



John V. Adametz

May 18, 1950 - May 15, 2022

Highland – John V. Adametz, age 71, of Highland, died on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at Upland Hills Health in Dodgeville.

John Virgil Adametz was a man with a hell of a vision. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend like no other. He was an encyclopedia of animal husbandry, a hog and dairy farmer. He mastered coon hunting, at one point having multiple Night Championship blueticks, Grand Night Champion, and was inducted into the Bluetick Hall of Fame.

John and Juliet, the love of his life, raised five children and dared to leave the farm and make their dreams come true. John became Head Teamster at the Circus World Museum in Baraboo. He and Julie went on to create their own business A to Z Percherons & Farrier Service breeding, training and showing at the Wisconsin State Fair, mentoring many people and making lifelong amazing friends. At the Midwest Horse Fair, he was an exhibitor, presenter, head farrier, and was voted Horseperson of the Year in 2012. He and his dream team of Monique and Goldie, were 2-time World Percheron Congress log skidding champions.

An excellent teacher and student himself, he never tired of learning from every person he met. He had a deep love for people in need and created the non-profit Horsepower 2 Heartbeat helping so many feel the healing nature of

horses, including the volunteers who found just as much joy, hope and love as the clients.

John was a charismatic storyteller. Some of his many qualities were his ability to see the good in everyone, connecting right to a person's soul. People loved being in his presence because he made people feel good and accepted people as they are. He treated everyone with respect, meeting them where they were without judgement.

Though he lost his wife and son too soon, he inspired so many with his indomitable attitude, when you asked how he was, he would answer "I'm finer than frog hair" or "If I were any better I'd be illegal" and "I've got the world by the ass on a down-hill pull." As great of a public servant as he was, his true character was how he loved and led his family with the values of service, grit, unconditional love, support and humor.

John was preceded in death by his son, Joshua Adametz, his beloved wife, Juliet Adametz, parents, Jim and Phyllis Adametz and brothers Steve Adametz and David Adametz.

John is survived by his 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Kate Adametz Jenkins (Craig) of Montfort & grandchildren Madison, Lauren and Josie. Anne Adametz (Neil) of Stoughton & grandson John. Jenn Robinson (Tony) of Deerfield & grandchildren Ruby and Daniel. Elizabeth Welsh (Jason) of Platteville & grandsons Stanley and Henry; his siblings Kathy (Joe) Kruchten, Elaine Adametz and Julie (Tom) Pustina; Joe (Cheri) Adametz, Don (Jennifer) Adametz and Jerry (Sue) Adametz.

John's family would like to thank the extraordinary care team at Upland Hills Hospital for their compassionate care during his stay, the Highland EMS team for never shirking a task, and the Upland Hills In-Home Health staff.

Deep gratitude and appreciation extended for those who provided direct care for John at home, especially Ashleigh Hrubes, Maria Olson, Gail Rohowetz, The H2H team, and Barb Kroll.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Ss. ANTHONY & PHILIP CATHOLIC CHURCH in Highland. Burial will be held in St. Anthony Cemetery. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday and from 10:00 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. on Thursday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Adametz family for memorials to be designated by family.

Cemetery Details

St. Anthony Cemetery

720 Main Street
Highland, WI 53543

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ss. Anthony & Philip Catholic Church
726 Main Street
Highland, WI 53543

Visitation

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

Ss. Anthony & Philip Catholic Church
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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John V. Adametz*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM




“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We never met John but know he had a huge impact on those he loved. Know we are praying for your family as you go through this difficult time. Hugs!*
John and Caroline Van Herwynen

Caroline Van Herwynen - May 18, 2022 at 10:37 PM



“ *My heart is broken. The most genuine and caring man I know. His generosity to all he knew, and heart felt conversations will be missed greatly. My sympathy to you all and prayers to help you with healing is sent your way. We will have a toast to John when we crack open the spirits we recently got at the benefit held just a few weeks ago.*



Teri olson and Russ Zingg.

