



John D. Bodnar

July 21, 1939 - January 7, 2023

John David Bodnar was born on July 21, 1939 in Pittsfield, MA to Dave and Louise (Kirkland) Bodnar and grew up in Stockbridge, MA. He passed away on January 7, 2023.

He was a 55-year resident of East Longmeadow, MA and a retired 35-year teacher in the Enfield, CT school system. He attended the University of Kentucky and was a graduate of American International College and achieved advanced degrees in Education from Westfield State University and the University of Connecticut. Over the years, he was passionate about live music concerts, golf, tennis, baseball and basketball which connected him with many true friends.

He leaves to remember him with love and humor his wife of 60 years, Judie (Masiero) Bodnar, his children: Jeff Bodnar, Jill Bodnar, Jonathan Bodnar, Jay Bodnar and his wife Meg Bodnar and his adored grandchildren: Malia Bodnar, Ryan Bodnar and Evan Xie. He also leaves his sister Marilyn Bodnar and her husband John Hench of Albuquerque, NM, brother Russell Bodnar and his wife Tracy Bodnar of Aztec, NM; cousins in Western KY as well as his long-time friends and caring neighbors who enjoyed his company and humor. A private celebration of John's life will be held in Stockbridge, MA Town Cemetery.

Special memories of John may be expressed with a donation to St. Mary's Academy, where each week he looked forward to volunteering, 56 Hopkins Place, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

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

Please visit John's memorial page at www.nefcc.net for expressions of sympathy.

To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of John D. Bodnar.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Dear Judy and family - It is one of the pleasures of my life to have known John. His was truly a kind soul. The many conversations we had about music which concerts he attended and the concerts which were on the horizon are unforgettable. I appreciate the kindness and support John and Judy extended to me following my culinary escapades from the Iron Horse Music Hall to every kitchen I worked in throughout my culinary career. I would be remiss if I did not mention the relationship John enjoyed with my father and fellow AIC alum, Garry Brown, who always spoke fondly of John.

My favorite memory of John and Judy was from the Calvin Theater where there was an Iron Horse Anniversary Celebration where John and Judy had THE best seats in the house, on stage sitting at a table you both enjoyed so many nights at that wonderful jewel located at 20 Center St. My deepest condolences to John’s family and all who loved him. My heart goes out to you.

Paul Brown - February 14, 2023 at 09:51 AM

JS

“ Judy and Family, What a great guy! Sorry for your loss. Good memories of talks about golf and music and a couple of trips to see Dave Alvin.

Jim Sullivan - February 14, 2023 at 09:51 AM

KM

“ John was a really great guy and I looked forward to running into him at concerts or the Iron Horse. When I retired I suggested we form a Rock and Roll Painting Company after he did a couple of ceilings at our house. John was pretty smart not to do that, especially since I’m colorblind. We’d have had a lotta laughs and listened to a lotta good music though. Where you are John, I’m sure you’ve already sussed out the great music. See you down the road my friend.

Kevin Mealey - February 14, 2023 at 09:51 AM

JM

“ Hi, Judie,

This is such heartbreaking news. You know how much I loved John, and seeing him at concerts that spanned almost all of New England! (Even as far north as Bellows Falls.) I always came home from a concert and told Randy, “John Bodnar says hello!” He was such a great friend to the music and to the artists. I’ll miss knowing that he’s somewhere out there, carrying chairs or driving someone to the airport, just so he could be part of the music. You were an enormous part of the music, John, and I’ll truly miss you.

joyce marcel - February 14, 2023 at 09:51 AM

CR

“ Our families have many pleasant memories through our children who remain friends to this day. John is probably wallpapering or painting somewhere in the next phase of his journey. All the best to Judy and family.

Charles B. Redington - February 14, 2023 at 09:51 AM

JF

“ I first met John over 20 years ago when I began working as the soundman at the Iron Horse. Being new and unfamiliar with many of the artists, I quickly learned that if I saw John show up early for soundcheck that it was going to be a great show. He had great taste in music and seemed to know everyone! He was a great guy - always friendly and asking how my family was doing. I’m glad I got to know him and he will be missed.

Jim Frogameni - February 14, 2023 at 09:51 AM

CM

“ Judy and family I was saddened to hear of your John’s passing. My sympathy and prayers are being sent to you during this difficult time in your life, may your strong faith and beautiful memories help sustain you. If there is anything at all that I could do to help you, please reach out. I would love to get together at some point. God bless you and your family.”

Cynthia MacNaught - February 14, 2023 at 09:51 AM

AC

“ My deepest sympathy during this difficult time. I didn’t know John but he seems to have had many dear friends and the fortune to have a loving family that will cherish many memories of him. My condolences.

Amelia Costigan - February 14, 2023 at 09:51 AM

RU

“ In Loving Memory of John D. Bodnar,
The best big brother you could ever ask for. ❤️
A Sympathy Gift of Group of 10 Trees has been Planted In Loving Memory of John D. Bodnar courtesy of Russ.

Russ - February 14, 2023 at 09:51 AM