



John Jacob Gutwein

March 23, 1943 - July 2, 2022

John Jacob Gutwein, aged 79, passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2022, in Middletown, New York after a long illness.

John was born March 23, 1943, in the Bronx, New York to Frances Avellini and John Gutwein.

Growing up in New York City in the 1950's was a time that was filled with great memories which John did share many, many times. City Island life was central in this time as John was a boating enthusiast. He maintained a boat and enjoyed fishing and crabbing there and always claimed to have the fastest boat on City Island. He continued to love fishing and boats throughout his life.

He spent time in the Navy and the Navy reserves. He then met Christina Florio. They were married March 11th, 1965 and started a life together. In 1973 they moved to Middletown, New York where they raised their family. John continued his career with various routes in New York City, most memorable: the Drake's Cake route. His granddaughters loved those Drake's Cake treats.

John was also an audiophile and lover of the latest technology when it came to music and movie entertainment. He had a 'Betamax' when people didn't know what that was. Somehow, he always had the latest VHS movies. His speakers blew away the neighborhood. The home today continues to be the family hub for family gatherings and the holidays.

To know John was to know he was a notorious prankster and jokester. The opportunity to 'bust chops' or pull a prank seemed to be as passionate a hobby as his fishing and crabbing. Stories of his daughter's friends still are recounted as memorable times in their youth when they were around (or happened to be near his property). Certainly, this continued as a grandfather (Poppy) to his three granddaughters (and their friends).

He was loved. He will be missed.

John is survived by his wife: Christina of 56 years, pre-deceased brother Carl, brother Bill and sister Evon, daughters Debbie (husband Jeff Gebhardt) and Lisa (husband Frank Kania), granddaughters Nicolette and Courtney Gebhardt and Christina Kania, neices Dorothy Rollo (and husband Steve Lascala) and family, Colette (husband Robert Raspanti) and family, nephew Steven Mincielli, nephews Dougie Perer (and wife Karen), nephews Brian and Eric Gutwein and many friends too numerous to mention here.

For those wishing to make a donation, please consider memorial contributions to the following: American Cancer Society, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and/or The American Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Knew John since we were teens..as I was dating his.brother Bill*

..married into the family and truly loved John and Tina and their two children....John was the life of the party. Always joking and trying to pull someone's leg anytime he could...so. happy I said my byes on the phone..will always remember you John with fond and happy memories

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my brother and sister in law forever!!I'm always here for you Tina..we go back a long time

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love you both...

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