



John Paul Waling

August 8, 1963 - January 22, 2021

Waling, John P. Jan 22, 2021 Age 57. Loving husband of Joy of 10 years. Dear father of Emma Waling, Alexandria (Joseph) Pilchowski and Ted Traskos. Grandfather of Claire, Luke and Aliana Pilchowski, Leila and Wyatt Traskos. Son of Lorraine Waling and the late Victor. Brother of Kathy (Jack) Fein, Pat (Gerry) Rogers, Keith (Michelle) Waling and Karen (Jeff) Long. Uncle of Jason (Stephanie) Rogers, Michael Briguglio, Matthew Long, Annelise Waling and the late Clayton Rogers. John was born in Wayne, MI on August 8, 1963. He was a Special Education Teacher at Webster School, enjoyed listening to the rock band Queen, and has played bass guitar in bands since he was 17. John also enjoyed camping and mostly spending time with his family. Visitation 4-8 pm Monday, January 25, 2021 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Ave Novi 248-348-1800. Funeral liturgy 10:30 am Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Holy Family Catholic Church 24505 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi with visitation 10 am until time of liturgy. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the family where a scholarship fund will be set up for his daughter, Emma Waling. Expressions of sympathy www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

To view Mr. Waling's funeral liturgy please [click here]<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBN7WnfRGoc>

Cemetery

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W 10 Mile Rd
Southfield, MI,

Events

JAN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home
41555 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI, US, 48375

JAN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 10:30AM

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Holy Family Church
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI, US

JAN **Liturgy** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ John was one of the first staff members I talked with when I joined the staff at Webster. He was a kind and gracious man and made me feel welcome. We became good friends for the two years I spent there. His students loved him and he loved them right back. I went back and visited the October after I retired and spent time reading and singing with his class. I had plans to go back again and then the virus closed schools, I am so sorry for his families loss. He will be greatly missed by many whose lives he touched.

Jill Manchester - February 02 at 08:12 PM



“ To Joy and Emma - Steve, baby Kendall and I are so sorry to learn of John's passing. He was truly an incredible man, so kind and thoughtful. Always at the back fence with a smile on his face. I often think of your family since we moved and reflect on how lucky I was as a single girl to move into my very first house with having such wonderful neighbors. John got to see me get married and start a family of my own from that fence where we often would meet to chat. I will miss him, but will smile thinking of those chats we always had. May God bless you and your family. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.

Danielle and Steve Behan



Danielle Behan - January 26 at 05:29 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to John's family, I knew John for 40 yrs as he and I both worked at Livonia Mall as teenagers, John at Sibly Shoes, and Hardy shoes for me. We became fast friends as we both were musicians and both played bass guitar. And as others have said he did have that big smile on his face all the time. We have stayed in contact over the years as LinkedIn connections, and I knew that he had found his calling becoming a special education professional. God speed my friend until we meet again.

Steven Martin

S.d. Martin - January 26 at 04:28 PM



“ Cheryl Rzepka lit a candle in memory of John Paul Waling



Cheryl Rzepka - January 26 at 04:23 PM



“ Gary Vartanoff lit a candle in memory of John Paul Waling



Gary Vartanoff - January 26 at 11:27 AM



“ We will miss John he was such a positive and great guy,our hearts go out to his family.Love Bret & Nancy Gordon

Bret - January 26 at 07:28 AM



“ John was such a beautiful soul; the students and staff at Webster loved him. We will miss his endless smiles, encouragement, and positivity. Plus he had great taste in music; he was our very own rock star. Rest In Peace, John -Julie Ryan

Julie Ryan - January 25 at 09:30 PM



“ Sincere condolences a prayers to Johns entire family. RIP Brian & Judy (Nash) Pawlak.

Brian pawlak - January 25 at 09:03 PM



“ I knew Mr. Waling when I was at Webster Elementary. He was always smiling and asked me how I was. He was the nicest man and the kindest man. He will be missed. He was the kind of teacher the kids needed.

Tricia - January 25 at 08:14 PM



“ Deepest condolences to the family
The smile of his will be missed
It's hard to know what to say at a time like this
You're all in my thoughts
Couldn't make to funeral home
Rest In Peace my Maltese
buddy John

Mary Mifsud - January 25 at 06:23 PM



“ It's hard to know what to say at a time like this
But know I care and that you are in my thoughts
I won't be able to come to funeral home
Good bye my Maltese buddy
Rest In Peace

Mary Mifsud - January 25 at 05:00 PM



“ So sorry for your loss for such an accomplished young man , he will be remembered in my prayers . Frank Kozdron - cousin



Frank Kozdron - January 25 at 12:59 PM



“ So sorry Waling Family...John was one of the nicest people I've ever met...Rest in peace JW...

