



## John Brooks Ratcliffe

September 29, 1956 - May 16, 2017

John Brooks Ratcliffe, 60, of Lebanon, died Tuesday, May 16, 2017 surrounded by his loving family at his sister's residence. Born in Lebanon on September 29, 1956, he was the son of the late Ward Edward and Doris Lingle Eichelberger Ratcliffe. John worked as a laborer for Brandenburg Industrial Service Company in Bethlehem, PA. He was a member of the Laborer's International Union of North America Local 1174. John is survived by three daughters, Malisa Rutt, Kristy Pietrak and Megan Bell, grandchildren Jocelyn Pietrak, Gabriel Rutt, Joseph Paul, Keighden Mann, and Broderik Bell, a sister Jayne Sweigart, and brothers Thomas Ratcliffe and Dennis Ratcliffe. John was a hardworking man dedicated to meeting the needs of his children and grandchildren. His favorite place was at the ocean. He loved boating, fishing, clamming and crabbing and eating them all even more! Through him his daughters and grandchildren will continue his love of the ocean and remember all he taught them. Please join us at his memorial service on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 2PM at Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home, 5 Camp Meeting Road, Jonestown, PA 17038. There will be a visitation from 12-2PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in John's memory to CAST for Kids, 297 SW 41st Street, Renton, WA 98057 or visiting [www.castforkids.org](http://www.castforkids.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory  
5 Campmeeting Road  
Jonestown, PA 17038

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Men like John do not come along often enough. He was liked and respected by his family and everyone he worked with. He was a big influence in helping me learn how to climb trees and also gave me one of my first compliments, which meant so much coming from him. John was just a Great Man who loved his family and worked hard. I know I will miss him. My thoughts and condolences are with our Family.

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**Matt Stegman** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ What can I say about John John , you were my first love and will be in my heart and prayers. Growing up on Kathleen St, I remember all the fun we had playing hide and seek until it was dark out. And all the fun going to the shore every summer. Crabbing and fishing and picking crabs to make crab cakes. My sympathy goes out to Jayne, it must have been so hard on you taking care of him at the end. I know as I watch my Mom slowly dying from Alzheimers.

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**Tina Williams** - May 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

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**The Staff of Kreamer Funeral Home** - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ John, growing up I remember playing basketball in the street with you , going to the canal to fish and who shows up in a boat ,? but you John . My first hunting experience was you and your brothers . We grew up and made our own families, but I always thought of you. May you rest in peace my friend til we meet again. Tony Zombro

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**Tony Zombro** - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ John even though we were cousins I always felt like we were more like brothers. In our younger years we were inseparable playing pin ball at the Dixie and just driving and goofing around. There are way too many great memories with you to mention here but they and you will forever be in my mind and heart. I can only imagine the lose and heartache your immediate family is feeling at this time and my thoughts and prayers go out to them. Love you John John. ( Stump Jumper )

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**Lonnie Stump** - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with his families. He was the kind and caring person. RIP John until we meet again.

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**Jeanie White** - May 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ I've cried so many tears over the past few weeks. You were such a big part of my life and I loved you dearly always. You will be missed every single day. You've left a void that can't be filled. I know you are in such a better place and will take care of all of your girls from up above. God brings people to us at just the right time, and I'm so thankful for that chance meeting on June 26, 1981. I'm blessed to have had you in my life and the girls were so blessed to have the best daddy ever. Love until we meet again.

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**Lynn Ratcliffe** - May 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ Prayers are with Johns family,we will miss him .

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**Barbara and Tony Zombro** - May 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Daddy...I will never have all the right words to say. You taught me so many things. Baiting my first hook, showing me how to shoot my first gun. How to be a princess, but how to slop around in the mud. It takes a very special man to be surrounded by all girls, but you totally nailed it! Remember when Jocelyn was born and you showed up with her first camo outfit?!?! Only you...that's the kind of good stuff I'll miss! I can tell you absolutely anything without fear. You knew all my deepest , darkest secrets and never once passed judgement. You just loved me through it all! Your greatest accomplishment was being a pappy and you were the absolute best! You were so happy to have fishing buddies and the boys adored you! Losing you has left this giant hole in my heart, I'm not going to hear you say , " I love you". or "Everything is going to be great!" Or "It's ok, Dust yourself off and try harder" in only the way you can! Rest peacefully, I love you Daddy!

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**Kristy Pietrak** - May 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My deepest condolences for your family.*

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**Jamie Miller** - May 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Sympathy & blessings to his family*

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**Donna Root** - May 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM