



John W. Daken

April 21, 1943 - September 28, 2017

John W. Daken, of North Tonawanda, September 28, 2017, age 74.

Beloved husband of JoAnn (nee Morgia) Daken; loving father to his three flowers; Jennifer Daken, Susan Daken Wadosky and Colleen (Daniel) Klaes; cherished papa to Michael John, Tayler, Ethan, Gavin, Adison and Shaylee; loving brother to Janet (John) Moro, Regina (late James) Treacy and the late Barbara Keller; also survived by several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his special dog Bailey.

Visitation Tuesday 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM in the WATTENGEL FUNERAL HOME, 533 Meadow Dr. N. Tonawanda. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday at 10:00 AM from St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hospice Buffalo, 225 Como Pk Blvd Cheektowaga NY 14227 (hospicebuffalo.com/giving)

John was born in Brooklyn, New York, son of the late John and Emelia (nee Lang) Daken he was in the Army Reserves from 1961 to 1968, with Honorable Discharge.

He attended Staten Island Community College for 2 years. He then transferred to Oswego State University where he met his wife to be, graduated and got married in 1966. They started there family in Oswego before John was offered a job as a Guidance Counselor at Sweet Home High School in Amherst New York. He retired from Sweet Home after working there over 20 years. He wasn't ready to retiring so John became an Admissions Counselor for Oswego State University for several years.

John and Joann were married 50 years as of last November. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. He was an avid Golfer, known as Traveling Duff, for BuffaloGolfer.com. He loved fishing and was a life long New York Yankees fan. He attended many hockey games for the Oswego Lakers. John has a lot of great memories with his best friend of 52 years, Joe DeGennaro.

He was a member of St Jude the Apostle and volunteered at Little Portion Friary and St. Vincent de Paul in Buffalo.

Events

OCT 3 **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive, North Tonawanda, NY, US, 14120

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OCT 4 **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

St Jude the Apostle Parish
800 Niagara Falls Blvd., North Tonawanda, NY, US

Comments



“ Dear JoAnn and family,
I was so very sorry to read about John. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. You and John were always so wonderful to me. Love and hugs, Becky Trenga O’Kane, Lorraine Trenga and Family

Becky Trenga O’Kane - October 02, 2017 at 06:54 PM



“ The one thing I remember most of Mr. Daken was he taken the time often to ask me about me. Through his endless walks up and down Ohio St, Mr. Daken always ended up crossing the street and asking me how my life was going. Through his soft spoken voice, he offered advice and never judged. Our conversations always ended with a hug and a laugh or smile. If God's intention was to give us all two Dads, Mr. Daken was my second. May you rest in peace and you Mr. Daken have a forever place in my heart.

Kyle Miller - October 02, 2017 at 03:46 PM



“ Our condolences to the Daken family. Never knew a man who loved his family more than John loved his. We're going to miss him.

Dave Carroll - October 02, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wattengel Funeral Home - October 02, 2017 at 09:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John W. Daken.



October 02, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ Mr. Daken, what can I say.....he was such a wonderful human being! He touched my family and wrote a treasured letter to my family a long time ago, He is a man that I will never forget. May he rest peacefully.....and his family, and all loved ones find peace and healing through time. He will leave a legacy that we all wish to leave one day.

Jennifer - October 02, 2017 at 05:31 AM



“ you will be sadly missed, awesome man & wonderful guidance at sweet home high school for many years!! god bless you & your family THE PORTERAS

ALPORTERAJR - October 01, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ We send our sincere condolences to John's family. Thank you John for being the kindhearted person you are, always helping everyone around you. A special thank you for helping to guide our daughter Jaime through career choices while attending Oswego State, and for your terrific support of Laker hockey. We will miss you the most at the Buffalo State away games, and on the shores of Lake Ontario. God Bless you John and your family.
Glenn and Nancy Sisman
Burlington,Ontario,
Canada

Glenn Sisman - October 01, 2017 at 08:16 AM



“ Dear Colleen, Dan and family: Please be assured of my prayers during this difficult time at the lost of one so beloved. May your faith in God bring you peace and assurance that you will one day see him again. I pray that you will be comforted by all who love you and are praying for you, and know that John is resting in God's eternal embrace.
Sr. Joanne Suranni

S Joanne Suranni - September 30, 2017 at 03:21 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John W. Daken.



