



## John Michael Schleifer

October 23, 1971 - January 25, 2009

John Michael Schleifer, age 37 of Springfield, MO passed away Sunday evening at 8:15 PM on his familys farm near Halfway after an accidental gunshot wound hunting accident.

John was born in Springfield, MO the son of James Phildon Schleifer and Carol Marie (Ratcliff) Schleifer.

He was currently employed by the Crown Distributing Co. in Springfield as a route delivery man. He previously worked for the Pepsi and Coca Cola distributors.

Johns passion was hunting, fishing, & music. He loved his work and lived to deliver Pop to his many customers. He never met a stranger. John dreamed of teaching his two nephews how to hunt and fish and loved them as if they were his own.

John might have resided in Springfield, but his heart was in the Van Community

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Scarlett Schleifer and his grandparents.

Surviving is his parents, Phil & Carol Schleifer of Halfway, MO; his sister, Stacy Allen and husband Curt of Pleasant Hope, MO; two nephews, Chase and Cole Allen, his maternal grandmother, Marie Ratcliff of Halfway, MO; his uncle and aunt, Mike and Sharlanda Schleifer of Pleasant Hope, MO; and uncle and aunt, Donald and Reva Bybee of Halfway, MO., Two cousins, Lisa and Terry Moore of Polk and Matthew and Tracy Forrest of Halfway; and a COUNTLESS number of friends.

Visitation will held on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel from 5-7 PM.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 10:00 AM in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Dennis Gromer officiating. Burial will be in the Slagle Cemetery south of Bolivar under the direction and care of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar. Casketbearers will be Matthew Forrest, Pat McCoy, Larry McCarthy, Curt Allen, Joe Nottingham, and Greg Gould.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Michael Schleifer*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *John Michael Schleifer*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Everyone is very sorry to here about John....we sure enjoyed visiting with him when he bought corn up here...he will be missed*

**darren littleton** - February 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have no appropriate words to express to you in this time. I can only let you know that I am praying for you.*

*I have been thinking of your family since my father (Beecher) informed me of this terrible news.*

**Lynnea Griffitts Horton** - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. John Michael was such a fun person to be around. He seemed to be upbeat everytime I saw him. He is going to be greatly missed. Our prayer and thoughts are with the family.*

**Darrell and LaDonna Shirey** - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you!*

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**Chris and Brenda Erichsen** - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this time of great sadness.*

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**Tommy & Lynne Hopkins** - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *John will be missed, I have always enjoyed his optimistic outlook and smile. He was a great worker when he worked for me, the world would be a nicer place if everyone was as friendly as John!*

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**Keith Combs** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. John will be greatly missed.*

*Our sincere condolences,*

*Kenny & Terrie Reed*

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**Kenny & Terrie Reed** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *I am so sorry about your loss. John was such a special person who will be truly missed. He had so many friends who loved him and will miss him but know he is in a better place.*

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**Terri (Painter) Park** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was John's neighbor for the last year and a half, and he was a great man. He was always there to help you out no matter what, and we will miss him dearly.

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**Sarah McLaughlin** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Though we never knew John, we can understand your grieving, and would love to be of help if you need us. May the Lord give you much peace and comfort.

Your neighbors, Len and Diane

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**Len and Diane Stitt** - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. John was a good man. John will be missed.

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**Stephanie "McCoy" Longoria** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ My thoughts are with the family.  
Nancy

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**Nancy (Fisher) Crowell** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I am so sorry. I am praying that God helps you through this. He is the only one who can.

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**Rachel (Wilson) Boyce** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ John will be missed by so many. I have met very few people that have had a heart as big as John's. He always made time to talk and visit, and would truly do anything to help a friend or stranger. He talked often of family and friends. I feel blessed to have been his friend.

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**James French** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Words can not describe how I felt when I received the news of John's passing. I consider John my brother, he and I traveled many roads together and I will never forget the experiences we shared.

John was a true friend, his smile warmed many lives, including mine. I know, no words will fill the hole left by John's passing but please know he was truly loved.

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**Robert Long** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I met John when I was in high school and was lucky to have dated him for a brief time. He was a great guy, with always a smile on his face, and I truly am sorry to hear of his passing. He will be greatly missed. May God be with his family and friends in this difficult time.

