



John Whalen

July 14, 2024

John was born in Waltham, MA as the oldest child of Doris and John Whalen II, and soon became the big brother to Judy and Jimmy. While attending Waltham High School he met the love of his life Frances “Frani” Dunn. They were married shortly after John’s graduation from Bentley University with a bachelor’s degree in accounting.

In 1974, he welcomed his first daughter Sandy, his second daughter Chrissy in 1976, and completed a move to Hopkinton where he and Fran would raise their family. John worked his way up the ranks to VP/Comptroller at ComENERGY/NSTAR in Cambridge, MA, from where he would eventually retire to Florida in the early 2000s. He was a devoted father, spending all his time with his girls as they both pursued their skating passions. Whether it was buying an RV to drive cross-country for competitions or getting up and driving to 6am practices, John was always there with his larger-than-life camera to document the good, the bad, and the ugly! He rediscovered his love of fishing and hunting over the years, and spent countless seasons doing both in MN, PA, and NY where he kept his boat “The Comptroller.” While he and Fran took the girls on many adventures to Disney World, Hawaii, and more, his passion for travel took the two of them on amazing adventures that included countless trips to Disney World, with and without the kids, Napa Valley with Judy and Billy, Alaska, Europe, South Africa, China, Australia and more. When it was time to stay state-side again, they both loved heading back to their roots in New England and spending time in New Hampshire with Judy.

Over the years, he welcomed sons-in-law Jeremy and Bryan into the family, and found the deepest love and his proudest times when he was promoted from father to grandfather, or as he was called "Pap." TJ, Jack, and Nick came first along with many trips to Minnesota for birthdays, basketball games, hunting and fishing. Kendall, Samantha, and Abby came next, creating tons of memories with Disney trips, soccer games, and musical shows that lit up Pap's eyes. They will all miss his guidance, strength, and support.

John passed away on July 14, 2024, at the age of 76. He is pre-deceased by his parents John and Doris Deveaux Whalen, brother James "Jimmy" Whalen, and brother-in-law William "Billy" Rourke. He is survived by his adoring wife of over 55 years, Frances "Fran" Whalen, oldest daughter Sandy Whalen Rebrovich, his son-in-law Jeremy Rebrovich, and his three grandsons Thomas John "TJ" (John's namesake), Jack, and Nick Rebrovich, his youngest daughter Chrissy Whalen Morton, his son-in-law Bryan Morton, and his three granddaughters Kendall, Samantha, and Abigail Morton, and his sister Judy Rourke.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Funeral Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Frani, Sandy and Chrissy.
The Cullen Family send our deepest sympathy for the loss of John recently who left us way too soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families in these difficult times.
Love, David and Jacquie*

David Cullen - July 20, 2024 at 08:04 AM

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“ *Fran, I was saddened to hear of John's passing. You, John and the girls were long-time neighbors. As co-workers we shared many commutes in some winter storms and to common meetings. John was very well respected and liked among our ComEnergy family. Anne-Marie and I wish you well and Pap will be in our prayers. Mike Sullivan*

Michael P Sullivan - July 17, 2024 at 12:04 PM