



## John D. Wolfe Jr.

November 5, 1960 - March 20, 2025

John D. Wolfe Jr, 64, of Mooresville passed away Thursday, March 20, 2025, after a long and courageous battle against the disease PSP while in the care of Life's Journey of Avon. He was born in Indianapolis on November 5, 1960, to the late John David Sr and Ellen Jenny (Nichols) Wolfe.

The oldest son of nine children, John grew up in Indianapolis and attended Ben Davis High School, graduating with the class of 1978. Learning the value of hard work at an early age, he got his first job at 15 with Mooresville Meat Packing. He later worked for DHL as a courier, until his illness forced him to retire in 2020.

When John was 16, he met a pretty, young girl named Patty Hickman, while cruising around in his Pinto. He informed her brothers that he was going to marry her one day, and a few years later they eloped on May 21, 1979, in Tennessee spending the next 45 years devoted to one another and raising their three beautiful daughters.

John enjoyed camping and loved to fish. John, Patty, and the girls would enjoy family vacations on the beaches of Destin, FL. A protective husband and father, he was a dedicated hands-on dad who coached the girls in basketball and softball continuously going above and beyond to fulfill their needs. A jack of all trades, he educated the girls on how to be independent, which set the

bar high for their future husbands. A truly loving and kind soul, John was a jokester frequently aggravating his kids and grandkids. He was a people person who naturally drew friends in and enjoyed coin collecting and attending auctions. Strong, handsome, and loving to Patty, the couple supported each other 100% in their marriage and throughout this disease. In the end of John's battle, Patty would often take him for drives to enjoy the beautiful scenery, ice cream and a diet coke. John will be remembered for his strong love for his family and his words of affirmation to them such as "You're so beautiful" and "I love you so very, very much."

Along with his parents, John was preceded in death by his brother in laws, Fidel Gonzales and Don Parham.

He leaves behind his soulmate, Patricia A. Wolfe; daughters, Lindsey Wilson (Dave), Ashley Underhill (Nick), and Samantha Wolfe-Taylor (James). Four brothers Joe Wolfe (April), Kip Wolfe (Sandy), Tim Wolfe (Tina), and Rick Wolfe. Four sisters Brenda Gonzales, Pamela Parham, Lela Lawson, and Diana Shrout (Terry); and eight amazing grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Owen, Camden, Wynnie, Lainey, Cali, Levi, and Charlee whom he absolutely adored.

Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia, and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. John's family would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. MacDonald who was the man that finally gave him his diagnosis. The two became exceptionally close throughout John's PSP journey. They would also like to thank Brighton Hospice for their tender, loving care for John. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in his memory please visit his tribute page at [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ I sure miss you John , I love you more 🥰

patty - March 10 at 05:27 PM

DB

“ My deepest symphathies to all of the family. John was a kind soul. I remember growing up and going to school with John we were the same age. He was a polite and friendly person. We grew up just a few doors down from each other. I remember John's family being loving and kind. The family always treated me like one of the family. His sister Diana was my good friend, I have many great memories growing up as neighbors.  
May God and Jesus hold you close John!  
Donna Berry

Donna Berry - April 03, 2025 at 10:22 PM

DB

“ Donna Berry lit a candle in memory of John D. Wolfe Jr.



Donna Berry - April 03, 2025 at 10:18 PM

LW

“ In lieu of flowers please consider donating in my dad's name to help find a cure for PSP at [www.psp.org](http://www.psp.org). Thank you ❤️



Lindsey Wilson - April 01, 2025 at 09:23 AM

MW

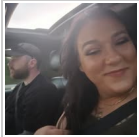
“ *Marijane W. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D. Wolfe Jr..*

Marijane W. - March 26, 2025 at 07:20 AM

NM

“ *John, you were one of the good guys. You were always fun to work with a pleasure to be around. It's been a while since we've been together because I retired, but I'm glad you're no longer in pain. I pray God will continue to bless your family and give them peace. Goodbye my friend.... Nick Moye*

Nick Moye - March 25, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ *I hope not a single strand of your hair is out of place John! Thank you so much for trusting me to care for you. I miss you big guy! Now you are where we always talked about among the stars, there is no place you can't touch! To Patty and the Girls: Thank you guys for sharing a small piece of this amazing human with me. I am a better person having known you all. I hope you all know that when you feel a little lost in the world just step into the sunshine and you'll feel him ❤️ Thank you so much for allowing me into your home and into your family💕 I'll look for you in the waves of Lake Monore and the trails of Browncounty John! Till we meet again my friend❤️*

Maria Dragon - March 24, 2025 at 04:17 PM

PW

*I am pretty sure you both will ,thank you for the love and compassion and patience you gave him , we both love and appreciate you , we were the ones who were blessed meeting you 💕💕💕*

