



## Mr. John F. Wojnas

June 27, 1932 - July 28, 2017

MARCY - Mr. John F. Wojnas, age 85, passed from this life on Friday, July 28, 2017.

Born in Newport, NY on June 27, 1932, John was the son of the late John and Victoria Wojnas. He was orphaned at the age of 10 and at the age of 14 he was self-sufficient working on a dairy farm. He graduated from Bridgewater High School and entered the United States Army. He was in the Army Infantry and fought in the Korean War attaining the rank of Sergeant 1st Class. John was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart among other medals. He was honorably discharged. He graduated from Mohawk Valley Technical Institute (now MVCC) with a degree in Electrical Technology. He married the former Joan Glod of New York Mills in the Church of St. Mary's in June of 1957. Joan passed away in 1969.

John worked for General Electric on French Road retiring in 1989 as a specialist in Micro Electronics after 33 years of service. As a patriarch, he was proud of all his children and instilled in them a work ethic that made them all successful. His children respected all that he did as a single parent and he meant the world to them. He kept a tidy home and a humble heart. He was a thoughtful, selfless man of unconditional love. John was trusting, often to a fault. He was one to give to friends and strangers alike. He gave from his heart and expected nothing in return. He was unassuming and didn't realize what an impression he made on people. He never looked for praise; he looked for the good in others. John was one of a kind.

John loved the outdoors and was connected to the land. He enjoyed hunting, coaching his children through baseball and basketball, and watching his grandchildren in all their sporting events. Even as a single parent, he always found time to travel and spend quality time with the boys when they were growing up. In general, he was happiest when he was working the land or cutting wood. That was his therapy. John shared in a 40 year relationship with his special companion, Jane Kutas. He was the love of Jane's life, and they were committed to each other through the good and bad times. They always had each other's back. They traveled, worked, danced in the United Polka League, and were complete in each other's company. They built and worked the land in the town of Ohio that was their sanctuary.

Surviving John are his sons and daughters-in-law, David and Pamela Wojnas, Kyle and Sherry Wojnas, and Scott and Teresa Wojnas; his grandchildren, Rachel Wojnas, Brian Wojnas, and Gary Cole; and his life's companion, Jane Kutas and her children who were John's extended family.

The family would like to thank the New York State Police and the Sheriff's Department for their empathetic and professional efforts during a difficult time. In keeping with John's wishes, his family will honor his life at a private time. Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen, 702 Columbia St., Utica, NY 13502 or online at <http://www.westsidekitchen.org>. Arrangements will be held under the direction of the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Just found out about your dad/grandpa! So sorry to hear this news! He was a wonderful man. We enjoyed visiting with him back when Jared was playing basketball. He always complimented Jared on his playing style and said he was a joy to watch on the court.....he was so sweet!! God bless his soul and comfort you all during this difficult time!!! Warm thoughts and Prayers.....The Hensel Family*

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**denise hensel** - August 14, 2017 at 11:23 AM

PM

“ *My family and I are sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Wojnas.*

*As my father died when I was 3 months old I was fortunate to have Mr. Wojnas often step in to guide me through life challenges.*

*He was humble, strong, pragmatic and honest. He often used his sense of humor as well as his wisdom to teach me some hard life lessons. How to face adversity and to also, handle success.*

*Mr. Wojnas provided me an example on how to be a man.*

*I am sure many others have the same opinion of him. He is a positive force forever.*

*I will always be thankful to him and thankful to call Kyle and the Wojnas family my friends for over 50 years.*

*Paul Misiaszek*

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**Paul Misiaszek** - August 06, 2017 at 12:31 PM

GW

“ When I was a young man I was blessed that you were teaching me, without me even knowing it at the time. I am a better person for having had you in my life. I hope I have passed it on, as you would want, in even some small way...  
.... AND JW, I love how you loved Mrs. K. all those years you big dog... you brought her so much happiness.....  
May God Bless you for all the love and the blessings that you gave others...

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**Gary Warzala** - August 05, 2017 at 08:18 PM

PF

“ Patricia Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mr. John F. Wojnas



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**Patricia Fuller** - August 04, 2017 at 03:36 PM

PF

Ron and I are so sad to hear of John's passing. He was indeed one of the nicest people we have ever known.

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**Patricia Fuller** - August 04, 2017 at 03:39 PM

RN

“ My deepest sympathy to Johns family. I worked with John at GE in Micro Electronics for 25 years. I considered John a good friend and he was all ways the first to offer help when anyone needed it. May God Bless Him.

*Ray Nichols*

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**Ray Nichols** - August 02, 2017 at 09:11 PM

DG

“ so sorry for your loss azza and I are here for any support you need

dennis giorgi - August 02, 2017 at 01:56 PM

LW

“ It was our pleasure and good fortune to have known John. Always good natured and kind. We always enjoyed visiting with him and will remember him fondly. Heartfelt sympathy to his entire family. John (Jack) and Linda Wright, Town of Ohio

Linda & Jack Wright - August 01, 2017 at 08:59 AM

JB

“ It was always an honor and pleasure to be in the presence of Grandpa Wojna's. He was one heck of a guy! I see so much of Rachel and Brian in him. I will miss that great sense of humor. Our deepest sympathy to all of you during this extremely difficult time. Love to you all..... The Bianco's

Jody Bianco - August 01, 2017 at 08:42 AM



“ S Bach lit a candle in memory of Mr. John F. Wojnas



S Bach - July 31, 2017 at 06:02 PM

JS

“ Dave and family I was sorry to read of your Dad's passing. You have my Deepest Sympathy May God be with You.

Joyce Schweinsberg - July 31, 2017 at 12:15 PM

CN

“ Our deepest sympathy to John's family and Jane Kutas and her family. We will always remember John's smiling face and great humor. It was our honor and pleasure to be in his company. He was a gentlemen through and through, we were blessed to have known him. He has a special place in our hearts, may he rest in peace. God bless him.  
Cathy , Rick , Blake and Avery



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Cathy Newell - July 31, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. John F. Wojnas.



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July 31, 2017 at 08:28 AM