



## John Michael Paalhar

February 10, 1957 - February 2, 2024

John Michael Paalhar, age 66, of Brookfield, MO; passed away Friday, February 2, 2024, at his home with his family by his side.

John Michael was born the son of William Henry and Frances Ann (Golden) Paalhar on February 10, 1957, in Brookfield, MO. He was a 1975 graduate of Marceline High School. On June 22, 2013, he was united in marriage to Ronda Jacobs in Brookfield, MO.

John was raised and lived on the family Paalhar farm. He enjoyed farming and checking on the cattle they raised. John in his spare time would like to get away and go to the hunting cabin where he could go hunting and fishing. He liked listening to music, going dancing, and from time to time he would help DJing with Johnny Newman. But most of all John loved his family and spending time with them.

John was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Church and the Knights of Columbus in Brookfield; a board member for the Marceline Township for over 30 years; and was in the Jaycees in Marceline for many years. John worked for the Brookfield Township for several years as a maintainer operator.

John is survived by his wife Ronda of the home; three step children, Ricky Elam and Candy of New Cambria, MO; Robert Elam and wife Carrie of New Cambria, MO; and Ryan Elam of Brookfield, MO; his mother, Frances Ann Paalhar of Brookfield, MO; four siblings, William Paalhar and wife Cherrie of Brookfield, MO; Beth Ann Kearns and husband James of Marceline, MO; David Paalhar and wife Sheila of Brookfield, MO; and Dennis Paalhar and wife Sarah of Brookfield, MO; uncle, Kevin Golden of Brookfield, MO; aunt Mindy Britton of Brookfield, MO; and several step grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, William H. Paalhar; grandparents, Francies and Pearl Steland, Andrew and Violet Golden, and John H. and Mary C. (Dickinson) Paalhar. Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Brookfield, MO; from 6:00 pm. to 8:00 pm. with a Rosary to start at 5:30 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Brookfield, MO; at 11:00 am. with Father Jerry Kaimann and Father Paschal Ihediohanna officiating. Burial will be in the Saint Michaels Cemetery, Brookfield, MO.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been suggested to the Saint Michaels Cemetery and/or the Linn County Humane Society, and can be left at or mailed to Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, MO. 64628. On line condolences can be made to [www.rhodesfh.com](http://www.rhodesfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Michael's Cemetery

Brookfield, MO 64628

# Previous Events

## Rosary

FEB 7. 5:30 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
313 N. Livingston  
Brookfield, MO 64628

## Visitation

FEB 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DV

“ I am very sorry that we cannot make it to the visitation, it seems that I may have the flu. Over the years , thru 4-H., School and JC's and life, “ Big John” was there as a good friend. Until we meet again. RIP  
Dennis and Debbie VanDyke

Dennis and Debbie VanDyke - February 07, 2024 at 03:48 PM

RT

“ As we ALL know, John was ornery and a gentle giant! I got to know John after we graduated high school and played on the Pizza Hut softball team.Had so much fun with him and was always stirring up crap! I can still hear him laughing after he pulled his shenanigans! He was a heck of a good guy. Dana and I pray for the loss is forever carried in his memories. May the memories of John bring his family comfort and peace, blessings Dana and Robin Tarpending.



Robin J Tarpending - February 05, 2024 at 12:01 PM

RA

“ Prayers to The Family and may GOD be with you all....



Rosemary Allen - February 05, 2024 at 08:53 AM

MC

“ So sorry to hear of Big John's passing

Mary A Carpenter - February 05, 2024 at 07:01 AM

MJ

“ Marilyn James lit a candle in memory of John Michael Paalhar



Marilyn James - February 05, 2024 at 12:04 AM

MJ

“ Where to begin... Big John was a part of the crony crew who hunted together over the years along with Allen Boatright, Jim George, Tom James, Brad Gladback, quiet Carl, Ed Moffit, et.al. These guys helped one another out with their Deer Stands, processing the meat, and bonded over some excellent dining from gourmet chef, Jim George's kitchen. They gathered regularly at Bill Stanley's Gun Shop to spin their tales, laugh alot, and compete for the Annual Barney Award. They knew how to have a good time, regardless of their station. Four of these men are gone now, nearing the end of an era. Let's raises our glasses high and give a toast to legends they have beome in our minds. Peace Be With You, Big John, the fellows have been waiting for you.

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**Marilyn James** - February 05, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss, hard to believe it, he was a great guy and funny. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Debra Frazier*

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**Debra Frazier** - February 04, 2024 at 07:59 PM

RB

“ All the great times we had in JCs john riding the spider at the carnival and Si wouldn't let him off boy he was mad rest in peace my good friend

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**Randy Burgener** - February 04, 2024 at 05:51 PM

LC

“ One day John asked me if i would call him John instead of John Michael. I said sure as soon as you quit calling me Lonie Mae. Neither one of us ever changed. He was such a fun guy, never saw him without a smile. He and Leroy will have fun in heaven.

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**Lonia Collins** - February 03, 2024 at 07:41 PM