Teri - May 18, 2022 at 11:28 AM

CD

“ I am sorry I cannot attend any of John’s services due to illness. However, I remember visiting the Adametz Farms throughout the years. You could always find John telling stories and filled with laughter. He always made sure everyone was taken care of . He was very kind-hearted. I attending of few of his H2H demonstrations and was amazed at what he could do for people with his horses. I was usually in delightful tears by the end. He will be missed by many. Love you all, Adametz Cousins.

Carol Wright Thole Dellett - May 17, 2022 at 07:20 PM

TM

“ Have always enjoyed my conversations with John, and along with everyone else that knew John will fondly remember him.
Sincerely, Tim May & Family, Evansville WI

Tim & Sue May - May 17, 2022 at 02:59 PM

MS

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Mike Smith - May 17, 2022 at 10:44 AM

SS

Nice man. He will be missed.

Sheila Sobek - May 17, 2022 at 05:15 PM

JH

you are already missed John. You had such tragedies in your life, and always came back with a smile. I am so glad I stopped by to see you last summer. We both had a few laughs, and yet both of us were hurting....I will remember all the fun times at your place, and even where i lived on Micks farm. You and julie were my 1st friends when I moved out there, and were so kind to all of us ...I will never forget you. All the times in Winter when you would come over to pull Jaden out of the ditch (he was trying to get up to the school bus) ..You always had a smile on your face, you were never too busy to help us. Thank you and RIP, you will be so very much missed and love. My heart goes out to your wonderful girl and their husbands....until we meet again, God Bless youJude Hutchinson

Jude Hutchinson - May 18, 2022 at 11:36 AM

SB

“ *So many great memories of John helping others. He was one of a kind and will be missed. Troy and Sandie Brick-Margelofsky*

Sandie Brick-Margelofsky - May 17, 2022 at 06:55 AM

CR

“ *To John's family, your dad was a great friend. We will remember all the fun times at WI state fair. All the stories and laughs. AND the world champion horses spent time in our barn.. lol. Hugs and love to you all, Candy Reysen and Roger Uttech*

Candy Reysen - May 16, 2022 at 10:45 PM

BS

So much to share about John. He was indeed a Horseman extraordinary, and loved sharing that knowledge with anyone who had a question without any tone of arrogance. But his compassion was a virtue beyond compare. I witnessed myself a number of times where he opened his home to those in need without question or judgment, and gave his opinion if asked for guiding them on a stronger path forward. He loved to cook, and canning skills were second to none. John could and would help his neighbors without a second thought. He and his neighbors would gather at Johns home where he would set up an assembly line to prepare pickup loads of corn to store for winter. The same with his prep skills with butchering beef & pigs. The neighbors gathered at Johnsfor this, which became a full weekend EVENT, enjoying what should have been work, but turned in to a fun time. Surely not last, but has to be mentioned the tenderness he gave to children. He became "Uncle John" to any child biologically related or not, and they in turn gravitated to him anxious to be held, hugged and genuinely loved. My own Grandson was fortunate to share John's lap. Bible says, "Come on to me the little children". John would be the first to say he wasn't perfect, however despite any flaws or misgivings, he was a man with a genuine love of people. Sharing our stories of John will help us all deal with his passing and will give us comfort knowing that he is no longer in pain. He is still sharing his love for us, but more importantly with his wife Juliet and son Joshua, and all those he loved who passed before him. To his family, Thank You" for sharing John with the rest of us. He will truly be missed.

Barb Soltis - May 17, 2022 at 08:31 AM

VS

Sending our condolences to John's family and many friends. John was a treasure and he will be truly missed. John was a generous soul and I had the pleasure of being witness to this as well as a recipient of his generosity. When Todd needed a last minute horse replacement to pull our wagon on the Richland County Wagon Train, John offered one up without question. Because of John, we were able to take our family on our annual vacation. He shared many stories around the campfires and I treasure the things I've learned from him. He was a one of a kind human and will be truly missed. Enjoy your ride in the Heavenly pastures John. - Vicki Strait-Munns

Vicki Strait-Munns - May 19, 2022 at 02:49 PM