



## John Joseph Whealen Jr.

June 18, 1965 - December 15, 2021

John J. Whealen Jr., age 56, of Newark, Delaware, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2021. He was a devoted son and cherished brother.

John was born in Scranton, PA. Throughout his childhood, John moved with his family to Vienna, Virginia and Saint Louis, Missouri and eventually settled in the Main Line area of Pennsylvania where he visited his grandparents, Charles and Mary Hires, every summer.

John was an accomplished cyber security analyst with a great knowledge of IT systems. He was a loyal and hardworking employee who made friends wherever he went. His keen sense of humor and gentle presence were two of his greatest qualities.

John had a great love of cycling. His favorite place to be was out on his bike riding the Schuylkill river trail. He also was an enormous soccer fan and shared this love with his mother and sisters.

John is survived by his mother, Susan Hires Whealen; sisters: Mary Ann Mello, Kathryn Karney, Sarah Whealen, Elizabeth Whealen, and Emilie Whealen; brothers-in-law: Kevin Karney and Peter Mello; and his beloved niece, Aimee Mello.

Due to Covid circumstances, there will be a private service and burial. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor John's memory may consider making a donation to Back on my Feet <https://backonmyfeet.org>, an organization that combats

homelessness through the power of fitness, community support and essential employment and housing resources. To send an online condolence please visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com)

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Family Funeral Home

302-731-5459

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall

RI

“ They did it, Dude! After all those moments they came up short when we watched together.

*USA Hockey Gold Medal 2026!*

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**Rick** - February 22 at 04:21 PM

RI

“ Think about you all the time. 4 years...doesn't seem possible.

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**Rick** - December 15, 2025 at 11:26 AM

RI

“ Happy Birthday, Dude!

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**Rick** - June 18, 2024 at 09:23 AM

RI

“ Cameron is taking good care of your bike...you're with us when we ride!



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**Rick** - September 20, 2023 at 01:27 PM

RI

“ Thinking about you, dude. Today and often.

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**Rick** - December 15, 2022 at 02:42 PM

KK

“ *Frosted window dimming lights  
Faintly falling snow  
Is it Christmas? it can't be without you.*

*You had to leave, this I know  
That was several weeks ago  
Is it Christmas? it can't be without you.*

*The mind hopes and then falls low  
Six hearts bearing time so slow.  
Is it Christmas? it can't be without you.*

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**Kathryn Karney** - December 13, 2022 at 09:52 PM

DA

“ *Being new to the team, I had difficulties understanding some issues at our job, but Whelan always stayed after to help me - even if it meant going past his shift. Thanks for everything John! I will miss you a lot.*

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**David** - December 24, 2021 at 12:48 PM

KK

*Thank you so much for your kind words.*

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**kathryn Karney** - July 10, 2022 at 11:39 PM

KK

“ *I keep seeing John as a boy with his puppy. I hope he's there to greet you John. All love to you.*



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**Kathryn Whealen Karney** - December 23, 2021 at 05:40 AM

MW

*John was my cousin . I knew him by his nickname " Bunky" . I think his dad, my uncle John ( Jack ) called him that because he was born on Bunker Hill Day . Rest in peace good man ! May Gods blessings be upon you and condolences to his family, friends and all the Wheel end wherever they may be !*

Mark Whealen - June 07, 2022 at 10:57 AM

KK

*Mark, Thank you so much. You are so dear and we appreciate i Your thoughts so much.*

Kathryn Karney - July 10, 2022 at 11:42 PM

TK

“ *Rest in Peace John. My condolences to the family.*

Timur Kurbanov - December 22, 2021 at 03:42 PM

MM

*Thank you Timur.*

Mary Ann Mello - December 22, 2021 at 08:49 PM

KK

*Thank you so much Timur.*

Kathryn Whealen Karney - December 23, 2021 at 05:31 AM

AA

*Rest in Peace John. My condolences to the family.*

Ahmed Amer - December 23, 2021 at 04:54 PM

CL

“ *Sending my love and condolences to the family.*

*Christine Leinweber*

Christine Leinweber - December 22, 2021 at 02:39 PM

MM

*Thank you Christine.*

**Mary Ann Mello** - December 22, 2021 at 08:49 PM

KK

*We appreciate your thoughts - thank you!*

**Kathryn Whealen Karney** - December 23, 2021 at 05:32 AM

RO

“ *John was a great analyst - friendly and a mentor to his peers. His experience and expertise helped the team - John, you will be missed.*

**Ron** - December 21, 2021 at 01:34 PM

MM

*Thank you Ron.*

**Mary Ann Mello** - December 21, 2021 at 05:13 PM

KK

*Ron, thank you so much.*

**Kathryn Whealen Karney** - December 23, 2021 at 05:33 AM

KM

“ *May you Rest in Peace John.  
My sincerest condolences for the family.  
Wishing his mother and sisters peace,  
comfort and courage at this time.*



**Kim Murillo** - December 20, 2021 at 09:41 AM

MM

*Thank you so much Kim.*

**Mary Ann Mello** - December 20, 2021 at 10:27 PM

KK

*Thank you Kim.*

Kathryn Whealen Karney - December 23, 2021 at 05:34 AM

RM

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Rick Malthaner - December 19, 2021 at 02:42 PM

RM

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Rick Malthaner - December 19, 2021 at 02:41 PM

KK

*Thank you for these great pics. John was great with kids. Thank you for being a part of his life.*

Kathryn Whealen Karney - December 23, 2021 at 05:35 AM

RM

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Rick Malthaner - December 19, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ I find it hard to put this immense loss into words . John was more than a friend; he was family. The past few days have been filled with shock and sorrow. I send my deepest condolences to his family. He spoke often of his Mom and sisters.

*Thinking back on the last time I spent with John brings a smile. I was in town for work and had a couple of free days, so I brought my bike with me. John and I had been trying to get together for a ride for some time. We met at Valley Forge Park and rode the Schuylkill River Trail down to Conshohocken and back. Of course, we made a pit stop at Conshohocken Brewing for a bite and a beer. Later that day, John joined us for Sushi. The day seemed unremarkable other than it being a great time, as always, to spend time with John. I now see that day in a different light.*

*The quiet guy until you got to know him, John was a blast. Super witty, and in our circle of friends, always one to have a Big Lebowski or Simpsons quote on tap. I got to know John at MEI, where he came up from QA to join our IT team around Thanksgiving of 1998. We became fast friends and spent a lot of time together both inside and outside of work. I have never heard anyone say a bad thing about him, and rightly so.*

*When Tracie and I started our family, I wondered if John, the quiet single guy would want to hang out with kids. It turned out that John was just as comfortable and happy being Uncle John. I said it before: he was family.*

*John got me into biking, even if most of that was remotely and through text messages after we moved south. His biggest passion has become one of mine. He knew a lot about everything when it came to biking, and helped me learn most of what I know. I'll be thinking about him often when I ride.*

*John's trademark line was "Sorry dude, sorry", when he never had anything to apologize about.*

*In closing: Sorry dude, sorry. I'm sorry you're gone. Life won't be the same without you.*

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**Rick Malthaner** - December 19, 2021 at 02:39 PM

KK

*Thank you so much for this sweet note. It means so much to us. - Kathryn Whealen Karney*

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**Kathryn Whealen Karney** - December 23, 2021 at 05:29 AM

KK

*I can't tell you what it means to read these posts. It's just like John and so sweet. Thank you.*

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**Kathryn Whealen Karney** - December 23, 2021 at 05:37 AM

MM

“ *Mary Ann Mello lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Whealen Jr.*



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**Mary Ann Mello** - December 19, 2021 at 01:00 PM