



John L. Donovan

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It is with our deepest sorrow that we announce the passing of my husband, father, papa and brother, John L. Donovan, on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 peacefully at his home and with his loving family at his side. He was 69 years old.

John was born on September 14, 1949, the son of the late Daniel and Ethel (Garand) Donovan.

He graduated from Glens Falls High School, class of 1967. John enlisted into the United States Navy right after graduating, having to have permission from his parents, since he was only 17 at the time.

For basic training, he went to Great Lakes, IL then onto San Diego California Naval Station to board the USS Bushnell, where he was a ship fitter, after he was transferred to the USS Howard W. Gilmore, where he repaired submarines. He also went Key West Florida where he worked on repairing subs. In 1968-1969, he was stationed in Da Nang Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in September of 1971.

John enjoyed going hunting and fishing with his brother Mike and his friends. He also had the best garden in the neighborhood, loved to see it grow and produced so much that he would give all he grew to our neighbors and friends, they could not wait to make a tomato sandwich. There was a lot of hard work but it was worth it. John also loved to take a walk down to the beach with his three grandchildren and watch them play on the swings and slide; sometimes they would even see some kind of wild life on the trails.

He had many trades; John worked for 44 years at Finch Pruyn as a welder/ pipe fitter. He was always fixing things for his friends who could not believe it could be done; he affectionately became known as Mr. Fix it by all. John was a perfectionist and with that being said, he built our home in August of 1975 with the help of family members, Bob and Carpy and many great friends. We were in the house within 6 months, where we raised our three sons.

In addition to his parents, two brothers Daniel Timothy and Dennis Paul Donovan predecease him.

John was a very hard worker and loved his family, his survivors include his loving wife June of 47 years, three sons Johnny of TN, Matthew and Brian both of Glens Falls, all of

whom he was always so proud of, his three grandchildren Bethany, Nathan and Conor Donovan of Glens Falls. He is also survived by his four siblings, Carol Johnson (Colin) of NC, Patrick 'Mike' Donovan (Kris) of Wilton, Edmund Donovan (Nikki) of Glens Falls and Mary Simon (Steven) of Moreau along with many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to calling hours from 9 - 11 am on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at the Regan Denny Stafford Funeral Home, 53 Quaker Road, Queensbury and a funeral service will be held at 11 am on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, South Glens Falls.

The family wishes to thank the CR Wood Cancer Unit, Dr. Gillani, Elizabeth and staff, all the nurses on Tower 2, who were just like family, The Pines and Fort Hudson nurses who came in and helped, along with High Peaks Hospice, with the love and caring help from all of you, God Bless you all.

Donations in John's memory may be made to the CR Wood Cancer Center, 102 Park Street, Glens Falls, New York 12804.

Those who wish may make online condolences by visiting our website at sbfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ Our deepest sympathy for you and your family for your loss. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Louis & Darlene Ricard

Louis & Darlene Ricard - June 07 at 08:35 PM



“ I'm so sorry to learn of John's passing. I worked with him in the Woodyard at Finch and always enjoyed talking to him. I'll always remember him as an easy going guy that didn't let anything at the mill stress him out and he was a great welder. I pray that God comforts his family and friends during this tough time.

Tom Kurish

Tom Kurish - May 29 at 07:01 AM



“ I am not sure you will remember me but I am Sherry and I came to your house 20 some years ago to care for your mom . June I think of you from time to time and when I drive by your house I have memories. I am sorry for the loss of your Husband and soulmate. May he rest in the palm of God's hand.

Sher Maguire - May 26 at 10:03 PM



“ June, John, Matt, Bryan, and families, our love and prayers are with you all.

Peggy Ronk - May 26 at 03:44 PM



“ Junie-Bug, so sorry for your loss! Sending prayers to you and your family. Hope you are ok. I can't be at the wake or funeral in person, but I will be thinking of you!! Love Nancy Winchell

Nancy Winchell - May 26 at 06:02 AM