



John H. Amlaw, Jr.

May 20, 1965 - August 27, 2023

Chicopee bids farewell to a remarkable soul, John H. Amlaw, Jr., (Soltys), who graced our lives with his presence and passed away on August 27, 2023, at the age of 58. Born on May 20, 1965, in Holyoke, MA to his loving parents, John H. Amlaw, Sr. (Soltys) and Carol Amlaw (Brien), John's journey was one of both joy and challenge.

He was a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School class of 1983. He also attended Porter and Chester and Asnuntuck Community College. He was employed at Sonoco Products Co. in Holyoke for 33 years.

For those fortunate enough to have known him, John was a beacon of light, an individual whose company enriched their lives in immeasurable ways. If you had the privilege of sharing moments with him, you undoubtedly understand what a gift it was. He was a mosaic of experiences – at times a joyful companion, and yes, occasionally a bit of a handful. Yet, these facets only added to the depth of his character and the colorful tapestry he wove into the lives of those around him.

John's legacy is woven into the hearts of his family, including his sister Theresa Devlin with husband James Devlin, his brother David Amlaw (Soltys), with companion Lisa Midura, all residing in Chicopee. Additionally, his sister Audrie Vantangoli with husband Nicholas Vantangoli of Ware, along with his cherished nieces and nephews: Anthony Devlin and Jillian Lantco with husband Brandon, Sophia and Vincenzo Vantangoli, all remember him with

affection and gratitude.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial is scheduled for Friday, September 8, 2023, at 11:00 AM at St. Anne's Church in Chicopee, MA, followed by inurnment at St. Rose De Lima Cemetery, Chicopee. In honor of John's memory, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a cause that resonates deeply with his generous spirit.

While John's physical presence may have left us, his indelible impact on our lives ensures that he will forever remain in our thoughts and hearts. To express your sympathy and share cherished memories, please visit John's memorial page at www.nefcc.net. John H. Amlaw, Jr., is an embodiment of a life well-lived, a lucky star that illuminated our existence, and he will be profoundly missed.

New England Funeral & Cremation Center, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements.

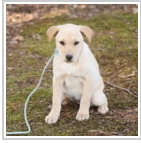
Previous Events

Liturgy of Christian Burial

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anne Church
30 College Street
Chicopee , MA 01020

Tribute Wall



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Theresa Devlin - October 29, 2023 at 02:39 PM

BL

“ To Mr. and Mrs. Amlaw and family...

My wife and I would like to extend our condolences to an enormous extreme. John was so helpful in so many ways to so many of his friends... Since this is a memory to share, I would like to say he wanted to knock my home down and rebuild it, since the builders made so many mistakes building it... I said go for it, but he said he was going to be a little busy that weekend... Maybe another time he said... Ok, so I said whenever you are ready... Well, we did laugh quite a bit about it, and it was an ongoing effort for many years... We will miss him each and every day that goes by... He was an icon at the local club and will be missed dearly... R.I.P. our beloved friend!!! We love you and you will be in our hearts forever!!!
Bob and Linda LaFleche

Bob LaFleche - September 07, 2023 at 11:27 PM

SR

“ Sorry to hear of John's passing. I was one of his Fairview teen friends. Enjoyed many little league and pick-up football games and playing Pitch at the Buffalo Club. May fond memories comfort you during this difficult time.

Steve Roe

Steve Roe - September 05, 2023 at 10:47 AM

JS

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. Amlaw and family,

Linda and I are so so sorry to hear that John has passed, John was all that and more, he will truly be missed by Linda and myself. I worked with John for 31 of those 33 years at Sonoco, We have so many great memories of all the Sonoco X-Mass parties, pool and pitch tournaments, late night poker games with are whole B-Tour crew, football and play-off game parties, and 31 years working with John as my goto brother for anything and my M.T. (B-TOUR RULES). Thank you Johnny the memories will last us are life time. So until we me again REST EASY BROTHER.
John & Linda Smitty

P.S.

Save me a seat at the Big Card GAME.

John & Linda Smith - September 01, 2023 at 07:33 PM