



John P. D'Angelillo

March 13, 1939 - July 4, 2024

West Townsend - John P. D'Angelillo or Grampy, {his most favorite name of all) of West Townsend. The true patriot fashion, he passed away at the age of 85 on Thursday, July 4, 2024 at the UMass Medical Center in Worcester.

John was born in Westfield, MA on March 13, 1939, the son of the late John and Bernice (Coleman) D'Angelillo.

He attended the former Ashby High School, where he was passionate about all sports. To the relief of his teachers (and John, himself), he graduated in 1956. Enlisting in the United States Navy upon graduation, John served his country honorably until his discharge in 1961.

Following his service, John began his career at Sanders Associates in Nashua, NH. While working at Sanders, John continued his education at night and went on to receive his electrical engineering degree from Fitchburg State College. John loved his work and his career at Sanders which spanned nearly 40 years.

John was very active in his community and with the Townsend Congregational Church. He was a member of the Townsend Historical Society, Townsend Finance Committee, Wolf Rockers Square Dance Club, and Valhalla Shore Association (Sand Pond, Maine). He also delivered Wheels-on-Meals. John

was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone that needed it. Except for spam callers, he hated them and swore at them often!

He had many hobbies including wood carving, skiing, golfing, and woodworking. An avid New England sports fan, he cheered and jeered the Celtics, Red Sox, Patriots, and Bruins. John fixed, broke, then fixed again many things at his West Townsend home and Maine camp. We think it was so he was able to make additional trips to see his friends at Apple Meadow Hardware Store.

He leaves his loving and patient wife of 65 years, Elaine C. (Koski) D'Angelillo of West Townsend; a son Craig D'Angelillo of Ashby; two daughters, Dawn M. D'Angelillo and her husband Arthur D. Hendrickson of New Haven, VT and Heidi L. Delaney and her husband John of West Townsend; four grandchildren, Winter D'Angelillo and her husband, Tim Thornton, Bailey Delaney, and her husband, Troy Langlois, Kelty Delaney, and Declan Delaney, as well as nephews and nieces. Life is already too quiet without him in it.

He was predeceased by his two sisters whom he loved very much, Virginia Dower and Thurley Burnette.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, July 14, from 2 to 5 PM in the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home 250 Main St., Townsend. His funeral service will be held on Monday, July 15 at 11 AM in the Townsend Congregational Church , 3 Brookline St., Townsend. Burial will follow in the West Cemetery in Ashby.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Ecumenical Outreach Program at the Townsend Congregational Church or to NEADS.org, N.E.A.D.S. Inc., PO Box 1100, Princeton, MA 01541

Cemetery Details

West Cemetery

824 West Road
Ashby, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 14. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Townsend Congregational Church
7 Brookline Street
Townsend, MA 01469

Tribute Wall

OH

“ To Elaine and family, A truly honorable and loving man has left our lives. I first met John about 60 years ago when I worked at Sanders Associates for short while. Diane and I have had the privilege to have John and Elaine for friends these many years. Elaine, you know that we would be with you now if things were different. Always know that we are with you in spirit. Love and support to you and the family. Diane and Bill

Orrin Holman - July 13, 2024 at 04:41 PM

TF

“ The Thornton Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John P. D'Angelillo.



The Thornton Family - July 12, 2024 at 10:32 PM

TA

“ Townsend Fire-EMS Relief Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. D'Angelillo.

Townsend Fire-EMS Relief Association - July 12, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John P. D'Angelillo.



July 12, 2024 at 04:21 PM

TS

“ The Shepherds planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. D'Angelillo.

The Shepherds - July 12, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John P. D'Angelillo.



July 12, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John P. D'Angelillo.



July 10, 2024 at 01:01 PM

TF

“ The Parkbench Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. D'Angelillo.

The Parkbench Family - July 10, 2024 at 01:01 PM

GM

“ My husband, Joe, and I have been so fortunate to have John and Elaine as our next door neighbors on Sand Pond in Norway, Maine. We will miss seeing his smiling face on their deck as we kayak past and also miss our frequent conversations with him. He made so many contributions over the years to the Valhalla Shores Association, including as an officer. Our deepest condolences go out to Elaine and his family.
Gloria and Joe Melnick

Gloria and Joe Melnick - July 10, 2024 at 10:25 AM

GH

“ RIP John, and condolences to you, Elaine, and your family. The West Road younger generation has been dwindling rapidly since you, Cynthia, Arthur, and Mike are no longer with us. Not many of us left now.

Guy Edward Helander, Pendleton, SC

Guy Edward Helander - July 10, 2024 at 10:13 AM

BJ

“ I enjoyed square dancing with John and Elaine.

Bud Johnson - July 09, 2024 at 03:23 PM

LD

“ Love Dan, Doreen, Dona and Deanna purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John P. D'Angelillo.



Love Dan, Doreen, Dona and Deanna - July 08, 2024 at 11:14 PM

LD

“ Love Dan, Doreen, Dona and Deanna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. D'Angelillo.

Love Dan, Doreen, Dona and Deanna - July 08, 2024 at 11:14 PM

CG

“ Where do I start? My heart aches—like the rest of the family, I thought he would live forever, but I did notice him slowing down this past year. John (and Elaine) came into our lives from the first weekend we moved here, one of my support families during my first husband Greg's illness and then again, when my beloved Andy became ill. We had many laughs, many disagreements (remember the Fall Fair John when you were sure it wasn't going to rain 😞), many losses and many good times. I believe it was you that invited me into the Wolf Rocker square dancing group and made sure I always had a partner. You put on an air of being disagreeable, but inside we knew there was a teddy bear (most times 😊). You always had a broad smile when speaking about your grandchildren—you were so proud of all of them! I love your voice message on the telephone—hope it stays that way as I will always smile listening to it. Rest in peace John, thanking you for your love and friendship these past 44 years. ❤️

Carole Gustafson - July 08, 2024 at 03:10 PM

YF

“ From: Your Greensea IQ Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. D'Angelillo.

Your Greensea IQ Family - July 08, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John P. D'Angelillo.* ”



July 08, 2024 at 02:13 PM