



John William Melby

August 3, 2015

John William Melby, 56, went to be with the Lord on August 3, 2015 after a valiant battle with cancer. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace.

John was one of four children born to the late James and Virginia Melby in Marion, OH. He graduated from Reynoldsburg High School in 1978, and went on to study at Ohio State University for a period of time. John served in the U.S. Navy for 17 years until he retired in 1996, attaining the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class. After retirement, John took a job at Northrop Grumman where he was able to continue a career in a field that he was very passionate about.

John was blessed with a large family who loved him dearly. He married his best friend and wife of 27 years, Elizabeth Leigh Duvall, on October 8, 1987. Together, they raised two wonderful children, daughter Amy Elizabeth Melby and son John Christopher Melby. John was a selfless husband and father who worked very hard to support his family and to make sure they were well taken care of at all times.

John is preceded in death by his parents James Melby and Virginia Melby. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Melby of Portsmouth, VA; his daughter Amy Melby of Virginia Beach, VA; his son John Melby of Portsmouth, VA; his two sisters, Jackie Keaton and husband Jerry of Columbus, OH, and Debbie

Collier and husband Jim of Lansing, MI; his brother Kevin Melby of Columbus, OH; his two brothers-in-law, Thomas Duvall of Portsmouth, VA, and Bill Duvall and wife Toko of Charlottesville, VA; his sister-in-law Sheila Duvall of Virginia Beach, VA; and his eight nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Thomas Harrington, Dr. S. Damle, and Dr. D. Samoilov for their wonderful care of John during his illness.

A celebration of John's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel by Rev. Kirk Culpepper. Burial with full military honors will follow at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Rd.
Suffolk, VA

Tribute Wall

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“ *It was a blessing to know Mr. Melby. My prayers and condolences go out to the Melby family.*

Stacey - August 24, 2015 at 08:48 AM

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“ *I'm so very sorry for your guy's loss:(I'm praying for you all!! I hope you all find strength to get through this and I love you guy's!!*



melissa cook - August 09, 2015 at 02:04 PM

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“ *Crystal, Cheryl, Amy & Carly purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John William Melby.*



Crystal, Cheryl, Amy & Carly - August 07, 2015 at 06:20 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John William Melby.*



August 07, 2015 at 04:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John William Melby.*



August 07, 2015 at 08:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John William Melby.*



August 06, 2015 at 09:13 PM



“ *Dear John's family.....remembering him as a great co-worker. His meeting with Jesus must have been wonderful. Sending love and warm hugs to all of you.*

*Blessings,
Barbara, Larry and Joseph Farrow
Norfolk*

Larry Farrow - August 06, 2015 at 11:53 AM



“ *John and I always went back and forth at each other over the Cincinnati Reds and the St. Louis Cardinals. We had a lot of fun ribbing each other when our teams won. He was a great guy and had a great gift of gab. He will be missed.*

Hal Wintemberg - August 06, 2015 at 09:37 AM

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Harold Wintemberg - August 06, 2015 at 09:24 AM