



John B. Grande

November 10, 1935 - April 25, 2010

Mr. John B. Grande, age 74, formerly of Utica and more recently of Richfield Springs, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on November 10, 1935, John was the son of the late James and Aida (Grande) Grande. He was raised and educated locally. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he was proud to serve his country as a helicopter mechanic. On June 6, 1959 he married the former Ethel J. "Dot" Goshaw with whom he shared 50 years in a loving union; they treasured the togetherness and blessing of their family life.

At one time, John held a position with the General Electric Company/Radio Receiver plant on Bleecker Street until its closing. He then worked for the Utica City School District until his retirement in 1994. Above all else, John cherished the time spent with his family. A patient, giving, young-at-heart, and vivacious patriarch, he was always kind and unconditionally supportive. He was proud of his children and grandchildren, and all their accomplishments. Along with his wife, John enjoyed and was involved in the care and nurturing of the residents of the Welcome Home for Adults in Richfield Springs and took part in the daily operation of the home. He was a former parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, and currently a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Richfield Springs.

John is survived by his wife, Ethel; his daughters and sons-in-law, Gina and David Sykes of Frankfort, and Johanna and Dennis Brenon of Utica; and his grandchildren, Nicole Sykes, Derek Sykes, Jenna Sykes, Nicholas Brenon, and Carli Brenon. Survivors also include his sisters, Lois J. Waterman of New Hartford, and A. Joyce Grande of Utica; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Kenneth "Kenny" Hobin of Utica, and Michael and Beatrice Goshaw of Staten Island; and his special canine companion, Theo. John also leaves behind many close friends and relatives whom he shared very special times with. He was predeceased by his sister, Marilyn Hobin; and his brother-in-law, Gerald F. Waterman.

The family is grateful to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Critical Care Unit at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for their care and professionalism; and Dr. Jawad Shaikh for his empathy and concern.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. John's funeral service will commence on Thursday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors. Interment will take place at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John B. Grande



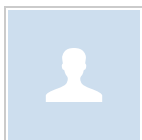
Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - April 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Carli,

I am sorry for your loss i hope that you are fine. your grandpa is in a better place in god's hands now.##imported-begin##Brittany leo##imported-end##

May 01, 2010 at 11:53 AM



“ Johanna, Dennis, Nick and Carli- we just found out about your dad/grandfather on Wed. after the lacrosse game therefore we could not make the services. We are so deeply sorry for your loss. We had never met your dad/grandpa but it sounds like he was one very special man- a man you could be so proud to call your dad/grandpa- a man whom we are sure blessed your lives in so many ways. May God bless you all through this difficult time and comfort you through the days ahead! Love to you all-

Rick, Denise, Ricky and Jared Hensel##imported-begin##Rick & Denise Hensel##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 02:46 AM



“ Johanna and Family You are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Debra Cox/JFK Middle School##imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 10:21 PM



“ God Bless your family. I am so sorry for your loss. He looks like a very loving family man. May God continue to cradle you all through this very difficult time and ease your burden.##imported-begin##Charisse Smith##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 10:13 PM



“ Johanna & family,
I am so very sorry for the loss of your father. Please, if i can do anything, I am here for you.. You are all in my prayers.##imported-begin##denise giruzzi##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 09:47 PM



“ Uncle John,I wish Heaven had a phone so I could hear your voice again. I thought of you today. I thought about you yesterday, and days before that too. I think of you in silence. All I have are memories.Your memory is a keepsake, from which I'll never part..God has you in his arms. I have you in my heart.##imported-begin##{Niece} Geraldine Fuller##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 04:33 PM



“ *Ethel and family,
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. John was a special man and will be missed very much. One thing that I will always remember that he taught me...always stick up for what you believe in..(although sometimes that meant we butted heads). He was a great man and i respected him a great deal. I will try to do him proud by becoming the new "dictator" of the Welcome Home for Adults!!*###imported-begin##*MaryBeth Barnhart*###imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 01:30 PM



“ *Jo, this is such a shock and hits very close to home. Every time I think about you guys I have a huge lump in my throat and pain in my heart. We will always be here for you. Somehow/someway you will get through.*###imported-begin##*Deanna & Scott Risucci*###imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 11:36 AM



“ *Dot, Gina and Johanna-*

*May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead.
May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time.*###imported-begin##*Tina Fuller-Rivera*###imported-end##

April 26, 2010 at 08:04 PM



“ *Johanna and Family,*
You are all in our prayers, we are very sorry for your
loss.##imported-begin##Maureen & Richard Moylan##imported-
end##

April 25, 2010 at 08:32 PM