Dennis Gagnon - January 25 at 12:03 PM



“ "John John", the little kid in the neighborhood on W. Chicago who always had a smile and a giggle. You will be missed.

Love,

Pam Rotter Bushey

Pamela Bushey - January 25 at 12:02 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Paul Waling.



January 25 at 06:42 AM



“ Elizabeth Russo lit a candle in memory of John Paul Waling



Elizabeth Russo - January 24 at 11:00 PM



“ We were so deeply sadden to hear of John's passing. Dave and I have very fond memories of watching him play with 10Lb Head. He would always make sure that 867-5309 Jenny was on the playlist for me. I loved hearing them play that song because it was one of the ones that John sang. He was so talented. John always had a smile on his face and was always so interested to hear about what was going on in your life. He was very caring and kind. He was one of those people you just had to go and chat with because you knew you would laugh and walk away happy. It's so hard to believe he is gone and our only regret is that we didn't stay in touch better. Sending all our love and prayers to Joy and Emma! Rest in Peace, John - until we meet again!
-Dave & Liz Russo

Liz Russo - January 24 at 10:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Paul Waling.



January 24 at 08:56 PM



“ I am a student from Webster Elementary, the school that he formerly taught at. I was not a student of his but I whenever I saw him through the halls he would of course, be smiling. Webster will definitely miss him singing and playing the guitar at the Christmas assembly.

Josie Ortell - January 24 at 08:41 PM



“ Michelle Waling lit a candle in memory of John Paul Waling



Michelle Waling - January 24 at 07:27 PM



“ I met John 10 years ago when he stopped by my special education classroom at Frost Middle School. We immediately bonded over our passion for helping, inspiring, and teaching these precious and unique children who learn in different ways. There are only a few moments in our lives when we see something in another person's eyes and know what a difference they are going to make. I could see that in John. In the following years John spent many hours pre-student teaching in my classroom, and eventually I had the honor of having him as my student teacher. I will never be able to find the words that can come close to describing this remarkable man. His love for his wife, daughter (he completely lit up each time he spoke of them) and students was apparent in his every fiber. John has made a difference in so many lives, and that difference will live in each life he has touched forever. John was a blessing in my life. There will always be a special place in my heart for him.

Linda Demers

Linda Demers - January 24 at 05:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Paul Waling.



January 24 at 11:55 AM



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January 24 at 11:45 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Paul Waling.



January 24 at 11:39 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of John’s family. I am so sorry for your loss.

This is so heartbreaking for you, John’s friends, colleagues and students. I had the pleasure of working with John when he did a long term sub position at Webster years ago. We bonded over our love for the students and the unbelievable amount of documentation and paperwork. Over the past years, I had the privilege of continuing to work with John by welcoming his students to the Middle School program at Emerson. We talked many times throughout each year, and he was always excited to hear how his former students were doing. I want you to know that his students absolutely loved him! I mean really loved him! Every single day when we do Zoo-Phonics and get to the letter “W”, they always shout out “Mr. Waling!” This is always followed by wonderful comments such as “he is the best, he is so cool, he plays the guitar, we love him...” This has happened daily for all the years John has sent me his students. He has touched their lives forever and will always be one of their all time favorite teachers. John has impacted so many lives, including mine and numerous LPS staff. He will always be remembered as a kind, compassionate and caring man.

All my love, Kimberly Colaizzi

Kimberly Colaizzi - January 24 at 11:17 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Paul Waling.



January 24 at 09:51 AM



“ We are heartbroken to hear of the loss of such an amazing teacher & person. He was not only a teacher, but a dear friend to my son & our entire family during a difficult time in our lives. Prayers, & strength to the family as well as all who knew & loved him. Rest in eternal peace Mr. Waling & thank you for being such an amazing influence on my son, & all your students. Mary Spitler



Mary Spitler - January 23 at 10:23 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John Paul Waling.



January 23 at 08:55 PM



“ Karen Long lit a candle in memory of John Paul Waling



Karen Long - January 23 at 08:08 PM