



## Arthur G. Cranshaw

September 11, 1951 - October 13, 2011

Arthur G. Cranshaw, 60 of Salem, NH, died Thursday October 13, 2011 at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston following a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born September 11, 1951 in Brookline, MA son of the late Albert R. Cranshaw and Mary (Frappier) Lambert and her husband Roger Lambert of Lowell.

Arthur was the husband of Joanne Deveau Cranshaw of Salem, NH.

Arthur was an accomplished carpenter who always had a smile on his face. He was also a gifted musician who played in several bands over the years and always surrounded himself with the music industry. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, fishing and playing golf and will be remembered for his great personality and his caring ways.

Besides his loving wife Joanne and his dear mother Mary, survivors include a son John Francis Hauser, Jr. of Manchester, NH, a daughter Michelle June Hauser of Merrimack, NH, three grandchildren Devin St. Gelas of Weare, NH, Andrew Hauser of Merrimack, Brendan Burne of Merrimack, a brother Ron Cranshaw and his wife Donna of Raymond, NH, three sisters Teri Matthews and her husband Rick of Billerica, MA, Alma Mattucci and her husband Tony of Bridgton, ME, Deb Greenfield and her husband Ben of Seattle, WA. As well as many dear nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visiting Hours will be on Tues. Oct. 18th from 5pm-7:30pm with a Service of Remembrance at 7:30pm in THE DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST. IN HUDSON. Following Cremation, burial will be private. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations be made in Arthur's loving memory to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Multiple Myeloma Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, 02284-9168.

# Comments

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“ As I read here I can see that Art has impressed people all his time here, from elementary school, right down to his wonderful nurses and Drs that he met along his way..Amazing man isn t even the beginning of who Arthur Cranshaw was is But most of all I got to marry him, share his love and grow and build a relationship that could be compared to none.

Our love just continued to grow every day or hour we spent together..we were truely one in mind and spirit...This love gave us, the little, but life changing moments in our new home last years holidays and 1 more anniversary. We were blessed. Never a man so brave, considerate, persistant or so kind, I am honored to be his wife soul mate..Could never say enough.....THANK YOU ALL FOR THE KIND WORDS AND SUPPORT..IT SO HELPS... Love to all Joanne

Missing him is beyond>>>> beyond....my heart is full of his love and song++

**Joanne Cranshaw** - October 31, 2011 at 05:53 PM

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“ Between 1998 and 2009 I had worked with Artie almost consistently in at least four different band projects. We must have played well over 1000 gigs together during that time. Artie was such a staggeringly talented musician that I knew I had to play with him as much as possible from the time I first met him. Artie made playing music a joy as well as a quick study. It seemed as if he could do anything. He was a multifaceted talent (playing more than one instrument) as well as a gifted vocalist and harmonizer. A veteran working musician, he was a living repository of songs and song lyrics who could pull practically anything in any style out-of-the-hat and on-the-fly. He was the kind of guy you want and need to be in the trenches with. Between the years 2001-2005 our band "Those Three Guys" enjoyed amazing local success in the Southern NH area. We had a great time together during that period. Playing with a musician of Artie's caliber can have the affect of spoiling a person, regardless of being either a band member or the appreciative member of an audience. I know it did me. After trying my hand in other situations over the past couple of years, I seriously doubt that I'll ever get back in the game again. Nobody has measured up to Artie as far as I'm concerned. He was more than just a musician, he was an entertainer.

Artie was a ball of energy. I don't think I'd ever known anyone that exuded as much energy as Artie. It was evident in any job or project he was involved in. He was also a gifted carpenter and possessed great mechanical aptitude. If he didn't have any experience with a task or project, it wouldn't take him long to figure it out. One of the most impressive tasks I'd seem him accomplish was when he single-handedly tore down the breezeway and garage of his parent's house and build a beautiful addition onto the house in their place. I remember how astounded his mom was with the work he had done; and how proud she was of him.

Family meant the world to Artie and from what I could see, he defined what it was to be a "loving son" that any parent would have been proud of.

There is great irony to see a living dynamo like Artie stricken with a disease like Multiple Myeloma. Perhaps the only consolation we have for such loss as this is knowing that we, while still among the living, will eventually return to that place whence we all came and that Artie has only just gone there a little ahead of us.

I'll never forget the times we shared and the music we played together. I'll always miss him.

**Paul Catania** - October 23, 2011 at 01:24 AM

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“ Artie was my friend. From 8th grade 1964 through about 1973 we were near inseparable. Our 2 bands the Mustangs and Yet to Be probably set both of us on a lifelong course of making music. Along the way there were the usual crazy, wonderful, reckless moments that make for great stories when you're older. Things were never dull, always creative and alive when Artie was around. The few times I saw Artie after I moved to northern Maine, he seemed to still be that same wonderful guy. I've always missed him, as I imagine all who knew him well do now. I wish his family strength and peace.

**Doug Clapp Jr.** - October 20, 2011 at 08:55 AM

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“ God called on one of his Angeles to come home, a loving neighbor and a friend.  
  
You will be missed dearly!

