

# *In Loving Memory Of John Kawulok*

*September 19, 1928 - July 1, 2019*



John Joseph Kawulok, Jr., 90, of Sheridan, passed away on Monday, July 1, 2019, at his Sheridan residence.

John was born September 19, 1928, in Monarch, WY to John and Mary (Sikora) Kawulok who immigrated from Poland. He grew up and attended grade school in Monarch and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1946. He enjoyed playing baseball and basketball. He married Esther (Rowton) Kawulok on June 2, 1956. He served in the Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged on October 13, 1960.

As a young man, he spent summers working at the Sawmill in Big Horn Mountains, Eaton Ranch, and the railroad. He worked at the Bison Bar for many years. After his discharge from the Army, he began his long career in the physical therapy department at the Sheridan Veterans Hospital. After retirement, he spent many summers mowing lawns for elderly residents.

John cherished time fishing, hunting, camping, and spending time in the Big Horn Mountains. He especially enjoyed a good polka. He loved his six children and their spouses, fourteen grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. He was a long life member of Holy Name Church.

John was an amazing father, and we owe all our success to him and our mother.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Esther, parents John Sr. and Mary, his sisters, Helen (Paul), Susie (Frank), and Mary (Bill); son, Daniel, and granddaughter Sara. Survivors include his children: Bob (Debbie) Kawulok, Cathy (Greg) Bealer, Jim (Jill) Kawulok, Dave (Melanie) Kawulok, Lori (Darrell) Ostendorf, Steve (Ann) Kawulok, Stacy Kawulok, and Tim (Donna Jo) Demchok. Grandchildren include Eric (Jessica), Rachel (Kenny), Dan (Paige), Brittany (Levi), Faith, Kaitlin, Zach, Jon, Tim, Ashley, Nick, Brandon, Michael (Clea), and Danielle as well as great grandchildren: Aria, Ruth, Olivia, Rhett, Isabelle, George, Theodore, Noah, Ezra, and Carter.

A special thanks to the providers, especially Mikki Mathews, nurses, and staff at the VA Hospital for their excellent care the past six weeks.

*Dziękuję tato i zawsze będziesz w naszych sercach! (Thank you, dad, and you will always be in our hearts!)*





**THE HEART OF OUR FAMILY**

A man who was proud to have served his country

A man who enjoyed so many things in life related to sports: the Sheridan Broncs, the Colorado Rockies, the Duke Blue Devils, but most of all the Wyoming Cowboys

A man who had a sweet tooth like none other: Mama's homemade treats, pies, cakes, cookies, black licorice, and above all...ice cream

A man who could be stubborn

A man who called the mountains home

A man who loved fishing and hunting with his sons and grandsons

A man who loved walking those same foothills, taking drives looking for wildlife, and spending time at Timmy's cabin

A man of great faith, compassion, and love

A man who was so proud of many things: his Polish heritage, his wife of nearly 60 years, their six kids and spouses, his grandkids, and his great-grandkids

A man who was his sons' first hero and his daughters' first love

A man who was lovingly called Dad, Grandpa, Pa, and Pops...  
the heart of our family.

-Lori Kawulok Ostendorf-



# In Loving Memory Of John Joseph Kawulok Jr.

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**  
Saturday, July 6, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Name Catholic Church

**OFFICIATING**  
Father Clark Lenz

**MUSIC**  
"Amazing Grace" "Shall We Gather at the River"  
"As the Deer Longs" "Polish Hymn"

**MUSIC BY**  
Organist ~ *James Themig*, Soloists ~ *Chuck & Annie Magera*

**PALLBEARERS**  
Eric Kawulok, Rachel Kawulok, Danny Bealer  
Brittany Lacock, Faith Bealer, Jon Kawulok  
Zack Kawulok, Brandon Kawulok, Kaitlin Kawulok

**HONORARY PALLBEARS**  
Tim Lee, Ashley Lee, Nick Neuman  
Michael Ostendorf, Danielle Ostendorf



Interment will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.  
A reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

*Kane*  
Funeral Home  
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