calm no matter what kind of craziness was happening. We will miss him.

Dan Yeomans

**Dan Yeomans** - March 13, 2019 at 11:14 AM

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“ John was certainly one of the good guys. I've known him and Barb since middle school. We spent countless hours out having fun. When we had our kids we lost track of each other but every time we crossed paths it's like we never were apart. I will miss that crazy guy! I am so sorry Barb, Angela, and Mike. Big hugs and lots of prayers for your family. 🙏

**Kathie Galas** - March 13, 2019 at 12:27 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Raymond Alanowski.



March 12, 2019 at 10:28 PM

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**Angie Williamson** - March 12, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ He was always such a fun man. And let us get away with anything. He will be missed by many  
All my love and prayers to his family

**Deidre Gardner** - March 12, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ Our prayers and sympathy are extended to John's whole family. We are so sorry for your loss.

Mike and Pat Siwek

**Patricia Siwek** - March 13, 2019 at 01:21 PM

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“ Barbie, Angie and Mikey, I'm sorry for your loss may you have peace that surpasses all understanding. I will miss John going down Rebecca on his quad and waving as he goes by.

**Ann Marie** - March 12, 2019 at 05:00 PM