**Nader Kallini** - October 19, 2011 at 11:07 AM

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“ Artie - You were truly one of the nicest people I have ever known. I will always remember that great smile that warmed up every room you were in. I thank you for your "home improvement" help when Earl's duct tape failed to work. Rest in peace my friend. My condolences and sympathy to your family. Love ya, Sue Irving

**Sue Irving** - October 19, 2011 at 08:36 AM

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“ Artie - In his youth, he was high-spirited, energetic and imaginative as he worked hard to develop his inherent talents as a vocalist and as a drummer. As he matured, he was quick to accept opportunities to appear before the public where he was warmly received and applauded. But, in his final months, fate was not kind and his physical ability diminished drastically. However, unlike so many others, his exuberance, his laugh and his warmth did not. He was a unique individual, one that will be sorely missed, but long remembered and appreciated by anyone who knew him, no matter what the season.

Douglas S. Clapp, Sr.  
Winter Haven, Florida

**Douglas S. Clapp, Sr.** - October 18, 2011 at 08:05 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy, you will always be in our hearts. I will never forget the pool parties on butler street in wakefield ma. you will be missed greatly.

Love

Paula Penney and her son Robert

Paula Penney - October 18, 2011 at 04:43 PM

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“ I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
 I'm following the path God laid for me.  
 I took His hand when I heard him call;  
 I turned my back and left it all.  
 I could not stay another day,  
 To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
 Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
 I found that place at the close of the day.  
 If my parting has left a void,  
 Then fill it with remembered joy.  
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
 Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.  
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
 My life's been full, I savored much;  
 Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
 Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
 Lift up your heart and share with me,  
 God wanted me now, He set me free.

Author unknown

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Artie - You fought your battle courageously and with a vengeance. May you be at peace and watch over us. Tell Ronnie we miss him. Till we meet again.

To the family - our hearts go out to you all. We love you!

Clayton & Jenn

Clayton & Jennifer Maki - October 18, 2011 at 11:09 AM

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“ Dear Joanne, We are so sorry, but we know that he is at peace and is watching over you, All our Love and Prayers Jim and Sandra

**Sandra and James Petersen** - October 18, 2011 at 09:43 AM

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“ RIP Artie. What a heroic effort you put into beating your illness. You will be missed and you certainly were loved by all.

**Judy and Bill Frappier** - October 17, 2011 at 05:24 PM

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“ Arty and family, Sorry to hear you lost your battle with cancer. You sure gave it a good fight. Thank you for the wonderful smile, always on your face and the incredible music you made for us! No one but you could sing Immigrant Man for me, and you always did. Rest in Peace now up above and may God bless you and yours.  
Kat

**Kathy Peterson** - October 17, 2011 at 02:36 PM

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“ I haven't seen Artie since I was in HS, but I remember best his smile. I pray that happy memories guide you through your loss...you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Terry Russell-Kennedy

**Terry Russell-Kennedy** - October 17, 2011 at 12:38 PM

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“ Another bright, striking rhythm has left the tapestry of our Earthly lives, and become part of the music of the Spheres. Artie, your bright smile and warm way of welcoming others into your life will be just one of many memories I will keep in my heart. It was always a joy to sing with you, to hang out and listen to your corny jokes, and it was a special gift that you and Joanne found each other and had such happiness in recent years. May God take you into His loving arms. Keep that Heavenly band in sync, my friend.

Love,  
Jody Bowes, Spring Hill, FL

**Jody Bowes** - October 17, 2011 at 11:47 AM

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“ Artie was one of a kind! Always a smile on his face that could light up any room and a magnetic personality that one simply couldn't resist. It was a true joy to be a friend to such a fine person with a heart bigger than life. He will be sorely missed, but forever in my thoughts. Rest easy now and rock on! Love, Susan

**Susan Evans** - October 17, 2011 at 08:41 AM

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“ Fly free my friend. I know there is a Rock n Roll Heaven and i hear they have a hell of a band. Forever be playing with them.

**Jan Collins** - October 16, 2011 at 01:24 PM

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“ Artie was such a sweet and caring person, and of course an incredible musician. He could never do too much for Mary and Roger. Debbie and I used to follow the Blues Hounds from dive to dive, in Georgetown and Topsfield. Artie even popped up at a wedding I was photographing, just a couple of years ago. I know a light has gone from our lives. Much love from Debbanuti.

**Deb Venuti** - October 16, 2011 at 11:32 AM

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“ Dear Friends, I have not seen Artie since his GREAT appearance at his sisters Terri's Wedding (I think) and what a time we had... not only did I tell The BRIDE how beautiful she was...I also told her how GREAT the Band was and she stated "OH YES" This is my brother Artie's band and I said of COURSE THEY SOUND AMAZING and we Danced And Danced....

Dear Terri & Rick I will always be here for you Both...

My LOVE for you Both will never DIE.. WE Will Miss ARTIE FOREVER and will always remember the GOOD Times. I am so, so Sorry... Great LOVES have to GO from us in such unfit ways that we have no control over... He will be in no pain now and we ALL WILL be HAPPY....

Dear Artie above, Look down on US now and Build us A mansion that will make us Proud, MY girlfriend, your sister will want it that way, so make the rooms big cause we will be with YOU all Some Day....

**Eileen Taylor** - October 16, 2011 at 03:45 AM

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“ Artie had a special charisma that few men possess. He was always so much fun to be with. The positive attitude and dignity he maintained throughout his battle with myeloma is an inspiration I will carry with me the rest of my life. God bless you Artie. I love you man!!!!

**Richard Matthews** - October 15, 2011 at 08:02 PM