



## John D. Rusin

July 23, 1958 - March 14, 2020

John D. Rusin, 61, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Born July 23, 1958, son of Barbara (Thompson) Rusin Shea and the late Donald Rusin, John was a 1976 graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School. John attended UMass Amherst, and was an entrepreneur and business owner for 30 plus years. He had a passion for sports, grew up an athlete, and was known to be a great baseball player. He remained active with the gym throughout his life. He was also an avid music lover, and passionate fan of The Who. John was known for his quick wit, sense of humor, generosity, and compassionate spirit to help others. Along with his father, Donald Rusin, John is predeceased by his sister, Donna Hart. He is survived by his mother, Barbara Shea and step father Jack Shea; three loving sons, John, Jr., Jeffrey, and Jared Rusin; sister, Kathi Rusin; step children, Angella & Jason Ball; his former wife, Arlene Rusin; aunt and uncle, Linda & Alex Popp; aunt, Patricia Burden; cousins, Alex Popp, Alison Popp Cymbor, Charles Burden, Michael Burden and Tricia Reynolds; nephews, David Coburn and William Hart; niece, Angie Hart; companion, Karin Burns; and very dear friend, Garth Desmarais. Calling hours for John will be held Friday, July 10, 2020 from 4-6PM at Kozikowski Funeral Home. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Today, I past an office that I cleaned in Chicopee...that brought back memories of John so, I googled him and just learned of his passing. Almost 30 years ago now, he offered me work, a 2nd job, that helped me tremendously in tough times. Though I only knew him for a couple of years, I felt he was truly brilliant, a great & kind soul. Peace ❤️

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**Althea Frary (DeMers)** - February 04, 2022 at 11:55 AM

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“ I just found out about Johns passing. My prayers are with his family. We graduated together. I lived just up the road from him on Woodcrest Dr. We were good friends all through high school. My heart is heavy. RIP John we shared good times.

*Cindi Cowen Longwell*

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**Cynthia Longwell** - July 11, 2021 at 10:39 PM

AP

“ A wonderful Nephew and more important a life long friend. Miss our phone calls and our talks about family , sports and music. No one loved The Who , his favorite group more than John. I know you are on The Magic Bus somewhere. Ride on. We all miss you very much. Alex Popp Sr.

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**Alexander Popp** - July 05, 2020 at 03:02 PM

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“ I did not know John long...but i do know he was always there for someone when they needed help...i was one of those people...and he was a good friend to me in the couple years i was gifted to know him.... Rest easy my friend...you will be missed

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**Mike Narreau** - July 05, 2020 at 02:19 PM

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“ John saved my life he was there when I had no one he gave me a chance to prove I was not like everyone else often he told me he never met anyone who is as strong as I am after going thru as much as I have in life. His words of wisdom often made the wheels turn in my head he saw my potential and in turn between us amazing advice love and life experiences was able to break thru to me that I am worth it and showed me there was a way out of the darkness and back into the light. He never gave up on me and helped me thru one of the hardest times in my life. He was never the guy who took the easy way out and always said it like it is. The moment I met him I said he is my guardian angel I know he came into my life for a reason and he definitely changed me in such a profound way. I'm so sad all our plans will never happen now but I still believe he's my guardian angel and I will hold him close to me in a special place in my heart always. John got me to finally see I do deserve love and that once I was able to love myself then I would be able to truly start living I will continue to live one day at a time and even tho he's not here with us physically I will continue on the journey he was able to help me start on and show him that he was right and show him the person he believed I could be is exactly who I am I would not be who I am today without him. He is dearly missed life's not the same without my buddy I don't know how to do this without ur guidance

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**Stephaine Stetson** - May 11, 2020 at 11:19 PM

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“ *May You Rest Easy John, We will Always remember you as a kind heart from our High School Days, We Pray God will give strength to your Children & Family during this difficult time our Sincere Sympathy*  
*Len & Deb Beaulieu*



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**Debbie** - March 21, 2020 at 06:05 PM



Deborah  
Butler  
Szumski

“ *John, you will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace! My condolences to the family!!*

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**Deborah Butler Szumski** - March 21, 2020 at 07:13 AM

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“ *When my son Matthew died , John always showed his support. Although I moved to Florida, I never forgot my friends from school and John was one of them. May God grant John's family peace, strength and healing.*

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**Nancy Jafari** - March 20, 2020 at 10:32 PM