



John T. Snavelly

November 1, 1937 - July 6, 2023

John T. Snavelly, 85, of Lebanon passed away on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He was the husband of the late Barbara Ann (Shultz) Snavelly who preceded him in death on October 28, 2010.

Born in Fredericksburg on November 1, 1937, he was the son of the late John A.T. Snavelly and Martha (Peiffer) Snavelly. John was a graduate of Lebanon High School with the Class of 1956. He then went on to work as a truck driver for Cleaver Brooks. The last 10 years of his working career he worked in the custodial department at Tri-Community Elementary School in Highspire. He attended St. Johns United Church of Christ in Jonestown. John was a Mason with Lodge 226, and he enjoyed watching Pittsburgh Steelers and Penn State football. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by daughters Debra L. Snavelly of Linglestown, Denise Ann Reyes of Hershey and Darlene S. wife of Tom Basehore of Dillsburg; grandchildren Jonathan husband of Ashley Ritchie, Garry husband of Elisabeth Reyes, Andy Reyes, and Liana wife of Daniel Maxwell; and great grandchildren Weston Ritchie, Malina Ritchie and soon to be Huxley Reyes. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Jenna Ann Reyes.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Rt 72 & Camp Meeting Rd., Jonestown. There will be a viewing from 10:00 a.m. until the start of the service. A masonic service will begin at 9:45 a.m. Interment will follow at the

Covenant/Greenwood Cemetery, Lebanon.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Bunker Hill Fire Company,
434 S. Lancaster St., Lebanon, PA 17046.

Cemetery Details

Covenant/Greenwood Cemetery

347 Ebenezer Road
Lebanon, PA 17046

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory
5 Campmeeting Road
Jonestown, PA 17038
(717) 865-5215

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John T. Snavely*



Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. - July 10, 2023 at 03:41 PM

BE

Enjoyed the video very much. We had been neighbors for a long time.

BARBARA ERB - July 13, 2023 at 01:13 PM

BE

“ *BARBARA ERB lit a candle in memory of John T. Snavely*



BARBARA ERB - July 13, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John T. Snavely.*



July 11, 2023 at 01:44 PM

MS

“ I have not seen John in a long time. My fondest memory of him was him dressing up as Santa Claus. I never knew who it was until he brought an elf (Darlene). I was so mad that I figured it out.

Watching the video of him. I don't think there was a picture of him not smiling. He will be missed.

Mike Seiverling

Mike Seiverling - July 10, 2023 at 04:34 PM

PW

“ John with his cheerful smile, encouraging and kind words, I shall miss. He loved his family, and his family came along his side to help him through his cancer. He touched my life and many others, may his family be comforted through this time, but know you will have an angel looking over you.



Pam

Pamela Weaner - July 10, 2023 at 01:44 PM



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July 10, 2023 at 01:32 PM

MB

“ To Deb, Denise and Darlene: My deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. May he rest in peace.

Marian Bernstein (Brinkley)

Marian Bernstein - July 10, 2023 at 09:27 AM

AR

“ My Papa was a great man. Stubborn, but in a good way. He lived his life the way he wanted to. But he also was a man of God and gave thanks to the lord above for all that he was given. I’m gonna miss talking on the phone to my Pop every other day, and going to sit with him at his house for hours on end talking about life and the old days. But I have peace knowing he’s no longer in pain, no longer has to fight, no longer suffering. But instead he’s with the Good Lord above, and he is reunited with my Grammy (his wife Barbara) after 12 long years apart. I will carry his name with respect and cherish his legacy for as long as I live. And I look forward to meeting him again in the next life. I told him I would look for him and his little messages he leaves me throughout this life. God, it just hurts knowing he is gone. He is gone but not really, he will continue to be with us in our hearts for eternity. I love you always and forever Papa. Thank you for helping me grow into the man I am today. That’s one gift I could never truly repay. But I will make the most of the life I was given in his honor. Rest in Peace Papa, this isn’t goodbye, this is just see your later. - Your Buddy, Andy.



Andy Reyes - July 08, 2023 at 02:14 PM

JR

“Pop was the best Grandpa a kid could wish for he was my childhood savior. My Dad left us when i was young and pop took me in as his own son cause he had all girls. He taught me how to fish,Hunt,Landscape and basically how to be a man. But it was a fun time he took me all over the east coast to different places and theme parks. We rode so many roller coasters together its crazy to look back on he loved them. When we would go somewhere to eat i was always allowed to get whatever i wanted. He bought me my first nintendo and playstation and he always enjoyed watching me play crash bandicoot or nascar 98 for hours. My entire life i looked up to him he did put the fear in me with the belt when i was younger but it was all in good heart. Our long trips to Virginia or Ohio what great times. That man would do anything for his family. Im blessed to have been able to spend as much time as i did with him these past few years. He taught me how to give to the needy and how not to always expect something in return. Im in debt to that man for life i love you pop thank you for being my grandpa and hanging with me all these years. Hopefully one day we meet again.

Jonathan Ritchie - July 07, 2023 at 09:38 PM

MK

I worked with John at Tri-Community Elementary School. Family was so important to him including his Tri-C family. He was a gentle giant. Gruff at times but with a twinkle in his eyes. He played Santa Clause every year and loved it. After retirement we occasionally got together for lunch with Tom and Viv Fanus. With his Dutch accent he called her Wiv. We heard lots of stories about his grandchildren. He loved them so. John will be missed by many.

mary kepp - July 07, 2023 at 10:15 PM

SO

Scott Ortenzio writing.... I have always had the upmost respect for John and his wife. I was so blessed to have them as customers since the mid 80's! He and his wife always counted on me to provide help and guidance.

I am honored to have been associated with them!

*In his words, he appreciated..."no Bull****" when it came to dealing on vehicles.*

*It sounds like an advertisement for me! But that attitude is why we got along so well together. He tolerated no bull***!*

I will miss him! My best to all of the family!

Scott Ortenzio - July 10, 2023 at 06:07 PM