

Mr. John T. Owen

March 11, 1945 - March 12, 2016

Mr. John T. Owen, age 71, of North Utica, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Presbyterian Home of Central NY with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on March 11, 1945, John was the son of the late Douglas J. and Sarah (Brady) Owen. He was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1963. In 1964, he wed the former Gail Sweezey and to that union came the blessings of his three sons. A 30-year relationship, marked by their marriage on December 3, 1994 John married the former Diana Acquaviva; they were very compatible and shared their love in the daughter that completed their happiness.

John worked as a machinist at Chicago Pneumatic for 34 years and was one of the last to leave the company as it closed. He continued to apply his powerful work ethic as a forklift operator at a local distribution center. John was a gentleman who was competitive and fair. He was an all-around sportsman. John loved running and ran 15 straight boilermaker road races. He was not only active on the pavement, paths, and parks, but he also put the pedal to the metal as a stock car racer at Utica Rome and Fonda Speedway. John enjoyed his collection of classic muscle cars, assembling models, and cherished his time with Jim Amado both attending the car shows, and at the Uptown Automotive Hobby Shop. John was witty, charming, and endowed with a diverse sense of humor. He was a nonjudgmental man favored with a great variety of friendships. John's affection was in his guidance. He wanted

his loved ones to know that their greatest goals lie within their grasp — in honoring their lives, their livelihoods, and their loves. John treated the women in his life with honor, especially his prized jewel Sarah.

John is survived by his wife, Diana; his sons and daughters-in-law, John (BJ) and Leslie Owen of North Utica, Steven Owen of NY Mills, and Douglas and Kristin Owen of New Hartford; his daughter, Sarah Owen and Jordan Santiago; his grandchildren, Ashley and Mike Arcuri, and Alison Owen; Douglas, Jr., and Daniel Owen; and his sister, Anne Owen Mikalajunas of Lake Caroline, VA. His extended family includes his many special nieces and his nephews with whom he held a special relationship, Theresa and Douglas Crane, Mark Mikalajunas, Richard Sweezey, and Scott Riedman; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunt, Josephine Terzo; in-laws, Jessie and Robert Hanes, James and Dorothy Acquaviva, Mark Acquaviva, Sr., Barbara Acquaviva, and Pam and Dean Jones; his longtime friend, Nicky Colucci, and his friend in need, Jimmy Amado. He was predeceased by Frank J. “Butch” Acquaviva, Sr., Deputy Chief William F. Acquaviva, and Diane Sweezey Benoit.

The family extends appreciation to all the staff of the Cedar, Elm, and Aspen Units at the Presbyterian Home who provided comforting surroundings and compassionate care for John and his family; Charles Griffin from the Office of the Aging for his great devotion; and Fr. Joe Salerno.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00 to 7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. In lieu of floral offerings, please consider a donation to the Presbyterian Home of Central NY; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. John’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 from the funeral home and 2:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Dear Owen Family,
I was saddened to hear of John's passing. I was unable to attend services as I was out of town. My heartfelt sympathies. John was a great guy. We grew up together in Gilmore Village with him being a few years older than me. When I was about 5 years of age he gave me the nickname Fuzzy, which has lasted me a lifetime. My childhood friends do not call me by my real name - they call me Fuzzy to this day, the name John gave me. May he rest in eternal peace and may you be comforted by the support of family and friends.

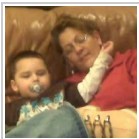
Brad Campbell

Brad Campbell - March 18, 2016 at 10:43 PM

AM

“ Baby Brother, you are up in heaven with Mom and Dad. I will miss u so terribly but know that you are in a better place and running all around heaven. We will all be together one day. Love you very, your big Sis, Anne.

anne owen mikalajunas - March 18, 2016 at 07:53 PM



“ Diana Santiago lit a candle in memory of Mr. John T. Owen



Diana Santiago - March 16, 2016 at 12:08 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Sweezey lit a candle in memory of Mr. John T. Owen*



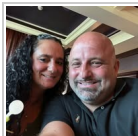
Sandra Sweezey - March 15, 2016 at 06:57 PM

DB

“ *Dave Beratta lit a candle in memory of Mr. John T. Owen*



Dave Beratta - March 15, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ *My prays go out to a great man. Worked with John for couple years and we had some good times. My fondest memory of John is when we ran the falling leaves race together. I tried everything I could to out sprint him to the finish line and I couldn't catch him . Thank you for always lending a ear to talk . Rest in peace . You will be missed*

Mario Jellencich - March 15, 2016 at 05:50 PM

TP

“ *I'm very sorry to hear about Mr. Owen passing, he was a great guy. As high school students we all (The whole Neighborhood) lifted weights at Mr. Owens house and he attended and taped all of our games.. He raised three gentleman that I'm proud to call my friends. Thanks again Mr. O and God bless..*

Tom Powers - March 15, 2016 at 05:01 PM

BS

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. John was such a wonderful Dad and husband, he will be greatly missed by so many people. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Bobbi and Doug Smorol

Bobbi Smorol - March 15, 2016 at 03:45 PM

RB

“ Anne - we were sorry to hear of John's passing. Sending you strength and love through these days.