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**Stacy (Shirey) Selby** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ John Michael Schleifer

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**Justin & Kristi Hutto** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ I remember John Michael's love of people and desire to be a friend and to visit. He always gave you that smile as he came up to talk.

*Prayers for comfort and support. My sympathy to all the family.*

*With love and prayers Faye Peters*

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**Faye Peters** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ We are thinking about you and your family. John Michael will be missed.

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**Michael & Joann Condren** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ John Michael - our friend. You will forever be loved and missed! Our thoughts and prayers to everyone, especially the family, who shares in this loss.

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**Pete and Pam Bowers** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Phil and Carol, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. John Michael will forever be 11 years old and doing a demonstration of making lead weights in fifth grade. He assembled all of the equipment and brought it to school to teach our class of 36 about making lead fishing weights. He even melted down the lead. Thoughts of your entire family always bring warm feelings to our hearts.

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**Ben and Karen Gorden** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I worked with John at Coca Cola Dr Pepper several years ago. John always had a smile for everyone and a kind word. I remember how much he loved fishing and hunting. Such a shame that he was taken from you all at such a young age. May the Lord be with you and help you remember his smile and the wonderful times I am sure you all shared with him. Bless you all. Kathy Mallonee

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**Kathy Mallonee** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ So sorry for your loss. John was my delivery driver. I always looked forward to seeing him on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He was always so friendly and full of joy. I will miss his contagious smile and the laughs we shared each week.

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**Mary** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to all of you. I can not image what it would be like to loose a child. From what I remember of John he always lived life to the fullest. I know he was a miracle when he was born. You are in our thoughts & prayers.

*Mark & Susie Stephens*

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**Susie (Stewart) & Mark Stephens** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ He was a good friend to Laurie & Nancy and was a joy when he was around. He will be greatly missed by more than you know but always remember he will be with you in your hearts.

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**Raeann Gillette** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Our memories of John Michael will forever be cherished. Our thoughts and prayer are with you all during this time.

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**Jon & Michelle Woods** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Our deepest sympathies to you and your family, for your sudden loss. We are thinking of you! Starlene Bortvit and family

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**Starlene Bortvit** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I am very sorry to hear about John. He will be missed!!

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**Danny Mann** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Our thoughts and prayers go to the Schliefer family. I know in his passing, John was doing what he loved to do.

*Wendell and Jackie*

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**Wendell whitman** - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ My prayers go out to the family. John Michael was a classmate and friend to many of us. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Marilyn*

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**Marilyn Nolan-Younger** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Very sorry for your loss.*

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**Jennifer (Wilson) Maples** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *Phil and Carol,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. May God's blessings of comfort be with you at this time.*

*Sharon and Lee Easter*

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**Sharon Whitman Easter** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Words can not express How very sorry I am for your Loss.  
I'm sorry I could not be with you today. all flights in are cancelled.  
Love, Michele*

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**Michele Westfall** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days to come.*

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**Jerry & Liz Bowman** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Nothing will make this difficult time better, just please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. John was a very special person and I will always remember his smile and genuine kindness. I have many great memories of him. He will be greatly missed.*

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**LeAn Bortvit** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I worked with John at Coca-Cola and he was a great guy. If you ever needed a friend or someone to talk to John was there. He was a lot of fun to be around and really enjoyed life. He loved his friends, his job, and hunting! If John wasn't talking about work he was talking about hunting! I hadn't spoken to John in a while, but he sometimes did pass in my thoughts. They were always funny good memories.

*I am very sorry for your loss and wish you the best. John was liked by all and loved by many. Take care and God Bless.*

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**Jennifer Stewart-Skyles** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Pam

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**Mike McCoy** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Phil and Carol,

*Our hearts go out to you and Carol in the loss of John. His smile was contagious. Many years ago our son Jerry, first met John and played, just beyond the barn, with the horse. As an Indiana kid, Jerry loved meeting his not too distant cousin and often talked of the fun he had with John. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Keith and Ruth Griffitts Bone*

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**Keith & Ruth Bone** - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM