



## John Ihry

April 4, 1931 - December 14, 2014

On December 14, 2014, John M. Ihry found peace when he joined his wife and son in a better place. John was born April 4, 1931, to Theresa and John H. Ihry. He was raised along with 8 other siblings on a farm near Luverne, ND.

John met the love of his life, Darlene Jensen, and they married on October 17, 1953. They lived on a farm near Pillsbury, ND where they raised their four children: Warren, Teri, Shelly and Jane. They were active in the community through their involvement on the Pillsbury School Board, Baldwin Township, and the Luverne Elevator. Their biggest interest was in their children's lives and creating a strong family unit.

After a number of years, Darlene suffered a long, courageous battle that took her life in 1979. Five years later, John's son Warren was killed in a farm accident. John's scope of farming was never the same thereafter, but he remained on the farm that he loved until his retirement.

At that point he moved to Hope, ND, where he had much family and many friends.

Everyone knew "Big John" when he walked in a room, and people of all ages loved being around him. John enjoyed golfing, playing cards, going to the elevators, going to the café, and visiting family during his years in Hope. Brother Bob and sister-in-law Connie were instrumental in John being able to enjoy time in Hope as long as he possibly could. They were caretakers for John in many ways. Eventually, John moved to Fargo where he lived in Edgewood Assisted Living and Bethany on 42nd until his death.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene (Jensen) Ihry; his son, Warren Eugene Ihry; his siblings, Edna (Ihry) Jacobson, Leo Ihry, Elmer Ihry, Marie (Ihry) Thomsen, Adolph Ihry, and Kenneth Ihry.

He will be deeply missed by his daughters, Teri (Mike) Kraft of Bismarck, ND, Shelly Morgan (Tom Klock) of Apple Valley, MN, and Jane (John) DiBrito of West Fargo, ND; his siblings, Margaret Gunderson of Hope and Bob (Connie) Ihry of West Fargo; his grandchildren, Dustin (Kim) Laber, Kelli (Lucas) Isaacson, Tara Laber, Lindsay Morgan and Kameron (Keri) Ihry-Hodem; great grandchildren, Bailey Laber, Blake Laber, Blase Isaacson and Ella Isaacson; step-grandchildren, Michael Joe Kraft, Matthew (Desiree) Kraft and their children, Gabriel and Isabelle, and Annie (Bobby) Schaffer.

The funeral service for John M. Ihry, 83, will be held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, December

17, 2014, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Hope, ND. Burial will be in the Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be held in the church on Tuesday from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM. The Rosary will be prayed beginning at 6:30 followed by a prayer service beginning at 7:00.

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel of Valley City, ND has been entrusted to help John's family with arrangements. Please visit [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com) to sign the online guestbook and view the video tribute in John's memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Hope Cemetery

Hope, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Agatha's Catholic Church  
Hope, ND 58046

## Rosary

DEC 16. 6:30 PM (CT)

St. Agatha's Catholic Church  
Hope, ND 58046

## Prayer Service

DEC 16. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Agatha's Catholic Church  
Hope, ND 58046

## Funeral Service

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Agatha's Catholic Church  
Hope, ND 58046

# Tribute Wall



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of John Ihry*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 15, 2014 at 03:29 PM

CC

*Oh, how I loved this video ... thank you for sharing! I was flooded with sweet memories of a wonderful family and those who were lost much too early in life. It also reminded me of all the Ihry gatherings and the fun we had together. Your dad looked happiest with your mom or with a child or grandchild in his arms ... such a handsome guy!! We will miss him but would never deny him the opportunity to meet with Darlene, Warren, his brothers, sisters, parents, nephews, nieces and more .. God bless his memory! LOVE and peace to all, Connie and Woody Caspers*

Connie and Woody Caspers - December 17, 2014 at 01:03 AM

TB

“ *Teri, Shelly, and Jane,  
Our deepest sympathy to you and your families on the loss of your dad. Lots of great memories come flooding back from all the times we played and hung out at your place when we were kids. Your folks were a very special couple in our lives back then. Sorry we weren't able to come to Hope for the funeral last week. Hope all went well. May God be near to you all during this difficult time. Tim and Christine Burchill*

Tim Burchill - December 21, 2014 at 02:55 PM

TO

“ *We are so deeply sorry to hear that your father passed away. Your family is in our thoughts & prayers.*

*Rob & Trish Olson*

Trish olson - December 17, 2014 at 07:45 AM

TD

“ *Our sympathies to you and your sisters, Shelly, in the loss of your father. From the beautiful video and obituary, we can see that he was a man full of love of life and family, and deeply loved by you all. --John and Terri Delebo*

Terri Delebo - December 16, 2014 at 07:00 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John Ihry.* ”



December 16, 2014 at 03:01 PM



“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of John Ihry.* ”



December 16, 2014 at 02:05 PM

MK

“ *I will always remember playing hearts with John...and how much fun we all had together.* ”

**Mike "Joe" Kraft** - December 16, 2014 at 01:48 PM

BD

“ *Teri, Shelly and Jane, My deepest sympathy to you at the loss of your dad. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

*Beth Byberg Dreher*

**Beth Byberg Dreher** - December 16, 2014 at 12:41 PM

LP

“ *La Rinascente Pasta purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of John Ihry.* ”



**La Rinascente Pasta** - December 16, 2014 at 12:01 PM



“ *Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of John Ihry.*



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December 15, 2014 at 08:27 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

*Robert and Cheryl Moore and Family*



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**Cheryl Moore** - December 15, 2014 at 12:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Ihry.*



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December 15, 2014 at 12:17 PM