



Mr. John Francis (Skip) Marsden III

November 24, 1940 - June 15, 2020

John Francis (Skip) Marsden III, 79, of Malone, N.Y. died on June 15 2020, at Clinton County Nursing Home of complications of vascular dementia. He was born on November 24, 1940 in Los Angeles, California, the son of John Francis Marsden Jr. and Ruth Roberts Marsden.

Skip graduated from Franklin Academy, class 1957 and Admiral Farragut Naval Prep School in 1959. He graduated from the California College of Mortuary Science in 1964 and Questa College in 1969. He served in the U. S. Navy 1959-1960. He began his career in law enforcement in 1965 by serving as a police officer in Morro Bay California. On September 7, 1968 he married Beverly Ann Curtis. In 1971, he began federal service with the U.S. Customs Service. His distinguished career took him to Los Angeles and San Diego, California, Washington D.C., Boston, Massachusetts, Argentina, Uruguay, and Rouses Point, N.Y., where he retired as Special Agent in Charge and Assistant Regional Director of Security.

He served as a Malone Town Councilman 1992-1993, and Malone Town/Village Court Judge 1993-2010. He was a loyal member of the NYS Retired Magistrates Association, the Association of Retired Agents of U.S. Customs and the Malone Lodge of Elks. An avid supporter of youth sports, he co-founded, along with the Malone Rotary Club, AYSO Youth Soccer, which is known today as Malone Youth Soccer.

He was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Beverly Marsden; sons, John Francis (Jay) Marsden IV (Meg) and Geoffrey Curtis

Marsden (Jaimie); grandchildren, Jack, Mairead, Lilly and Isabella Marsden; his sister, Bambi Marsden Carkey (Gary); nephews, Adam Marsden Carkey (Tina) and Benjamin Allen Carkey (Katie) and great nephew and nieces Alex, Joey and Tallula Carkey.

In accordance with the current health restrictions, attendance-controlled calling hours will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at St. Mary-Murphy-Wilcox Funeral Home, Malone from 5 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Notre Dame Church, Friday, June 19, 2020 at 2 p.m. followed by burial at Morningside Cemetery. Those in attendance are asked to observe social distancing and use of facial coverings.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the John Francis (Skip) Marsden III Athletic Scholarship Fund at Franklin Academy, Malone.

Cemetery Details

Morningside Cemetery

Raymond Street
Malone, NY 12953

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary- Murphy-Wilcox Funeral Home
563 East Main St
Malone, NY 12953
(518) 483-1240
hwilcox2@twcny.rr.com

Tribute Wall

KP

“ Kimberly & Patrick Powers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Francis (Skip) Marsden III



Kimberly & Patrick Powers - June 22, 2020 at 12:56 PM

DM

“ John's spirit - his gentleness and smile - visited me last week while in the hospital bed recovering from open heart surgery, A person has plenty of thinking time while immobilized, Yet during this time I thought of only one person from my past, and the question was "How's John Marsden." Then the memories abounded from our adventures in Uruguay with the British Ambassador and the infamous "People's Prison," Then the memory turned to John's pride and joy..."Tuggy." That little boat brought such happiness to everyone. The next day I learned of John's passing. Obviously we lost contact over time, But last week his spirit came to me and we were able to say farewell .Skip was quite a guy.

Doug Monroe - June 19, 2020 at 12:35 PM

JM

Thanks for the kind words about dad. He thought of you like a brother. We need to catch up. Earmanmars@gmail.com

Jay Marsden - June 23, 2020 at 09:18 PM

PC

“ *Saddened to hear of John's passing. I immediately reflect back to my enjoyable visits with John and you Beverly, either at the house or trophy shop. Let's not forget the "Dope Open" that Skip began so many years ago in Malone and the camaraderie among law enforcement that lives on today. God bless and know that my thoughts are with you both.*

Pat Coultry

Patrick Coultry - June 19, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. John Francis (Skip) Marsden III.*



June 19, 2020 at 11:43 AM

DM

“ *My condolences to the family. I met Skip when I first moved to Malone. I helped him with the AYSO program and he helped me become a Customs Agent. He was one of the best.*

*Steven MacMartin
Customs Inspector and Customs Agent
US Customs/Homeland Security*

Dr. Steven MacMartin - June 19, 2020 at 10:34 AM

MW

“ *Brothers in U.S. Customs and in life. John Marsden and Tony Weeda , are now enjoying old stories in the arms of their Beloved. John will be profoundly missed in the lives of the Weeda family. He was brother, uncle, godfather of Alison, and dear friend. His life was about the love of family, friends, and country.*

Faithful servant, you have run the good race. Rest now in peace.

