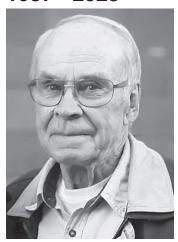
### John VanEpps Jr. 1937 - 2025



John Mr. VanEpps Jr, age 87, of Spring Lake, peacefully passed away Wednesday, April 30, 2025. He was born July 18, 1937 in Cleveland, OH to John N. VanEpps Sr. and Helen (Condon) VanEpps. John married Sharon (Bradley) Van Epps in Muskegon, MI

on July 1, 1967. Sharon preceded him in death March 10, 2009.

John built a life with family and friends. In his early years John was the pilot of the Jump Boat "Thrill Cat" in the Grand Haven Ski Show, won national championships racing Hydrofoil

race boats, and then eventually became a charter boat owner and captain of the original "Thunderduck" charter boat. He enjoyed being outside. His main passions being snowmobiling, boating, riding Goldwing motorcycles with his wife Sharon, competitive skeet shooting and machine gun shoots, and flying RC planes. He was a graduate of Michigan State University and held a Bachelor of Science degree. He was a business owner and previously taught small engine mechanics at MSU and Coopersville Public Schools and served his country in the United States Air Force Reserves from 1959 to 1965 as an Aircraft Mechanic/Maintenance Technician.

He is survived by his son Mark (Cori) VanEpps, and granddaughters Madison VanEpps and Riley VanEpps.

A visitation to celebrate John's life was held May 13, 2025, at The Spring Lake Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services. In lieu of flowers, a donation in memory of John may be given to Harbor Hospice.

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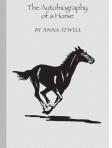


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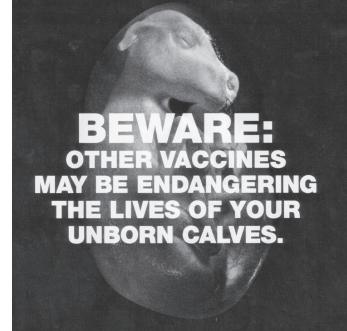
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### The Call to Promote Life

by Daniel Earl, Director of Education, Right to Life of Michigan

The respect for life in our country needs to be revitalized, especially in our state of Michigan. After the passage of Proposal 3 in 2022, we have seen an increase in abortion numbers. While we no longer require abortion reporting in our state, we saw a 30-year high of 31,241 abortions in 2023, a 3.7% increase from 2022. Even without an official recording, it is estimated that number increased in 2024.

While Governor Whitmer and her allies continue to push their abortion-only agenda, we must make sure that women know that abortion is not their only option. It is so important that we continue to present women with the hopeful and courageous choice for life and connect them with life-affirming resources and support.

We must not shy away from promoting the choice for life. The more pervasive the pro-life voice is in our state, the more of an impact we can make in helping women and the unborn.

In the 2024 election, we saw the true power of the pro-life movement in our state, with nearly 90% of RLM-PAC endorsed candidates winning their races, retaking a pro-life majority in the State House. There is still a powerful prolife voice in our state, and we must remember to use it every day of every year, not just when it's time to vote.

Believe me, I know it can seem scary to be loud and proud in your pro-life beliefs. I look back on my initial hesitations when I applied to Right to Life of Michigan. What would people think of me if I worked for a pro-life organization? Would I be judged or rejected by people close to me? I had to weigh the pros and cons, ultimately deciding that defending life is an issue I couldn't shy away from just because I was scared of what others would think. Women and the unborn need to be respected and protected, and every voice matters in that fight.

I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone in the mission to protect life. Find volunteer opportunities with your local Right to Life affiliate. Follow us on social media and share our content. Continue standing up for your belief that all life is worthy of our respect.

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