Patricia wolfe - March 24, 2025 at 06:45 PM

JW

“ I have several special memories of my brother, John. He was quite the prankster - from the time he was young and never really outgrowing it. One time when we were kids, we were taking a nap in our bedroom. John was on the bottom bunk because he was scared of heights. He gave me an ink pen and told me to suck on it to get the ink to work. I did and nothing happened, or so I thought - I looked at John and he was laughing. I had ink all over my face!! Another childhood memory: Tim & John told me to climb out of our bedroom window to see how far down it was. They promised to let me back in. As soon as I got down, they locked the window. Now, this was during nap time, so imagine how much trouble I got in when I had to go knock on the front door and ask Mom to let me in. We spent a lot of time together as adults too. We even went on a vacation together when our kids were growing up. We spent a lot of time camping and fishing too. One of my favorite camping memories was John pretending like he was Big Foot. I have video evidence of that. He would also hide food under my tent to try to get animals to visit me at night. He made life fun!  
I love my brother so much and will forever miss him.  
Love, Joe

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**Joe Wolfe** - March 23, 2025 at 07:07 PM

PW

*He loved you Joe ..., and adored April and your children...,thank you both for all those memories*

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**Patricia wolfe** - March 24, 2025 at 04:29 AM

DB

*My deepest sympathies to all of the family. John was a kind soul. I remember growing up and going to school with John we were the same age. He was a polite and friendly person. We grew up just a few doors down from each other. I remember John's family being loving and kind. The family always treated me like one of the family. His sister Diana was my good friend, I have many great memories growing up as neighbors. May God and Jesus hold you close John 🙏*  
Donna Berry

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**Donna Berry** - April 03, 2025 at 07:43 PM

JT

“ We appreciated John's dedication to his family, his hard work ethic and his hilarious, dry and quiet sense of humor! (from Jim: In his last week, even though he was obviously weak and uncomfortable, he couldn't stop being funny. Knowing I'm a Colts fan, he made me sit in his "Steelers" chair and chuckled about it, and as we were leaving and I was holding Sharon's purse, he awoke and said, "I like your purse; it looks good on you.")  
(from Sharon: Patty, girls and family it was always obvious he was a dedicated, loving husband and father, who worked tirelessly to provide for all of you.) We are looking forward to continuing our conversations with him in heaven and so happy he'll never need wheelchairs, medicine, or any medical equipment again! We continue to lift you all up in prayer, we love you.

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**Jim & Sharon Taylor** - March 23, 2025 at 06:19 PM

PW

*Thank you both for your prayers and support throughout this time . John and I both love you, and yes Jim. There is video of you in that chair, god bless*

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**Patricia wolfe** - March 24, 2025 at 04:32 AM

DW

“ Worked with John for a long time. Started work at Airborne Express. Now DHL express. A great STEELERS fan, as am I. Enjoyed talking football, and everything life. I coached also, and always asked for advise. Loved his family. We where always hanging out at work together. Was sad to see him go. He will be surely missed. Prayers to all. God bless.  
Dick Watts.



Dick Watts - March 23, 2025 at 04:05 PM

LW

“ Well dad I guess it is my turn and this is not easy but I take comfort in knowing that you are no longer in pain and suffering. You literally were the best and I am so honored to be your daughter. I know this world is only temporary and we will be together again someday in Heaven but it still hurts. Thank you for being such as awesome dad, papaw and husband to mom. "Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27  
I love you so very, very much!  
Boo

\*Sorry the last one did not post correctly but that's okay my dad gets it ;)

Lindsey Wilson - March 23, 2025 at 02:16 PM

LW

Stupid phone is what he would say lol

Lindsey Wilson - March 23, 2025 at 02:18 PM

PW

You are beautiful, from dad

Patricia wolfe - March 24, 2025 at 06:46 PM

LW

“ Well dad guess it is my turn this is not easy but I know you are no longer pain and suffering. You literally were the best and I am honored to be your daughter. know that this world is only temporary and we will be together again in Heaven one day but I am still hurting. Thank you for being such an awesome dad, papaw and husband. "Peace Ě leave you; my peace I give to Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neit let them be afraid." John 14:27 I love you so very, very much dad.  
Boo

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**Lindsey Wilson** - March 23, 2025 at 02:03 PM

MH

“ John and I always joked and called each other the outlaws. lol!! When there would be a get together, John and I would find ourselves together talking in a corner with everything else going on around us. He always kidded me about our red hot dogs and changing our clocks to daylight savings time. I was honored to be able to carry him to McDonald's this past summer to get a Coke and take him for a ride around town. He will always hold a special place in my heart. Big hugs to Patti, the girls, and the whole family. Love you all so very much!!!!

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**Mary Hickman** - March 23, 2025 at 11:30 AM

PW

Love you bunches..

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**Patricia wolfe** - March 24, 2025 at 06:47 PM

PW

“ The pictures being shared, are truly amazing. It shows the love and dedication he had for us all , we done good wolfe , life is not easy and not perfect . But it shows here in these pictures, if you stay long enough, run the race there's something beautiful left behind, I love you more John , my heart is broken 💔 but i know you will be there waiting when I get there, you fought a long hard battle, no doubt never giving up , thank you for showing us how to be strong, I love you 4-marriage 4-kids4-life 4 eternity 💕 .., jelly roll it's not ok but it's all gonna be ok .

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**Patricia wolfe** - March 23, 2025 at 04:33 AM

LW

He loved you more mom. You both did such a amazing job creating this family and you took such great care of him that is why he fought so long because of you. We are truly blessed to have him as our dad and you as our mom. Love you ❤️

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**Lindsey Ann Wilson** - March 23, 2025 at 07:45 AM

KC

“ No words could ever express how much I miss my papaw. He is one of the funniest people I’ve ever known. He always knew how to make me laugh without even trying. But besides being hilarious, he was also the most accepting person I ever knew. He never questioned who I was, and has always embraced me for it. There is so much I could thank him for. Thank you for showing me what it means to be kind and a loving person. Thank you for always reminding me that I’m a beautiful person. Thank you for passing your love of the Beatles. Thank you for all our memories, and most importantly thank you for being the best papaw a girl could ever ask for. I love you so very very much!



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**Kaitlyn Cooney** - March 22, 2025 at 10:07 PM

LW

*Awww sis he loved you more than words could ever describe. He loved you for you and was so proud of you. Love you so much 💕*

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**Lindsey Wilson** - March 23, 2025 at 07:39 AM

PW

*You are beautiful,*

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**Patricia wolfe** - March 24, 2025 at 06:48 PM

WB

“ It was a Blessing to work with John. Always positive. Always talking about his wonderful family. Good sense of humor, a little bit of a prankster, but always fun to get him to laugh.

William Brown - March 22, 2025 at 07:18 PM

LW

Thank you for sharing. He told us about those pranks and jokes. He truly enjoyed working with you all.

Lindsey Ann Wilson - March 23, 2025 at 10:44 AM

AU

“ Dad, where do I even start?! I have no idea but the one thing I can say is you were and are awesome and amazing. You're such a great husband, dad and pop-pop. You told me the other day “ blink and I will be gone”. I wish I would have never blinked. I miss you so so much dad! I love you so so much!



Ashley Underhill - March 22, 2025 at 05:40 PM

LW

He loved you so much Ash and he is so proud of you. He will forever be in our hearts and missed. Love you ❤️

Lindsey Ann Wilson - March 23, 2025 at 10:45 AM

PW

*You are beautiful,,, love dad*

Patricia wolfe - March 24, 2025 at 06:48 PM

RC

“ *I work with John for many year's. John was a great guy, everybody loved John!*

Rick Christie - March 22, 2025 at 05:19 PM

AU

*Thank you for saying this! ❤️*

Ashley Underhill - March 22, 2025 at 05:21 PM

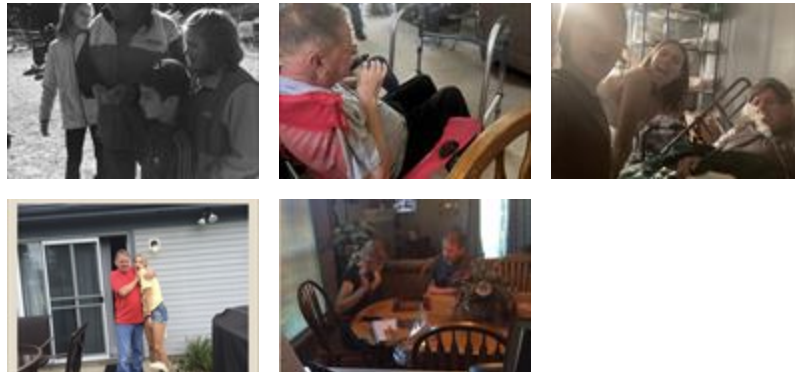
LW

*Thank you Rick! He loved the guys he worked with.*

Lindsey Wilson - March 22, 2025 at 05:26 PM

LD

“ *11 files added to the tribute wall*



Lainey Dean - March 22, 2025 at 04:30 PM

AU



Ashley Underhill - March 22, 2025 at 05:43 PM

PW

*You are beautiful.., 💕💕*

**Patricia wolfe** - March 24, 2025 at 06:49 PM

JW

*“ When I first met John was when I was in Elementary school he always smiled and said " Hey Buddy you have a wonderful day." I had the Honor of Going to school and graduating with his Daughter Ashley and grew a strong friendship and became like brother and sister. John always knew how to make everyone around him Smile and made sure they were having a wonderful day You will be Missed John.*

