



John G. Farber

June 23, 1959 - October 24, 2016

John Farber, age 57, of Townsend, DE passed away on Monday, October 24, 2016.

John is at peace, reunited with his loving wife Veronica who passed away earlier this year.

Born in Wilmington, DE, son of the late Joseph and Violet Farber.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Veronica S. Farber.

John is survived by his stepdaughter Andrea McCauley (fiancé, Patrick McCutcheon); brother, Joseph; sisters, Rose Ann Truselo, Helen, Barbara Peck (Addison) and Patty; aunt, Anna Marie Macatician.

Sisters-in-law, Rebecca Watson, Ellen Jourdan-Jones (Miles), brothers-in-law, David Welch (Helen), Bernard Welch (Trudy), Sidney Welch (Theresa); as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins.

John graduated St. Elizabeth High School where he played football as lineman, sporting the Vikings jersey #79. In school, his artistic talent was admired and appreciated as several of his works were displayed throughout the school. He also began painting custom t-shirts and received many requests for personalized items of all kinds.

John's life with Veronica began as a chance meeting over 28 years ago.

Neither had been getting out at the time, and, on a whim, John went to see a band and Veronica's friends talked her into going to the same place. He walked in and Veronica, as he put it, "caught my eye." He felt it was fate and they had been together ever since.

He worked as a crew foreman for Brandywine Construction Company, Inc. for over 28 years.

John was a dedicated employee and an extremely hard worker. His philosophy was that he was not just working for his own paycheck. He felt he shouldered some of the responsibility for assuring paychecks for other employees in the BCCI family (from backhoe operators to office workers) as well. His crew was the recipient of the 2013 Governor's Safety Award as Co-Sponsored by the Delaware Department of Labor and the Delaware Contractor's Association (The Delaware Contractors Association winner of its Construction Excellence award in the category of Infrastructure Under \$4 Million – Brandywine Construction Co., Inc. – City of Wilmington 42" & 48" Water Main Upgrades).

John was a talented musician, artist and craftsman. He enjoyed crabbing, fishing, vegetable gardening, artwork, music, and a good comedy skit.

John's love of the outdoors started back when he was a cub scout. John loved crabbing (Dad always took the kids crabbing). As with anything he set his mind to, John jumped in with both feet! He made his own crabbing and dip nets. As for fishing, John tied his own "special" lures and would never reveal his secret spots where the big bass hid. He was very fond of his boat "Little Nibble". He and Roni would often spend nights at their camping spot and John was known to call to the barred owls and they would answer back.

His talent as an impressionist frequently entertained his family and friends. He had the ability to imitate just about anything and anyone he heard; Hans and

Franz was his favorite (at one time was his answering machine message which prompted many phone calls), Homer Simpson, Bill Clinton and many others.

As John put his heart and soul into all projects, he was a great gardener, introduced to gardening in childhood. He would start in early spring when frost was still on the ground and devised ways to keep the seedlings warm with homemade green houses, black plastic and water bottles. He intentionally grew more vegetables than he and Roni needed. Come harvest time, John would arrive with his truck full of bags of veggies to share with family and friends, and donated the rest to the Food Bank.

Like his father (one of the original re-purposers), John viewed objects he came across during his travels with an artistic eye. He would use his imagination and, with his special touch, transform stone, wood, trees, etc., into unique and usable items. His ingenuity allowed him to accomplish major home projects (like building a 2-tier deck) all by himself.

His musical career started as bassist for the band Visions and then Ruff n Ready.

Most recently, John was the original bass player for the band, CHAiNBREaK and combined his extraordinary talents by composing lyrics and making his own guitars.

During the past several months, John spoke often of how much he deeply appreciated those that took the time to attend Veronica's memorial service and those that expressed their condolences to him in other ways. As part of grace before dinner recently, he thanked God for family and friends that cared about him.

John will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all whose lives he has touched.

We can take comfort in knowing he is with his precious wife Veronica and at peace.

Family and friends are invited to visit at Strano & Feeley , 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE on Saturday, November 5 from 2 – 3pm, with a memorial service immediately following at 3pm.

Donations in memory of John and Veronica may be made to the Food Bank of Delaware

Newark Branch, 14 Garfield Way, Newark, DE 19713

Milford Branch, 1040 Mattlind Way, Milford, DE 19963

Email foodbank@fbd.org.

To sign guest book, send condolences you may visit
www.strano-feeley.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
info@stranofeeley.com

Service

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ *In Loving Memory of Husband and Wife*

It's been 5 years since we lost our dear sister-in-law, Roni (March 2016), and our talented brother, John (October 2016) - 7 months apart.

Not a day has passed that we don't think of you both, reminded by flower and vegetable gardens, hummingbirds, hearing songs you played, and your cherished artistic creations.

You have touched so many lives with your kindness and generosity. You are deeply missed.

Rest together in Peace and Love John & Roni

Our Love Always,

Joe, Rose Ann, Helen, Barbara, Patty



Barbara Peck - October 24, 2021 at 12:53 PM

BP

“ *11 files added to the album New Album Name*



Barbara Peck - October 24, 2017 at 07:18 PM

RB

“ So sorry to hear this just now. John and I were friends in my Collins Park days. RIP my friend.

Ray Bowen - November 10, 2016 at 03:42 PM

DP

“ To all of the Farber family,
Please know that our hearts go out to all of you at this difficult time.
To lose such a special guy and loving member of your family is a
terrible misfortune. Please accept our sincere condolences and
prayers.

Tony and Deanna Pillarelli

Deanna Pillarelli - November 05, 2016 at 08:48 AM

JA

“ I am so devastated by this news! He loved my dear cousin
Veronica!

*we stayed in touch after her death! I will never forget how sweet he
was to Veronica and our mother who was Veronicas mothers sister,
Louise*

*John was a kind and loving soul and I am grieved by the news of
this tragedy. I pray for his sisters and brother to gain some peace
someday!*

Cousin, JanetPhipps, Bluefield, WV

janet - November 02, 2016 at 08:10 PM

SP

“ *Dear Farber Family,*

It's terrible to hear about your loss of John and I express my sincere sympathy.

May my condolences bring you comfort and may my prayers ease the pain.

Susan Panasik

Susan Panasik - November 01, 2016 at 02:40 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to all of John's family. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time.*

Joe and Roseann Opalach



Roseann Opalach - October 31, 2016 at 10:22 PM

JO

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



John - October 31, 2016 at 01:35 PM