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John David Gerard Armitage, born in Methuen, Massachusetts, on December 2nd, 1951, died peacefully in his sleep on August 29th, 2020. He was the son of the late Dr. Henry G. Armitage Jr. and Mary Louisa O’Hearn Armitage. John was a graduate of North Andover High School and Merrimack College, and received his Master’s Degree in Hospital Administration from Lesley University. He is survived by his children Elizabeth Brown, John Armitage, and Blythe Armitage, their mother Barbara Armitage, and his siblings Anne, Henry, Jude, Christopher, Mary, Francis, David, Joseph, Patrick, Timothy, and Anthony. John was the grandfather of Poppy, Eddie, June, and Rosie, all of York, Maine, and he had many nieces and nephews.

John was known for his wit, intelligence, and gifted writing. He possessed a unique ability to comfort others in their time of need, and his calm advice was regularly sought after by loved ones, friends, and members of his community. A skilled builder, John often jotted poems and humorous anecdotes about his young children in between sketches of cabinetry in his workbook. In his youth, John was the lead singer of the rock band Bethlehem Steel. His love of music was infectious. From humming Smokey Robinson while he shaved, to playing Sgt. Pepper’s on the family stereo at full volume, to encouraging his children to dance on the furniture—he understood that music makes life more beautiful.

John was most at peace in nature, paddling his canoe or on a blanket in the yard watching meteor showers. His children fondly remember walking in the woods, playing catch, and building lean-tos beneath the pine trees with their dad. John was a dedicated fisherman, and his family was accustomed to his yearly disappearance when the stripers ran close to the shore. His secret fishing spot, somewhere on the rocky coastline of Maine, will forever remain a mystery.

John’s strong values—including kindness, compassion, and justice—will be an ever-present moral compass for those who loved him. John believed the purpose of life was to leave the earth better



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than you found it, and he often said he felt that he had succeeded by leaving the world his three children.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of John to the York Community Service Association at www.ycsame.org or by mail to PO Box 180, York, ME, 03909.



Tribute Wall

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BP

Bill Pula posted:

Growing up on Sutton Hill Rd with the Armitages I have fond memories of fishing, playing hockey, football, baseball and generally hanging out with John and his brothers at the pond below there home. Just the other day Dave Stanton and I were reminiscing about John singing Proud Mary at the Kon Tiki Lounge in Salisbury. John was always a kind gentle soul. Rest In Peace John and condolences to the rest of the Armitage Family. Bill Pula, Pelham, Mass

September 12 at 5:37 AM

TS

Tim Segal And All The Segal's Formerly Of Sutton H sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Armitage family.



September 11 at 11:08 AM

DH

Debbie & John Howe posted:

Dear Barb, Elizabeth, Johnny, Blythe & family, John & I send our prayers & condolences with deepest sympathy. We have many happy memories with your Dad. He built some wonderful shelves for us & finished our basement. We truly enjoy those things with fond memories. His kindness & humor & razing to my John will always been remembered. May he rest in peace....Sincerely, John & Deb Howe

September 10 at 5:45 AM

BB

Bill Bolan posted:

To the Armitage Family:It was with great sadness that I learned of John's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences and I hope that in a small way they help through these trying times.With my undying sympathy,Bill Bolan

September 9 at 11:16 AM

RN

Richard F Nutter posted:

Condolences from Richard F Nutter, Dover, NH. (Grandson of Francis H Armitage, Haverhill, MA)

September 9 at 8:41 AM



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DL

Debbi Mandell Levasseur posted:

My sister Marcia and I remember being together when we were kids at the JCC day camp in Salem, NH. Even though it has been over 50 years we still remember John and his siblings and the fun we had. May John's memory be a blessing to your family. Debbi (Mandell) Levasseur

September 6 at 3:10 PM

MC

Maureen (Glynn) Chadwick posted:

Dear Timothy, My sincere condolences to you and family in the loss of John. We attended Merrimack College together in the 70's. John was always so humble, caring, and kind! With loving sympathy & prayers, Maureen (Glynn) Chadwick

September 6 at 12:15 PM

TM

Tanka Mccarty posted:

Sorry for your loss. A good friend. Funny and kind. Have lots of pleasant memories from Merrimack.

September 6 at 6:39 AM

MM

Michael Morkeski posted:

Very sad to hear about your brother John passing. Who was a very good person. Always was a friend. Michael and Mary Morkeski

September 5 at 8:24 AM



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Blythe Armitage shared an album called **Memories Album**.



September 3 at 11:18 AM



Thomas Armitage September 10 at 2:28 PM

So many fond memories of us as kids and the many good times at your home in North Andover and up at Grampa and Gradma A.s in Haverhill. All my love to everyone there. Sure wish we could be there. All our love from the Utah Armitages.



Trish Dandrow September 10 at 8:04 AM

With my heartfelt sympathy for the Armitage Family ❤️ I was so sad to hear about John's passing. My heart goes out to you as a family. The loss of a loved one is heartbreaking enough without being able to gather surrounded by the love and support of good friends. You remain in my heart and prayers during this very difficult time. I have wonderful memories of your family during my college years with Mary at Regis. Love, Trish Dandrow



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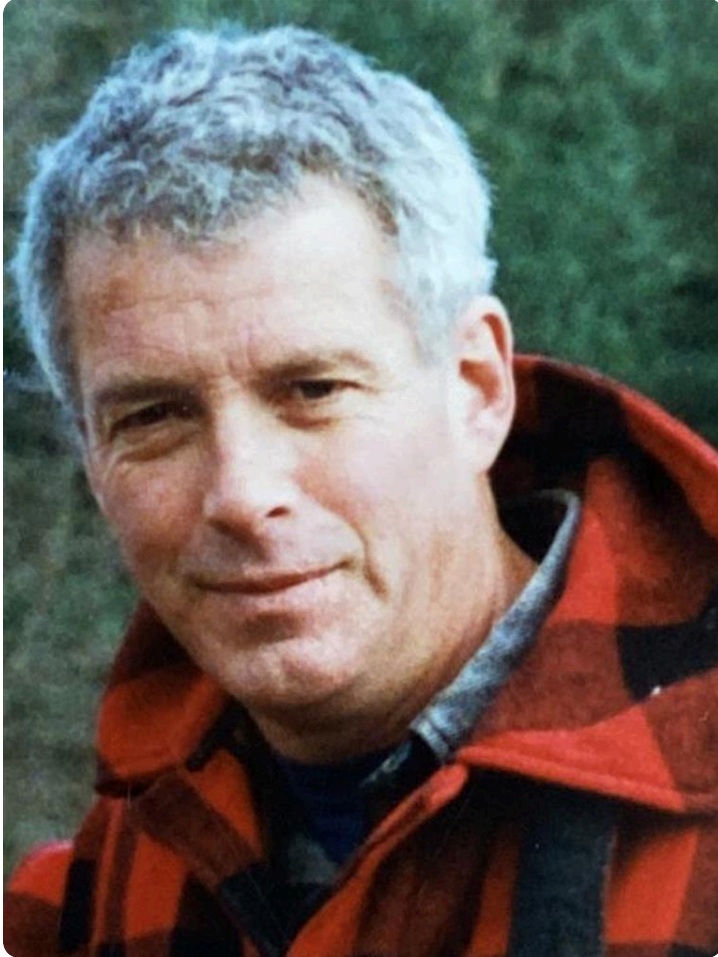
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September 3 at 11:18 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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