Rose-Marie Batley

Rose-Marie Batley - March 15, 2016 at 01:42 PM

TG

“ Diane & Family. I am so sorry for the passing of John.. Thinking about you at this difficult time..

Sincerely,
TOM GUIDERA

TOM GUIDERA - March 15, 2016 at 07:55 AM

SL

“ Sorry to John's family, There was only one "John Owen".....well known by his great and funny personality, and of course his strong running "MOPARS" ! He will never be forgotten. Sorry I can't be there for the services. (Out of state at this time). See you in the future John.....Take care my friend.

Steve LoPiccolo

Steve LoPiccolo - March 14, 2016 at 09:33 PM

DC

“ Condolences go out to Diane, Sarah, B.J., Douglas and Steven. John was a great friend to everyone during our teenage years. He was a leader, especially growing up in Gilmore Village, where we all enjoyed playing sports in the Big Field. Baseball (broke several windows), wiffle ball and football. Speed skating and Basketball in the winter. Playing cards Hearts and Spades at a neighbors house. He also had a love for racing. I'll always remember as my best man after the wedding he took his Chrysler 300 to Fonda Speedway and won a trophy for his class. He raced in his white Tuxedo, and made it back to the reception just in time. John loved life and lived it to the fullest. He had many many friends and enjoyed a good prank, you never knew what was coming next . I'll always cherish the 100s of memories growing up as one of John's friends. He always had your back. His Mother Sarah Owen was a special person , she was a friend to my mother. Sarah Owen loved John and Annie with all her heart and now John is with her. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. May GOD BLESS YOU and your family always. We love you John.

Dan Carey

Dan Carey - March 14, 2016 at 08:26 PM

MA

“ Sarah,
We are both so sorry for your loss and for your family.
Maria and Bobby DeGristina

Maria - March 14, 2016 at 06:59 PM

HF

“ Hofmann Brands Family purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Mr. John T. Owen.



Hofmann Brands Family - March 14, 2016 at 04:36 PM

TP

“ The Swezey's, York Pa. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. John T. Owen.



The Swezey's, York Pa. - March 14, 2016 at 02:10 PM

CC

“ John - So sorry for the loss of your Father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Cathy & Dave Castor

Cathy Castor - March 14, 2016 at 01:13 PM

LF

“ Will never forget careys corner at UFA ice skating and drag racing on and off the track meet you again down the road pal. Don Adams

lfeltus - March 14, 2016 at 12:57 PM

GO

“ *Gail S Owen lit a candle in memory of Mr. John T. Owen*



Gail S Owen - March 14, 2016 at 11:55 AM

KN

“ *Kristie Nitti lit a candle in memory of Mr. John T. Owen*



Kristie Nitti - March 14, 2016 at 10:02 AM

KN

“ *So sorry for your loss Sarah, your father was an amazing man and father, I will cherish the memories of him I had growing up from our sleep overs and daily get togethers. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Kristie Nitti - March 14, 2016 at 10:01 AM

JH

“ *So very sorry Sarah, BJ, Steven, Doug and family. Love you John.*

Jessie & Bob Hanes - March 14, 2016 at 08:23 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mr. John T. Owen.*



March 14, 2016 at 08:00 AM



“ *to doug and family so sorry for the loss of your dad, may he rest in peace.*

sal barbero - March 14, 2016 at 05:48 AM



“ *I remember everytime visiting my family in Utica, NY I would always look forward to walking down the street to my Uncle Johns house as I was usually greeted by him with his smile and love for life. He would always make me laugh. He would stick his tongue out at me like a little kid and yes make that spitting noise. I loved it. It made my day. I am evening smiling now with the thought. He was always so full of energy and always on the go. Crazy how fast time flies. I feel like that was just yesterday. To my cousins BJ, Dougie, Steven and Sarah you sure did have a one of a kind father! He was loves by so many. My thoughts and prayers....I love you all! RIP UNCLE JOHN LOVE YOU AND GOD BLESS!!!*



Mella - March 13, 2016 at 10:57 PM

EJ

“ *For Alzheimer's Awareness.... RIP*



Erin Jones - March 13, 2016 at 09:21 PM

EJ

So sorry...

Erin Jones - March 13, 2016 at 09:21 PM

SW

“ *My condolences to the family. Prayers and thoughts.*



Sharon Crouse Wood - March 13, 2016 at 08:56 PM

NI

“ *I am so sorry for everyone's loss . John was a strong man with a wonderful personality. Sending our love.
Nick - Frank - Jonah*

nick - March 13, 2016 at 08:55 PM

TT

“ *Tanya Talerico-rosas lit a candle in memory of
Mr. John T. Owen*



tanya talerico-rosas - March 13, 2016 at 08:40 PM



*Diana and family,
My sincere Sympathy for your loss*

Marie Iannone

Marie Iannone - March 16, 2016 at 01:29 PM