



John R. Van der Linde

June 23, 1943 - April 16, 2023

John R. Van der Linde, 79, previously of Deering, NH, died peacefully in Oviedo, FL on April 16 2023, with his loving family at his side. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend to many, and was known for his humanitarian traits and his homemade pasta sauce.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, to Dr. John & Mrs. Elizabeth (Dries) Van der Linde, he grew up in Jamestown, ND, and graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. Following graduation, he worked at General Electric in Salem, VA, and Warren, OH, and at GTE Sylvania in Hillsboro, NH. John served for thirteen years in the Army National Guard, serving the states of North Dakota, Virginia, and Ohio, and retiring as a Captain. He enjoyed several other career callings, including additional positions as an engineer, real estate professional, and computer salesman. He was highly respected by his colleagues for his professionalism and knowledge in all of his trades.

In his free time, he enjoyed reading, walking and spending time with the many dogs he has had throughout his life. John was a member of the Hillsboro, NH, Lions Club for many years, and was a Brother of the Masonic Harmony Lodge #38 of Hillsboro, NH, where he held many different offices including Master of the Lodge. He also served on the Hillsboro-Deering School Board and the Deering Planning Board. John's passing is a great loss to his family and

community, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Gwen (McWilliams) Van der Linde of Oviedo, FL; his children Robert J. Van der Linde of Aurora, IL and Cynthia (Van der Linde) Gidley & her husband Craig, his granddaughter, Mackenzie Gidley of Oviedo, FL; his brother Robert H. Van der Linde and his wife Ann of Jackson, TN; his sister-in-law Joyce (Essler) McWilliams of Bemidji, MN; niece Marni (Van der Linde) Bales of Dallas, TX; and nephew Ian McWilliams of North Branch, MN.

He was predeceased by his parents, and his daughter-in-law Rachel (Kukulka) Van der Linde.

A Masonic service and celebration of life will be held in his honor on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 905 Laurel Avenue, Sanford, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Deering Fire & Rescue, Deering, NH, (www.deering.nh.us/fire-and-ems-department) or to Addicus' Legacy Dog Rescue (www.addicuslegacy.org), in his memory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **23**. 1:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Sanford Chapel

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Tribute Wall

GV

“ *Gwen VanderLinde lit a candle in memory of John R. Van der Linde*



gwen VanderLinde - April 25, 2023 at 02:41 PM

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“ *Gwen Van Der Linde lit a candle in memory of John R. Van der Linde*



gwen van der linde - April 25, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Cindy Gidley lit a candle in memory of John R. Van der Linde*



Cindy Gidley - April 22, 2023 at 11:22 PM

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“ My condolences to John's family and friends. All kinds of memories come to mind starting with his and Gwen's wedding and reception in Winnipeg to Rob and Rachel's wedding in what I still think of as Hillsboro. Many other family events are part of my memories as are lively discussions with John about current events, history and what we wanted our world to look like. Not all of them in agreement necessarily but that's what made them worthwhile. I am most grateful to John for his stellar advice on the best of science fiction to read which saved me having to slog through the junk looking for it. Rest in peace, John

Joyce McWilliams - April 21, 2023 at 09:20 PM

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“ Linda Gary Steger lit a candle in memory of John Van der Linde



Linda & Gary Steger - April 21, 2023 at 01:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Van der Linde.



April 20, 2023 at 04:11 PM