



John J Swain

June 21, 1977 - December 24, 2022

John J. Swain of Lumberton, passed away on Saturday, December 24, 2022 at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly. He was 45.

Born in Mount Holly, John graduated from RVRHS in 1995.

John enjoyed fishing of all kinds. By age 2 he was catfishing in the Rancocas Creek with his father. By age 3 he had already gone deep sea fishing on the Miss Barnegat Light. At first, he caught flounder and fluke. He then graduated to blue fish and tog. As an adult, he participated in many tournaments for tuna, marlin and striped bass. Over the years, he also loved to hunt. He hunted for deer and ducks. John always cooked, grilled, or smoked his “catch of the day.”

John thoroughly enjoyed his summers spent with his extended family – the campers of Shelter Cove Marina where he docked his boat and parked his camper.

John worked for the Mount Holly MUA for 27 years as a grade level 7 operator.

John was a life member of the Lumberton Fire Company.

He is survived by his parents, George and Grace Ann (Fort) Swain; his uncles Bob Fort and Gus (Debbie) Swain; his aunt Joan (Bruce) Sleeper; his cousins: Frances Stayton, Kimberly Swain, Valarie Osworth, and Hilarie Hirannet. He is also survived by his longtime very dear friend, Melissa Steib and his beloved dog, Bubba.

Relatives and Friends may visit with the family on Thursday evening from 5-7pm and on Friday morning from 10-11am at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly. Funeral Services will be held on Friday at 11:00 am at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery in Lumberton. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge, 4 Sawmill Rd., Medford, NJ 08055 <https://www.cedarrun.org/get-involved/give-2/donate/>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Visitation

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Perinchief Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of John J Swain*



Perinchief Chapels - January 03, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John J Swain.*



December 29, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ *There are no words to fully express just how sorry we are to hear about your loss. The death of a child is one of the most painful experiences a parent can experience and our prayers are with you. Lovingly, Sally & Rick*

Sally & Rick Phelan - December 29, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John J Swain.*



December 29, 2022 at 08:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John J Swain.*



December 28, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ *I have been struggling with writing this, because I can't possibly fathom that this is goodbye. You are the one person in life that is ALWAYS there, for everyone! I only hope that you knew how much you are loved by all that were blessed enough to know you. You were a friend that very quickly became family to me, my daughter, and always our pets :) We love you John and will miss you beyond words !!!! Blessed to be your friend.....*

Tina Sviben - December 28, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *The Bozarth and Schoel Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John J Swain.*



The Bozarth and Schoel Families - December 28, 2022 at 10:35 AM

KS

“ Out of all the losses in this life time, the loss of John from this living world feels shattering. Just knowing such a good soul existed among us gave me some little hope and peace.

It's hard to put into words what all of this means...

I went to school with John and his cousin Kim. There was something about John that left a quiet, permanent impression on your soul. It came through his eyes. We may not have lived our lives in any connection other than communication, but that small connection was forever there.

I have always wished him happiness and everything he dreamed of. He deserved the best in this world.

John, I truly want you to know the deep love and happiness you've given to those around you all those years. You are loved. You are missed. You left an empty space that cannot be filled.

My deepest condolences to all who have been touched by this beautiful soul.

KAROLINA SIODALSKA - December 28, 2022 at 09:36 AM

RT

“ I am still completely shocked. I went to school with John. I would run into him when fishing at kirbys mill with my dad. I enjoyed talking to him about fishing. His eyes would really light up. John had a big heart and was a good guy.



Rachel Thompson - December 27, 2022 at 03:55 PM

ML

“ I am lost for words. Knew swainer for 39 years .he was definitely like my 2nd big brother... haven't hung together in a few years an regret it alot... I promise every time there's a shot gun or fishing rod in my hands he will be with me. Your memories will live with our family forever .you'll never be forgotten... George and grace Ann did an awesome job raising an amazing man and friend hold your heads high we love you Gonna miss you swain gonna try to hold my chin high in your memories

Michael Loveland - December 27, 2022 at 01:02 PM

KA

“ So sorry for your loss sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family
Karen Hamlin



Karen - December 27, 2022 at 12:00 PM

SA

“ George, Grace Ann & Family, So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you at this time. Susan Hynes-Alfred

Susan Alfred - December 27, 2022 at 05:12 AM

CD

“ We met “Tanker” when we brought our boat and camper to Shelter Cove Marina but knew of him way before then from our niece Jen Winzinger Each summer, as we got to know him better, we learned why everyone liked him so much. He was just an all around “regular guy” No pretenses and friends with everyone..... from the little kids to us “older folks” He was friendly He always thought of others He was kind He knew a lot about boating and fishing and never hesitated to help anyone that needed it

So long as the memory of friends lives in our hearts, we shall say “life is good”

BUT

Who will pull us in at the sandbar when we arrive... wading in the water to us?

Who will teach the kids how to catch minnows, to trap and clean crabs and to fish?

Who will bring kool things picked up for the kids to play with?

Who will make his awesome bruschetta and share recipes?

Who will tell us stories that make us laugh?

Who will be first mate onboard many of our tugs?

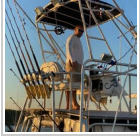
Who will share tales with me of Bubba and talk to me of my rescues? The dogs all loved him!

Who will be that person to step up to help- no matter the job no matter the recipient?

You will be missed my friend...

Our hearts are heavy!

Charles and Toni Diamond - December 26, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *My fondest memory with Tanker is when he and I took my middle daughter Gianna shark fishing one summer night. She was 5 at the time and I'm not sure if she or Tanker was more excited.*

Shortly after setting up we got a bite. The excitement that filled Gianna was awesome. I recorder Tanker fighting the fish with Gianna cheering him on.

Tanker told me some time later when he was having a bad day he would watch that video and my Daughters reaction would make his day better.

That's the kind of man he wise. He got more joy out of making other people happy than himself whether it was cooking, or teaching my girls how to fish.

Tanker will forever be in our hearts as he was an uncle to my girls and a brother to me.

Until we meet again keep the beer on ice and the boat fueled up.



Josh Ferrell - December 26, 2022 at 05:08 PM

AM

“ *I've known John for many years we were like family I was shocked to hear about his passing we went to school together John I will miss u u will always be in my heart love ❤️ kiddo*

amy - December 26, 2022 at 02:58 PM

AM

“ *Amy lit a candle in memory of John J Swain*



amy - December 26, 2022 at 02:56 PM

MS

“ *My heart is shattered. You were the greatest of friends. A friend turned family. We have 28 years of memories that I will hold onto forever. Fish On Tanker, my thoughts and prayers are with George, GraceAnn & Family.*

Misty Shallcross - December 26, 2022 at 02:13 PM