September 29, 2017 at 11:20 PM



“ John Daken was truly a gentle man, a class act. He gave so much to the family!

Monico Soto-Granado - September 29, 2017 at 11:13 PM



“ My memories fill much more than this little piece could ever express. It's what I have for now: <http://buffalogolfer.com/wordpress/john-daken-buffalogolfer-co-founder-1943-2017/>



Ronald S. Montesano - September 28, 2017 at 11:46 PM



“ To John's family,

As you know, you had a very special man in John. Our friendship as a colleagues and golfers goes back farther than his obituary. It began when he was working with K. White Warner in Career Placement and Planning and has lasted all of these years. After John left Oswego, he would always stop in my office whenever he was in town for some laughs, catching up and sometimes lunch. He had the greatest personality and was always in a good mood with a joke or two to share. I am sorry to learn of his death and wish to give my regards and sympathy to his family.

Sincere Regards,
Chuck Weeks
Myrtle Beach, SC

Charles Weeks - September 28, 2017 at 08:28 PM



“ It was a honor to know John. As a freshman at Oswego in 1972 I was greeted with a larger than life smile from him welcoming me to my college experience. A lovable and natural guy who always had such kind words about everyone he met. I last saw him at the 50 year reunion of Oswego Hockey in November of 2014 and we laughed and talked about the earlier years. Our deepest condolences to the Daken family for your huge loss. RIP dear friend!

Joel Balaban - September 28, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ To John's entire family: it is with extreme sadness that we learned of his passing. John was a very good friend, exceptional educator and a wonderful faculty member at Sweet Home. When my son was a student in the high school, John took him under his wing and guided David through the peaks and valleys of the AP program. My son is a Physics scholar and teacher in the school district where John and family resided. This was a small way that my son gave back to John in passing it forward.

John had a multitude of conversations, laughter, meals and fund raising experiences with our family. He was singularly responsible for the Dollars for Scholars program and We were happy contributors both behind the scenes and later with memorial awards for both mentors and family. Many, many graduates benefited directly because of John's tireless efforts. And let us not forget all you did for your alma mater, Oswego State.

To say John will be missed is by far an understatement. He will always be in the hearts of his many friends and family. His memory, though sad for his passing, will be one that bring smiles to all that knew him. I miss him already.

Rest in peace my friend, may your journey continue. The world you left behind is a better place because of you living upon it.

With love and friendship,
Glen and Connie McClary
Satellite Beach, Fl.

Glen and Connie McClary - September 28, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ Thank you for your wonderful statement of our father. He has touched so many lives and is it great to hear some of the wonderful things he has done for his students. Thank you for sharing, The Daken family

Susan - September 28, 2017 at 08:02 PM



“ It was an honor to know John, he was a very kind and loving family man. My first memory of him was with the grandkids at the fishing derby. He went to all their activities and enjoyed every minute with them. He will be missed immensely. RIP with our lord.

Amy Klaes - September 28, 2017 at 05:36 PM



“ Thank you mom....love you

Colleen klaes - September 29, 2017 at 04:01 AM



“ John cared deeply about his family, his work and just about everyone he came in contact with. He was very loyal to SUNY Oswego and became Mr. Oswego to many in the western NY community where he served as a SUNY Oswego regional admissions counselor and top Laker hockey fan for many years. John - you made a difference!

-Jerry Oberst

jerry Oberst - September 28, 2017 at 05:07 PM



“ I will miss seeing you walking down Ohio Street.... my childhood memories are full of your family!

RIP with Jesus

Dawn Miller - September 29, 2017 at 03:31 PM



“ He always came into the Admissions office with a big smile along with a hug. He was a gentle soul and will be missed by all.

-Carol Jadus

Carol Jadus - September 30, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ John was a wonderful person. Always positive and helpful. He

will be missed big time. A great person.

Robert Stewart

robert stewart - September 30, 2017 at 09:50 AM