

## John M. Young

October 12, 1932 - March 13, 2024

John was a devoted father, faithful husband, and great friend with a heart of gold. He was the best man at weddings, the one who always found time for others, and the man who would help those in need. John worked as a Field Engineer at IBM in New York for 30 years before retiring to sunny Colorado.

“Poppy” never outgrew his youthful spirit, age was never a factor as you would find him sledding with his grandchildren, on the tennis court, or out on his bike. He was not afraid to be a kid with the kids as evidenced by the number of broken bones and stitches received after the age of 60.

John loved life and adventures. He shared his love of the outdoors with friends and family whether walking on the beach, skipping rocks, playing tennis, skiing, biking, or hiking (usually in the rain). He never let bad weather take away from the fun.

In addition to family Sundays, one highlight of his life was the 1973 cross country road trip he took with his family. John built a wood box for the top of their old station wagon to store the canvas tents and camping gear. His children will always remember the windstorms that decimated the campsite, the bear that “visited” their birthday party, breathtaking views, miles of hiking, campfire songs, and countless memories.

John leaves behind the love of his life and adventure companion for over 65 years, Loretta, and their four children; Kathy Michaels (Frank), Kevin (Lisa), John (Suzanne), and Debbie (Mark). John was the beloved brother of 8 siblings and uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. “Poppy” was a cherished grandpa to 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Funeral services to be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>) or Doctors without Borders (<https://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org/>)

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Loretta we are very sad to hear of John's passing. Both of you were wonderful to us back in Hopewell. Many good times. He will be missed. Love to you and family.  
Mike & Debbie Metzger

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**Mike Metzger** - March 25, 2024 at 02:58 PM

MC

“ Much and love and peace to Loretta and family. John was such a kind man. I remember John helping me and my kids move into my first apartment after moving to Colorado from Chicago back in 2000.

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**Matthew S Clough** - March 25, 2024 at 08:46 AM

BV

“ Hi Loretta and family  
Sorry to hear of John's passing. He wS a friend and a true gentleman. He will be missed.  
All the best  
Bob and Tracy Vangermeersch

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**Bob Vangermeersch** - March 23, 2024 at 12:20 AM

GS

“ Loretta, Kathy, Kevin, Johnny and Debbie,

*It's amazing how someone with so much energy could be so calm and compassionate. I have many fond memories of our family's holiday celebrations where John and Loretta shared their love of life, family and travel. Bill and I had fun visting in Colorado and hiking with John in the Rocky Mountain National Park. He could definitely out-hike us. We also enjoyed vacationing with John and Loretta in Sarasota, the Outer Banks and Chincoteague. They always seemed 20 years younger than they were with their active life styles and sociability. My favorite memory is when John walked me down the aisle when Bill and I were married! He was an important part of our family and will be missed.*

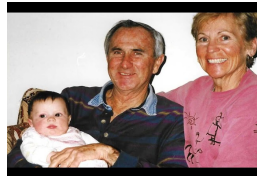
*Love  
Niece/Cousin Gwynne & Bill*

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**Gwynne & Bill Schultz** - March 21, 2024 at 03:03 PM

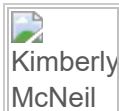
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**Kevin Young** - March 17, 2024 at 12:59 PM



*Kevin, what a beautiful montage of your dad's life. It is clear that he was a perfect example of family, love, fun and adventure. I pray that these memories and more will bring continued smiles, warm hearts and hugs of comfort. With love and positive energy!*

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**Kimberly McNeil** - March 18, 2024 at 07:59 AM

RO

*Oh Loretta, we are so sorry to read the sad news about John. He was a wonderful person, full of energy and fun, and we always liked playing pickleball and chatting with him. He will be missed. Our sincere heartfelt condolences to you and family.*

*Renie and Don*

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**Renie and Don Olson** - March 18, 2024 at 03:41 PM

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**Kevin Young** - March 17, 2024 at 12:58 PM

BP

“ *Uncle John and Aunt Loretta came to visit us when we were living in Tucson, AZ. I remember him in his 80's teaching my children how to play pickleball. He was so full of life and lived it to its fullest. Rest in peace Uncle John.*

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**Beth Prostejovsky** - March 16, 2024 at 04:22 PM

KM

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories of John*



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**Kathy Michaels** - March 16, 2024 at 10:26 AM

BD

“ *Uncle John was a wonderful man who led a full life and left a great family legacy. Deepest condolences to Aunt Loretta, Kathy, Kevin, Johnny, Debbie and the entire Young clan.*

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**Billy Doering** - March 16, 2024 at 08:39 AM

NP

“ *My Uncle John. Oh , how I loved being around both him and Loretta. You could see how much they loved each other. He was so upbeat and kind. He will be missed. Nancy Young Purchia*

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**Nancy Young Purchia** - March 15, 2024 at 03:06 PM

SD

“ *As a friend of Kathy's I got to know John on a trip to Colorado. He was the best tour guide and hiking companion on that trip. Although I had a lot of trouble keeping up with him and was awestruck by his 80 year old self doing planks on rocks with his Granddaughter. His wit and Humor always shone through and I will always think of him with that special twinkle in his eye. You left us with a great example of how to be along with much love and many good memories. Thank-you Mr. Young.*

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**Shelley D.** - March 15, 2024 at 01:16 PM

LH

“ *John was a wonderful person and good friend. He had a wonderful sense of humor. He'll be missed.*

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**Lautzenheiser Ronald H** - March 15, 2024 at 12:58 PM