

John Molnar

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YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP – A former Ida man, who has many relatives living in Monroe County, died Sunday of injuries he suffered when the motorcycle he was riding collided head-on with a minivan.

John A. Molnar, 49, of Ypsilanti was pronounced dead about 2:30 a.m. Sunday in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, about four hours after the collision.

Deputy Keith Dietrich of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department's Traffic and Safety unit said the accident occurred about 10:20 p.m. Saturday on Michigan Ave. east of LaMay St.

A minivan driven by Elena Romantsov, 32, of Ypsilanti pulled out of a private parking lot, began a left turn to head west and pulled in front of the eastbound motorcycle.

Mr. Molnar didn't have enough time to brake and struck the van head-on, Deputy Deitrich said. The victim, who was traveling about 45 mph prior to the collision, was thrown about 50 feet upon impact.

The deputy added that Mr. Molnar was conscious and talking at the scene but his condition worsened.

Friends of Mr. Molnar may call from 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Capaul Funeral Home, Ida, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. John LaCasse of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ida, officiating. Burial will be in Lulu Cemetery in Ida.

Born June 26, 1946, he was the son of John P. and Edna (Frutchey) Molnar. He married Rita Mae Utley on Aug. 30, 1969, in Prince of Peace Lurheran Church in Ida. She preceded him in death on March 14, 1993.

He was employed by Ford Motor Co. in Ypsilanti for 29 years. He was a member of Sober Riders of Westland and Local 898, United Auto Workers.

He is survived by his mother; two brothers, James of Ida and Daniel of Hastings; and two sisters, Mrs. Ronald (Karen) Rife of Petersburg and Mrs. Mary Gubala of Ida. In addition to his wife, he was proceded in death by his father.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

John's page at the Find-A-Grave web site can reached by clicking this button:

[John's Web Page](#)



John is buried, with his wife, in Lulu Cemetery, near Ida, Michigan

Please make an entry in the [Guest Book](#) to offer your personal memories, recollections and experiences with John. Others would really like to hear from you.

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