Marjorie Weeda

Marjorie Weeda - June 19, 2020 at 09:34 AM

GM

“ *Bambi and family,
We are saddened to learn about your loss. It is our sincere hope that our prayers of comfort to you and family will provide peace to you all in this difficult time. Laurie Hobbie and Greg May*

Gregory H May - June 18, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Francis (Skip) Marsden III.*



June 17, 2020 at 09:52 PM

RM

“ I worked with Skip over his years of public service with the U.S. Customs Service, and overlapped as a counterpart Assistant Regional Director (Security) in Chicago, and later as Special Agent in Charge in Newark and New York City. He ended his career in Rouses Point that was my second office in 1974-78 and where I learned about the North Country and especially its winters. He was an outstanding and dedicated Department of the Treasury Special Agent, and a man of absolute integrity, knowledge and reliability.

I recall calling him when going thru Malone when I was the Customs Attache' in Ottawa in the 1990's and especially after the 1998 Ice Storm, and we met at his trophy shop and reminisced about past professional acquaintances and he spoke about being a Magistrate and his responsibilities. John was a consummate professional whose honesty, love of family and his country was demonstrated daily in his life.

Richard F. Mercier, Keswick, Virginia

Richard Mercier - June 17, 2020 at 01:06 PM

JD

I had the pleasure of working with John in 1987 when John was in Rouses Point and I was a Special Agent in NYC. We worked together on a case involving drug money being moved across the border from Montreal to NYC. I had the pleasure of spending time with him in Rouses Point, Montreal and his hometown of Malone. I had the pleasure of dinner at his house. John was like the King of the North Country. Everyone knew him from the State and local police.

My condolences to John's family. John was the epitome of a Customs Agent. May God Bless you my old friend.

*John J Devaney
Special Agent
US Customs Service*

John J “Jack” Devaney - June 17, 2020 at 09:57 PM

HW

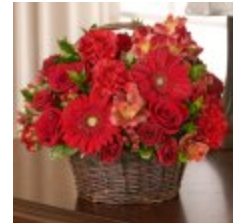
John was a true friend. John always generously extended himself to others and was a pleasure to know. I met both he and Anthony Weeda early in my Customs career. They, together, each became brothers to me and could always be counted upon for love and support of family. Their abiding friendships are not lost upon me and their memories and presence of spirit will always abide with me. I pray they both, although departed, are able to smile upon the lives they touched, the families they shared and the difference they made in service to their country. To Beverly and family, I extend to you my condolences and hope for God's love and peace to comfort you.

Homer Williams, U.S. Customs, RET

Homer Williams - June 19, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Mr. John Francis (Skip) Marsden III.*



June 17, 2020 at 12:51 PM

PB

“ *When people speak to me about doing away with our justice court system, I speak of judges like Skip Marsde. Fair, compassionate, understanding and patient, I never knew of any case he did not handle appropriately. My only problem I ever experienced would be him keeping long after a case's termination to talk about his sons' sports, baseball and youth programs. Men such as Skip do not come along very often.*

Jim "Pecore" Bessette

pecore bessette - June 17, 2020 at 10:18 AM

SR

“ *Bev, my sincere condolences to you and your family...rest in peace John...keep him in your hearts and memories. Stuart Rowley*

Stuart Rowley - June 17, 2020 at 10:16 AM

JS

“ *Judith Stress lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Francis (Skip) Marsden III*



Judith Stress - June 16, 2020 at 03:52 PM

JS

“ *So saddened to learn about Skip's passing! So many fond memories of family friendship that spanned three generations. Heartfelt condolences to all the Marsden and Carkey families.*

With Prayers and sympathy,

Judy (Unwin) Stress

Judith Stress - June 16, 2020 at 03:51 PM