**Jeremy Walls** - March 22, 2025 at 04:24 PM

AU

*Thank you! ❤️*

**Ashley Underhill** - March 22, 2025 at 05:22 PM

LW

*Thank you Jeremy ❤️*

**Lindsey Wilson** - March 22, 2025 at 05:26 PM

SW

*“ 9 files added to the tribute wall*



**Samantha Wolfe-Taylor** - March 22, 2025 at 04:06 PM

AU

*I love you sis! He loved you so so much!*

**Ashley Underhill** - March 22, 2025 at 05:22 PM

PW

*You are beautiful,,*

**Patricia wolfe** - March 24, 2025 at 06:51 PM

SW

“*Pops was the best father I could have ever asked for or been gifted to love for 38 years. His laugh was contagious, his love was abounding, and his strength while battling PSP was unwavering. There isn't enough space to share the magnitude of love and joy he brought to our family. There will be a hole in our homes and in our hearts forever more.*”



**Samantha Wolfe-Taylor** - March 22, 2025 at 03:50 PM

LW

*Sam he was so proud of you and loved you dearly. You were the baby. He will forever be missed and he was loved so dearly. Love you ❤️*

**Lindsey Ann Wilson** - March 23, 2025 at 10:46 AM

LW

“ In Lieu of flowers please consider donating in my dads memory to help find a cure for PSP. Thank you  
<https://www.psp.org>

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Lindsey Wilson - March 22, 2025 at 03:38 PM

LW

“ 8 files added to the album Dad



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Lindsey Wilson - March 22, 2025 at 03:27 PM

LW

"After the rain, the sun will reappear. There is life. After the pain, the joy will still be here."

Love you so very, very much <3

Miss you dad,

Boo

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Lindsey Wilson - March 22, 2025 at 03:32 PM

AU

❤️❤️ he loves you so much

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Ashley Underhill - March 22, 2025 at 05:23 PM

KG

“ When I was growing up he was like another father to me. I stayed a lot of the time with Uncle Johnny and Aunt Patty and girls. We used to be really close when we were kids but we've just stood apart but I think we're going to come back together. Uncle Johnny was always always there if I need to talk. My youngest brother Pat used to go over there and watch Steelers football games with him because he loved the Steelers. My brother said that was one of the best times he could remember. I love you Uncle Johnny. I'm going to miss you. Something terrible. But I will stay in touch with Aunt Patty and the girls and make sure everything is good. You know I can't do much cuz I have Ms but I will definitely try. I love you with all my heart

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**Kelly S Gonzales** - March 22, 2025 at 03:17 PM

LW

*Love you Kelly. Thank you for sharing. He loved you all dearly.*

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**Lindsey Wilson** - March 22, 2025 at 03:46 PM

SW

*Thanks for sharing Kelly. I know he loved you like a daughter.*

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**Samantha Wolfe-Taylor** - March 22, 2025 at 04:31 PM

AU

*We love you! Thank you for sharing this.*

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**Ashley Underhill** - March 22, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ My pops was a great man, and I believe anyone who met him knew that. He shared so much of his love and wisdom down to us grandkids and I couldn't be more thankful for all the life skills he taught me. My papaw loved anyone and everyone. I'm at a loss of words for how to describe him. He truly was through and through an amazing person. I will miss going there everyday with two diet cokes in hand ready to share stories about my day. Pops I miss you but i'm so happy you are finally free of pain. I love you. (LOL)-  
Lainey



Lainey Dean - March 22, 2025 at 03:10 PM

KG

I love this picture of the two of you. That just is so sweet. That just shows how much he loved everyone. Love you!

Kelly S Gonzales - March 22, 2025 at 03:19 PM

LW

Beautiful Bug ❤️

Lindsey Wilson - March 22, 2025 at 03:47 PM

SW

Such a beautiful testament to his love for you Buggy! 💕💕

Samantha Wolfe-Taylor - March 22, 2025 at 04:30 PM

AU

I love you baby! Pop pop loved and adored you

Ashley Underhill - March 22, 2025 at 05:24 PM

LD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



levi dean - March 22, 2025 at 03:04 PM

KG

*These are some really great photos. And I think each one of them tells something about Uncle Johnny and how he was. Love you!*

Kelly S Gonzales - March 22, 2025 at 03:19 PM

LW

*Love these pics Levi ❤️*

Lindsey Wilson - March 22, 2025 at 03:47 PM

SW

*Love these pics of you two, Leviticus! 🥹*

Samantha Wolfe-Taylor - March 22, 2025 at 04:29 PM

AU

*Pop pop loved and loves you so so much*

Ashley Underhill - March 22, 2025 at 05:25 PM