



# John L. Thiel III

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**J**ohn L. Thiel, III, 51, passed away on January 30, 2026. He was born on May 3, 1974, in Belleville, Illinois, to Patricia “Trish” (Mayfield) Thiel and the late John L. Thiel, Jr.

John moved with his family to Cape Coral, Florida, in 1990, where he soon met his future wife, Jeanna, who at the time was his sister’s closest friend. He also formed a close circle of lifelong friends - relationships built early and sustained throughout his life. Those friendships were a constant source of laughter, loyalty, and shared experiences, including many nights spent together enjoying live music and concerts.

John built a life grounded in simple joys, hard work, and deep devotion to those he loved. He especially enjoyed his long walks after work and on weekends, a routine he kept faithfully. Known for his easy humor and ever-present “dad jokes,” John had a natural way of putting people at ease. He was instantly likable, and his warmth left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Above all else, John loved his family. A devoted husband, a proud father, and a doting grandfather whose presence will be deeply missed, John had a golden heart that will leave behind a legacy of love that will continue to live through those he touched.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Jeanna (Mastriano) Thiel; his daughters, Alyssa Thiel of Mulberry, Florida, and Grace Thiel of Fort Myers; his cherished granddaughter, Haddie Thiel; his mother, Trish Thiel; his siblings, Larry Thiel and Terri Thiel, each of Cape Coral; and extended family in Illinois, Wisconsin, and elsewhere. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hope Hospice: <https://hopehcs.org/donate>.

A private Celebration of Life will be held by the family.



## Tribute Wall

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PS

**Patrick Sherrill** posted:

Remembering John. His quiet, peaceful nature spoke volumes. In all the years I have known John, I don't recall him uttering an unkind word. He helped everyone, without bravado and often without needing to be asked. He would quietly jump in and just 'fix it'. Pat...As unobtrusive as John was, it was quite clear how deeply he cared for his Mom, siblings, Jeanna (the love of his life) and his 'girls'. In any of our conversations, he would absolutely light up when he spoke about Alyssa or Grace. A good, kind man taken too soon. His presence is sorely missed. He will remain in our hearts.

February 28 at 3:42 AM

B

**Brian Erickson** posted:

So many memories at work. John and I listened to music, told jokes and had a lot of fun. He was a kind and considerate person I'll dearly miss. Thank you for being a good friend.

February 25 at 12:03 AM

FC

**Frances Curley** lit a candle in honor of John.

Dearest Jeanna & Family, My deepest sympathy to you all for the loss of your beloved John. I only met him once but I liked him immediately and his beautiful hair, I knew since you loved him that I would love him too, I always loved you. My prayers and thoughts will be with you. Please send my love along to Georgia & Christine 😊❤️ Peace & Love always, Frances



February 18 at 4:38 PM



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D

**Danny Hipple** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Hearing you passed has been tough, I can't help but feel I could've been more the friend to you that you were to me. The memories I have flooding my brain, you were my friend, the best man at my wedding, the first person I called when both my kids were born, and the first person I thought to reach out to when my daughter was expecting her first child. I have been remembering how much my Grandparents liked you, and how both my parents (who didn't agree on anything) always agreed you were a positive influence on me. It always amazed me how we could go months, sometimes years without saying a word, but the moment we did, we were those same moron kids from the early 90's. I can't remember how we met, I just know it was shortly after each of us moved to Cape Coral and into Mariner HS, I will always be forever grateful for the impact you and your family had on me. I love you Coppertop, you will be forever missed my friend!

February 12 at 9:10 AM



**Anne-Marie Zawislak** posted:

John along with Matt, Kelly and Rob (Bub) were constant visitors to my home. I love them all but John was special. He was quiet, sweet and unfailingly polite I last saw him in August and was lucky enough to get a hug. I'm devastated to lose one of my "boys". Too soon. My sympathies to his entire family,

February 11 at 7:40 PM

N

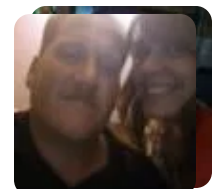
**Nadja Cruz** posted:

This truly broke my heart you were the 4th person I met in Florida in 1992, Walmart was the place I saw you daily and you became a friend, a big ole grizzly bear with a long ponytail. You had a heart of Gold and were very sweet. I pray your family finds peace losing such a wonderful person rest in peace my friend from my family to yours

February 10 at 2:41 PM



**Veronica Walling** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Best cousin ever. Thanks for being one of my favorite people on earth and for loving my momma, my girls, and Jay and I so much! Love you bunches and bunches

February 5 at 10:19 AM



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**Brandon Howard** posted:

So while growing up as a kid who liked watching professional wrestling, I was convinced by big John and my mother, of course that this guy legitimately was the undertaker and his coffin was a toolbox located in the back of his truck. I was told this in convinced this on a daily basis forever until I eventually started to believe it long story short this was one of the most positive influential people, and he is the last thing from anything or anyone who deserved anything of this nature, his energy radiated and was infectious. It was nothing but positivity and he was always looking to help. Whoever was in need. He was a great person a great man and I'm positive a great father so on so forth I love you and miss you and I'll never be forgotten. I love you big John.

February 4 at 10:44 PM



# Media

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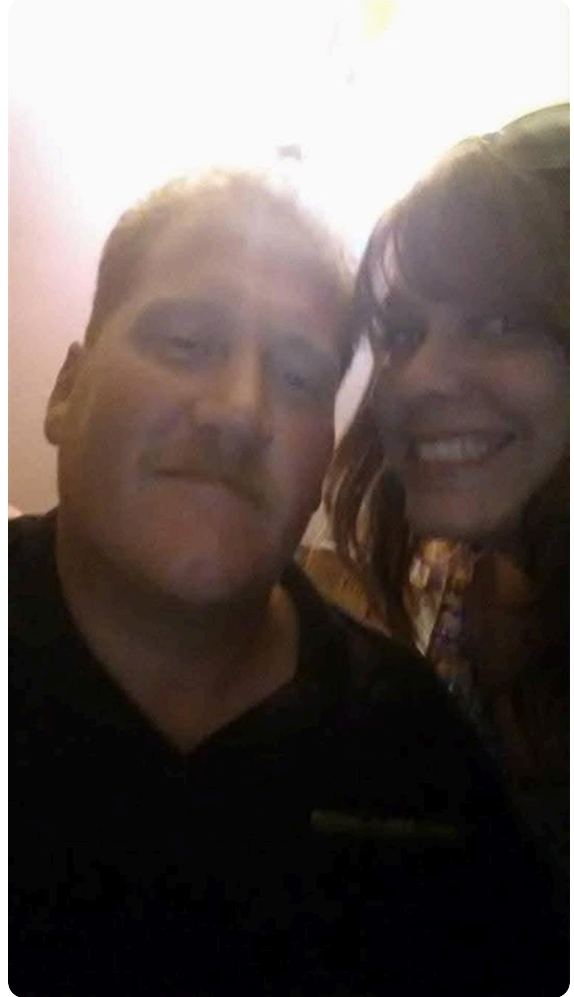
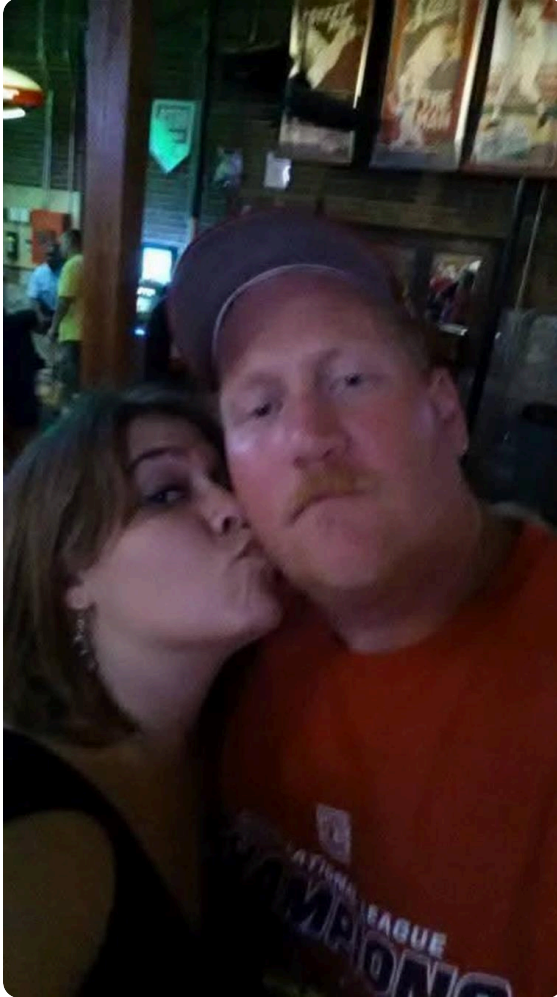
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