



Mr. John Kennedy

June 13, 1946 - April 28, 2018

John Kennedy passed away suddenly at his home with his wife beside him on Friday, April 27, 2018. He had been in failing health for some time.

He was born June 13, 1946 in Massena, NY to Arnold and Belva Kennedy. He graduated from Massena Central High School, Paul Smiths College in 1967 and SUNY Plattsburgh in 1970. John had a 32-year career with FEH BOCES teaching Special Education. He retired in 2001, continuing to work summers and as a substitute teacher with “his kids” for many years. He always said how lucky he was to have enjoyed going to work every day at a job he loved.

He was married to his wife, Linda Matteson Kennedy for 51 years. She survives.

Also surviving are daughter, Lisa (Tim) Rule and their boys, Graham and Colin of Jensen Beach, FL; daughter, Erin Kennedy of Port St. Lucie, FL and Saranac Lake, NY; son Bradley (Carrie Miner) Kennedy and their son, Joseph and daughter, Kathrine of Port St. Lucie, FL; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Archie and Carol (Matteson) McKee and Kevin and Susan (Matteson) Hafter, all of Malone. He leaves many loved nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews and treasured friends.

There will be no services at this time.

The family welcomes friends and loved ones to stop in at his home on the Denio Road, Malone to offer their condolences.

John would wish you to pay it forward in the manner you choose as a memorial to him.

Tribute Wall



Lorraine
Childs

“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. We were out of town, I guess. He was an amazing man with a heart so full of love, especially for the children. I do believe that he and Larry will be plotting mischief in major proportions. So many years and so many memories. Please know that his influence and love will live on for so many of us. His impact was a amazing and he will be so dearly missed. Sending you a piece of my broken heart and all the love and prayers I have.

Lorraine Childs - May 18, 2018 at 07:17 PM

LC

“ Hi Linda, I am just hearing of Johns passing. I was so upset as I know I missed, everything. I wish I, would have known. You and, John are very special, people with whom we had many, good, times, with.. My, thoughts and prayers, go out. To you and your family. Pleas call me When things calm down, and, maybe we can go out to lunch and, have a long overdue. Miss you and love you lorie

Lorie Charland - May 07, 2018 at 11:50 AM

AM

“ My name is Gary and Mr. Kennedy was my teacher. He treated me really good. I miss him. I want to say hello and I'm sorry for your loss to his wife.

ameashaw@slnysarc.org - May 04, 2018 at 08:43 AM

SM

“ I had the opportunity to work with John a few years ago when he came out of retirement to help with a special program at FA. He was a wonderful man to work with, such a kind hearted giving person who always looked out for the kids. I'm so glad that I knew him & was honored to work with him. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts & prayers are with all of the family. Hugs.💙

Sandi Marlow - May 01, 2018 at 08:37 PM

JN

“ I was very sad to hear of John's passing. For many years, John and I and Larry Clark among others were all on the Wead Library Board in Malone. I am so thankful to God to have known John. He was very devoted to his wife and how much he spoke of her when we would visit before and after the meetings. His great smile made me smile. A great man who was a great public servant. It was my honor to know him.
Joe Nichols

Joe Nichols - May 01, 2018 at 10:33 AM

 Kim
Boyd

“ I will always remember working with "Dad" at FA along with Larry Perrin and all the Black jokes we shared. Fly high John - YOU WILL BE MISSED GREATLY.
Kim (Marshall) Boyd

Kim Boyd - April 30, 2018 at 03:51 PM

PG

“ John was always ready with a story and a smile, which ended in a laugh. I am thankful for the time we worked together and that he shared "his kids" with me. I am thankful to you, Linda for always offering help. Both you and John are among my fondest memories of my time with FEH BOCES. Hugs to you and your family.
Thank you,
Phyllis Grady

Phyllis Grady - April 30, 2018 at 07:48 AM

 Lisa
Lamondie-
Grenville

“ John left this world one day after my Dad! The two men that made ME laugh the most are laughing together now. I will truly miss John's stories, belly laugh and fun spirit. Growing up with Erin and knowing him as a father of a dear friend and teaching special education with him for FEH BOCES with adjacent rooms was such a privilege. Love you Linda, Erin, Lisa and Brad!... Lisa Lamondie-Grenville💛

Lisa Lamondie-Grenville - April 29, 2018 at 07:20 PM

LK

We send our love to you as well, Lisa! You were one of his all time favorite people! Our sympathy to you and yours on the loss of your wonderful Dad!

Linda Kennedy - April 30, 2018 at 06:34 AM

EK

We love you too Lisa! They are in heaven having a beer! Love you!

erin kennedy - May 04, 2018 at 08:40 PM

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“ *John was a great man. I had the pleasure of working with him during summer at FEH BOCES. He always had a smile and a jolly laugh! Condolences to his family.*

Itis Whatitis - April 29, 2018 at 07:20 PM