



# John Russell Beattie

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John Russell Beattie, age 87 of Casco, entered eternal life while surrounded by the love of his family on February 19, 2024. John was born on February 4, 1937 to Grace (Summerville) and Charles Beattie. He married his wife, Marilyn, in 1959 and they enjoyed nearly 65 years of a wonderful and happy marriage.

John will forever be cherished by his family; wife Marilyn; daughter, Christa; son, Mark (Paula); grandchildren, Ashley and Robert; sister, Linda (Bob) Quirk; sisters in law, Karen (Darrell) Hanson and Betty Beattie; brothers in law, Elmer Lomerson (Dorothy), and Al Westrick; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by daughter, Cheryl; brother, Richard; sister, Joyce; brother in law, John Lomerson; and sister in law, Doris Thueme.

John had a love for rebuilding and flying antique aircraft and enjoyed many airplanes over the years. He delighted in traveling with Marilyn and friends to many antique airshows and events. John loved working on antique cars and built a Shelby Cobra kit car which he enjoyed taking to local car shows. He became an avid reader later in life and could frequently be found picking up books from his favorite local library. But of all his passions, his family remained his greatest joy.

John was an active member of St. James United Church of Christ. He was also a member and officer of the St. Clair County Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). He truly enjoyed time spent with all his airport friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 23 from 2-8 pm at Young Funeral Home in China Township. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, February 24 at 11 am at St. James United Church of Christ, 9008 Meisner Rd., Casco, MI. Pastor Ken Gadd will officiate. Memorials may be made to St. James United Church of Christ, Casco, Michigan.




# Events

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## Visitation


 **Friday**, February 23, 2024

 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI

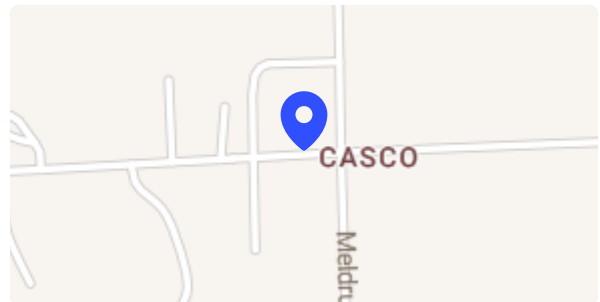


## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, February 24, 2024

 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM ET

 **St. James United Church of Christ**  
9008 Meisner Rd., Casco Twp MI



## Cemetery Details

 Cremation



# Tribute Wall

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**Don & Kathy Forton** posted:

From Don & Kathy Forton:John, we know you have 'Gone West', not alone into the sunset, but into the company of family and friends gone before you.In tribute we offer the High Flight poem to our friend, John.By JOHN GILLESPIE MAGEE JR.Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earthAnd danced the skies on laughter-silveredwings;Sunward I've climbed, and joined themirth Of sun-split clouds,---and done a hundred things you have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung;High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung my eager craft through footless halls of air.Up, up the long, delirious, burning blueI've topped the wind-swept heights with easy graceWhere never lark nor ever eagle flew-And, while with silent lifting mind I've trodThe high untrespassed sanctity of space,Put out my hand, and touched the face ofGod.

February 24 at 5:11 AM



**Mark Cohrs** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



February 23 at 1:28 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Snacks Gift Crate to the Beattie family.



February 23 at 1:28 PM



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**Diane Cunningham** posted:

I have always considered Uncle John one of the most intelligent individuals I've ever known. Not just because he could do just about anything he set his mind to....whether it was building a biplane from parts or creating a fancy sports car or giving an old antique car new life. But on top of that, it was the wise choices he made in life. He chose an amazing woman when he married you Aunt Marilyn! No one could ever question the love you had for each other. Your lives displayed your love for all of us to see and emulate. You were a team that worked as one. It was always "John and Marilyn" or "Marilyn and John", rather than "John" or "Marilyn". This beautiful teamwork was especially evident when you were serving others. Whether it was caring and providing for Grandma Lomerson over all the years, or how beautifully and sacrificially you both gave your all to meet Cheryl's physical needs with such tender love and grace. You were the perfect team! After my dad died, you were always there for my mom and us girls. We knew we could always count on the two of you. It was an easy decision for me to ask Uncle John to give me away at my wedding. I was proud to walk down the aisle with the man that I have always loved, admired and respected so much. Several decades ago, another Chrysler executive told Fred that many Chrysler execs questioned Uncle John's choice of putting family ahead of Chrysler. They felt that he could have advanced faster and farther if he had put his career over family....that he had so much potential. We all know....he made the right choice! He chose to serve the Lord, his wife, his family, and countless others over the corporate world. By choosing to enjoy an early retirement it gave him the time to not only explore his many hobbies, but to serve others. Which he did so selflessly! Our hearts all were broken when we heard Uncle John was gone. It seemed to us he should and would always be there. But, certainly a hint of joy emerged when I thought of the joyful reunion of Uncle John and Cheryl. So beautiful! We certainly had great family reunions in Michigan .....but nothing like those in Heaven. So badly I desire to be there to hug you all and give honor and respect to Uncle John, but Fred and I love you too much to risk giving you this illness we brought home with us from Hawaii. We are praying for you and plan on coming up to spend some time reminiscing all our precious times together. God bless you all! I love you so much Uncle John. You are the best!!

February 21 at 11:28 AM



**Kristin And Tom Kochheiser & Sue Defever** sent a Rose Remembrance to the Beattie family.



February 22 at 3:42 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Beattie family.



February 22 at 2:58 PM



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**Glenn And Robin Meldrum** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

February 22 at 2:58 PM



**Brian Mccalla** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Beattie family.

February 22 at 11:03 AM



**Malayangs, Johnsons, Daleys** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

February 22 at 9:07 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Beattie family.

February 22 at 9:07 AM



**Sharon Fritzz** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

February 22 at 9:06 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Beattie family.

February 22 at 9:06 AM





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CA

**Counseling/Advising Dept @ Mcc** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Beattie family.

February 22 at 7:38 AM



FL

**From Susan And Jeff Laduke** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

February 22 at 5:46 AM



FL

**From Susan And Jeff Laduke** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Beattie family.

February 22 at 5:46 AM



CB

**C.J. Brennan** sent an Arrive in Style to the Beattie family.

February 21 at 12:57 PM



Anonymous

**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the Beattie family.

February 21 at 11:41 AM



MM

**Michele Weber Massaglia** posted:

Our deepest condolences go out to the Beattie family. John was a man of honor. A true family man who loved and cherished his family. Growing up across the street from the Beattie Family I saw his love and devotion to his family all the time. RIP. Mr. John Beattie.

February 21 at 11:28 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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