



Mr. John A. Hartwig, Jr.

September 28, 1952 - November 9, 2020

Mr. John Alfred Hartwig, Jr., 68, of North Adams, died on Monday, November 9, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born in Adams on September 28, 1952, son of the late John and Sophie (Scieszka) Hartwig. He attended local schools and graduated from the Charles H. McCann Technical High School. He then received his Associates degree in Physical Education from Berkshire Community College.

Mr. Hartwig served with the Massachusetts Army National Guard for six years. John worked as a car salesman for Bedard Brothers in Cheshire for 36 years until his retirement. Earlier he had worked for the former Brewer Perkins Auto Dealership in North Adams.

John was a proud member of Alcoholics Anonymous and had 16 years sober. He is survived by his sister Bonnie Whitney and her husband David of North Adams; three nephews, Alan Thurston and his wife Jennifer, Evan Thurston and his wife Darcy and Jed Whitney and his partner Kelly Bardzell; two nieces, Julie Whitney and her fiancé Jeremy Parmenter and Jocelyn Whitney and her husband Christopher Callahan; two grandnephews, Rutger and Baxter Thurston; a grandniece Emily Ann Thurston; his Aunts, Dola Lipinski and Pina Scieszka; his longtime close friends Kathy Burgess and Roberta Fortini and many cousins.

He was predeceased by twin nephews and by his cousin Christopher Paquette.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 10:30 A.M.

in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Adams.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care in the Berkshires, 877 South St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 or to St. Stanislaus Kostka School, 108 Summer St. Adams, MA 01220.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery

Orchard St.
Adams, MA 01220

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BZ

“ Bonnie and family, I was very sorry to hear about John. I worked for John at Brewer-Perkins while I was a student at North Adams State College from 1979 to 1983. John was always very nice to me. I learned many things from him that I have used throughout my professional career and adult life. I have very fond memories of John, Brewer- Perkins and North Adams. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Bill Zuccarini - November 22, 2020 at 12:52 PM

DS

“ Bonnie and Family, I'm very sorry to hear of John's Passing. I haven't seen him in quite a while. I only saw him once in a while out some where or when I stopped at Bedard's to see how he was doing. He will be fondly missed. Condolences and Prayers to Family and friends. Rest in Peace John.

Daniel Hartwig Sr. - November 14, 2020 at 11:05 PM

GB

“ The world lost a great man with a huge heart and a friend to so many. . With that said I truly believe heaven just became a lot more fun. You will be sorely missed John but you will never be forgotten. Gail & Brian Bedard

Gail Bedarx - November 14, 2020 at 04:15 PM

ML

“ Deeply saddened to hear of John's passing. I worked with John at Bedard Brothers for 12 years. John was always friendly and willing to lend an ear when you had a concern. John will definitely be missed by those who knew him, he was a special guy. RIP my friend!

Michael Latini - November 14, 2020 at 11:32 AM

DB

“ Moved to No. Adams in 1973 after college. Went to work for my Dad at Brown Packaging as a salesman. When you are going to be on the road you need a car. My Dad was friends with Norm Ott so we went there of course. John was the new salesman there also and he sold us a shiny New Plymouth. Loved that car. The next night the phone rings and it's John asking how I liked the new car. But he asked me something more. How would my new wife Kate and I like to go out for dinner that weekend. We did not know a soul in town so we jumped at the chance. The new Holiday Inn was the place to be at that time. As you might expect, our friendship grew over many decades and the many laughs and good times seemed would never end. John was a great friend who would do anything to help someone. I love you Brother, you are now in the very best place of all !!

David J. Brown - November 14, 2020 at 10:44 AM

DD

“ Bonnie so sorry for your loss. John was a very kind person and he will be missed very much by the whole family. I will remember the happy times seeing John at family gatherings with the whole family.
Debbie

Debra Defoe - November 14, 2020 at 08:05 AM

RM

“ Even though I haven't seen nor heard from John for many years I will always have great memories of the 3 years I worked for him. A great guy at the same time feeling a great loss. Thanks for the way you treated your friends and fellow workers not to mention you boundless energy.

John you were the best!

RIP

Ralph Munger

Ralph Munger - November 13, 2020 at 06:05 PM

KB

“ Bonnie, David and family,

We all have so many memories of John and the stories that we could tell are endless.

He will be missed by everyone that knew him, but at the same time, we are thankful that he is no longer in pain and suffering from the inside out. May you now RIP John.

Kathy Burgess - November 13, 2020 at 05:59 PM