



JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III

March 27, 1939 - March 16, 2025

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Brownsville, Minn. – John Wellington Ramsden III (JR)—an amazing and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend—passed away peacefully into the loving arms of God at his home on March 16 surrounded by his family. John was known for his unconditional love of his family and the outdoors.

Born on March 27, 1939, in Winona, Minn., John was the youngest of three children. He developed a strong work ethic picking apples from his grandmother's tractor on their family orchard. After graduating in 1957 from Cotter High School in Winona, John attended the University of Minnesota and earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1962. He put that to use, working at Trane Company for 42 years until he retired in 2004.

He married the love of his life, Yvonne (Myszka), in 1968. She knew from the start that John was going to be a great father and husband and he would do anything for his family.

JR and Yvonne loved living on the river the past 20 years in Brownsville, while he also enjoyed hunting, taking boat rides, and spending winters in Florida. Because he was a Packers fan, one of the joys of his life was attending Super Bowl XXXI in 1996.

John is survived by his wife of 57 years, Yvonne; sons J. Samuel (Lisa), Fall City, Wash., and Benjamin (Kimberly), Cottage Grove, Minn. He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Henry, Lachlan, Josie and Libby, who were the true lights of his life. He is preceded in death by his parents Allyn and Gertrude Ramsden, sisters Elizabeth Susie and Peggy Welch.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 pm, Saturday, March 22, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brownsville. A Celebration of life will begin at 1 p.m. followed by the service and lunch in at St. Patrick Breza Hall. Burial will be at a later date.

Donations can be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

John's family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at Gunderson Hospice, Bethany St. Joseph Rehabilitation Center, and all their friends for their unwavering care and compassion.

JR will be remembered for his sense of humor, fatherly wisdom, and a kind heart.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

Breza Hall, St. Patrick Church
604 Adam Street
Brownsville, MN 55919

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
604 Adams Street
Brownsville, MN 55919

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.*



March 21, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ *Paul f Susie and family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.*



Paul f Susie and family - March 21, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ *Paul f Susie and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.*

Paul f Susie and family - March 21, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ *The Spenglers purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.*



The Spenglers - March 21, 2025 at 12:33 PM

FW

“ From Kathleen, Thomas & David Welch purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.



From Kathleen, Thomas & David Welch - March 19, 2025 at 10:19 PM

FW

“ From Kathleen, Thomas & David Welch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.

From Kathleen, Thomas & David Welch - March 19, 2025 at 10:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.



March 19, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.

March 19, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.*



March 19, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.

March 19, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ *Yvonne, Sam, Ben, and families.
My condolences on the passing of John, he was just a good guy!
May he rest in peace.
Uncle Bill*

Bill Myszka - March 18, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ *I got to know "JR" through the Brownsville Lions. He was always willing to help with any events that the Lions were sponsoring, and did it with a continuous smile. We have all missed having him at the meetings with his humor and willingness to support the Brownsville community.*

Thank you John for always being the kind, generous gentleman that you were.

Barb Hurley

Barb Hurley - March 18, 2025 at 01:02 PM

ST

“ Steve T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.

Steve T. - March 18, 2025 at 10:29 AM

LP

“ Tom and I met John JR and Yvonne back at Indian Rocks Beach in Florida. We became instant friends and it seemed like we had known each other a lifetime. JR made me kiss a shark. We shared lots of stories, lots of laughs and spent many hours together on the beach. He will always hold a special place in our hearts. May he rest in peace and cast a long line out to sea. Catch a big one JR.
Tom and Linda Perez

Linda Perez - March 17, 2025 at 09:00 PM

KW

“ When I was a little girl, Uncle John used to have me hold his music book while he played guitar and it always made me feel special. I remember when he brought the Children’s Librarian that I saw every week at “Circle Time” home to meet us. I thought she was so beautiful and was excited to hear they were to be married! Funny the memories you have from childhood. Uncle John your wisdom and warmth will be missed. My deepest sympathy to you Aunt Yvonne, cousins Sam and Ben and your families in addition to the other relatives who knew and loved John. May the many memories you have fill your hearts and the promises of God guide your faith. Sending you all love and hugs from Colorado.

Kathleen Welch - March 17, 2025 at 06:26 PM

DM

“ John was a good hugger! Such a wonderful friend. Will miss him
Dee Mertes

Dee Mertes - March 17, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.

March 17, 2025 at 05:04 PM

DW

“ My Uncle John was my godfather and when I was a little boy I just idolized him! I remember one Christmas I received a Fort Cheyenne playset for a present and Uncle John blew pipe smoke up one of the blockhouses and we pretended that the fort was on fire. He seemed as thrilled as I was about the "Live Action" smoke! Following his marriage to Yvonne, we sat around my grandparents' house looking at slides from the honeymoon. I loved Uncle John's laugh and the way his face lit up when he was with Yvonne. My sincerest condolences to the entire Ramsden family. I hope he and his parents and sisters are sharing a laugh in Heaven right now. God Bless you all.

David Welch - March 17, 2025 at 04:17 PM

MF

“ Missy, Paul, Lisa, Mike & our families. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.



Missy, Paul, Lisa, Mike & our families. - March 17, 2025 at 03:36 PM

FT

“ From the Guidewire Marketing team purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.



From the Guidewire Marketing team - March 17, 2025 at 03:12 PM

FT

“ From the Guidewire Marketing team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOHN WELLINGTON RAMSDEN III.

From the Guidewire Marketing team - March 17, 2025 at 03:12 PM