



John Dalessio, Sr.

December 7, 1933 - July 6, 2021

John Dalessio, Sr., a lifelong resident of Hudson and Nashua, drifted into the wild blue yonder on July 6, 2021.

He was born in Winchester, MA, on December 7, 1933, son of the late Domenic Dalessio and Grace Dalessio Stokes and step father George Stokes.

John was the beloved husband of Gerri (Judkins) Dalessio of Nashua.

John grew up in Woburn, MA. At age 18, he enlisted into the USAF, serving his country honorably for 20 years. After basic training, John was sent to Biloxi, MS, for training as an Airborne Radio Operator. In 1952 he was assigned duty in the Philippines on the B-29 Super Fortress. Volunteering for special duty, he was sent to Korea in 1953. John flew many missions on various types of aircrafts, including Air / Sea rescue assignments. In 1954, John returned to the states and called Helena, MT and Bismarck, ND home before heading over seas again, this time to Izmir, Turkey in 1958. While in Turkey, he was Director of Military Youth Center. In 1961 he returned stateside, going to Altus, Ok as an Education and Training Technician with the Ballistic Missile Squadron. Other assignments were in Plattsburgh, NY, Hanscom Field, and finally, Vietnam during the TET Offensive. During this offensive he was awarded the Bronze Star for setting up a secondary perimeter during assault on Tan Son Nhut AFB.

Returning to the states in 1968, John was assigned recruiting duties in Lowell, MA. Retiring in February of 1972, he was employed at Fashion Neck Wear in Hudson where he met and married the love of his life, Gerri. John was later employed as a Service Manager with Electrolux and was a dedicated employee for 17 years. During his time off he was involved with the Hudson / Nashua Suburbanettes Drill and Drum Corp.. He was also one of the first members of Hudson's Code of Ethics Committee.

John was predeceased by three brothers, Gerald of Hudson, NH, Domenic of Florida, Charles "Sonny" of Woburn, MA.

Besides his wonderful wife, Gerri, of 37 years, he is survived by six children; Debbie Todd and her husband John of Dennis, MA, Jacqueline Richardson and her husband Matt of Hudson, John Dalessio, Jr. and his wife Tracey of Milford, Michelle Liliedahl and her husband David of Manchester, Troy Tikkanen and his wife Jennittia of Laconia, and Christopher Dalessio and his wife Heidi of Bethel, ME, as well as nine beautiful grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, July 13th at 11am in Immaculate Conception Church, 216 East Dunstable Road in Nashua, NH. All are asked to please meet at church. A graveside service with military honors will be held following mass at 1:30pm in the NH State Veteran Cemetery, 110 DW Hwy, Boscawen, NH. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in John's loving memory to Homes For Our Troops at www.hfotusa.org

Previous Events

MASS AT CHURCH

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Parish
216 East Dunstable Rd.
Nashua, NH 03062

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

JUL 13. 1:30 PM (ET)

New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery
110 Daniel Webster Highway
Boscawen, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *John Dalessio, Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *John Dalessio, Sr.*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for the family's loss. You are in my prayers. I only met John once, last week. We introduced ourselves because John played golf weekly with my Dad. My condolences again. Mary Bingham*

Mary Bingham - July 10, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *I am so sadden to hear of uncle John's passing. He always had a big smile for all of us, He was a kind, and gentle man. He was the light of Aunties life her true love. It's going to leave a big hole in all of our hearts to not have him with us. I love you all.*

Kelly Judkins - July 10, 2021 at 10:50 AM

JN

“ Gerri & family -
So sorry to hear about John. He was a good friend and we will miss him. Keep thinking about our visits to the casinos in hopes of hitting the "jackpot", going to the Lafayette Club to dance the night away, our many vacation trips and playing Yahtzee, Golf and dominoes! And, oh, how John loved his Red Sox but hated eating his vegies!!! Rest in peace, John. We love you.

Love to all,
Janie & Tom

Jane & Tom Naleway - July 09, 2021 at 11:59 AM

MA

“ I am so grateful to have reconnected with Uncle Johnny and Aunt Gerri later in my life. I love that he hosted a family reunion some years back. He said to me at the reunion that sometimes families only come together at a funeral and he didnt like that. He was so happy that many members of the extended family could gather and celebrate in life. ❤️ He was my mother's uncle, which made him my Great Uncle. Indeed he was. He will be greatly missed.

MaryJane - July 09, 2021 at 08:48 AM



We have to work hard together to make sure that doesn't happen again.

My Dad and Mom have tried hard to keep family together.

Now that Dad has passed I feel we need to keep making reunions happen.

Chris Dalessio - July 09, 2021 at 09:27 AM

MA

Absolutely agree.

MaryJane - July 09, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Our Dad was the greatest Dad ever. I know my daughter Hannah this Father's Day sent me a letter saying I was the the best Dad ever, like I was Obi-Wan or Yoda.*

But that was because our Dad John Dalessio Sr taught me all that it was to be the man and Dad I needed to be.

He set the bar High for being a Dad. I will so miss his guidance, his loving arms around me and that smile on his face.

Thank you Dad for teaching me and showing me through your example and sacrifice how to be the man, the husband and Dad I am.

Love you and miss you.

Chris Dalessio - July 09, 2021 at 01:53 AM

MS

“ *Stories of the “amazing John” were shared with the dog walking group in the neighborhood. The wonderful attitude John had in spite of the illnesses and treatments he endured, should be an example for us all. God Bless you John and family,*

Maureen Sloan

Maureen Sloan - July 08, 2021 at 09:40 AM

ML

“ My brothers and I never felt for one day that we were his step-children. He showered us with love, kindness, compassion, and acceptance, as if we were his biological children, which he has 3. Yesterday our hearts were shattered💔 as our amazing dad passed away. Honestly, I thought he'd live forever. why? Because he's told me so for as long as I can remember. When I stop to think about it I suppose he was right in a way, because not only did he give us memories that We will cherish for a lifetime, but he gave my brothers and I the honor of being able to call him our dad, and he was in every sense of the word. I love you, John, and I miss you!❤️

Michelle Liliedahl - July 08, 2021 at 01:46 AM

DL

“ John my uncle who had a beautiful soul and was always one of my favorite people You were a sweet man. Kind and genuine. We love you. And will miss you we will treasure our memories of you and keep them close to our hearts. Don and Laurie

Don and Laurie - July 07, 2021 at 08:30 PM

TJ

Geri and family you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May your memories bring you comfort in the days ahead. So sorry for your loss. We will miss John.

Tom & Beverly

Tom and Beverly Johnson - July 12, 2021 at 08:06 PM