



## John H. Godek

April 10, 1951 - June 22, 2022

FITCHBURG: John H. Godek, 71, of Fitchburg, died Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at the University of Massachusetts- Memorial Hospital, Worcester as a result of injuries from a fall on June 18, 2022.

A lifelong Fitchburg resident, John was born on April 10, 1951 to Henry J. and Margaret H. (Wells) Godek. He was a member of Fitchburg High School's class of 1969.

For the past 25 years, John owned and operated 1st Ad Specialties and served as a constable in the community. He also played piano in several bands including The Coachmen, The Survivors, The Review, and The Tories.

An avid golfer, John was a member of Oak Hill Country Club in Fitchburg. He spent the rest of his time flying planes, riding his motorcycle, and practicing photography.

One of his greatest accomplishments was helping organize the Worcester County First Responders' Golf Tournament.

John leaves his wife of 34 years, Norma L. (Gionet) Godek; his sister, Claudia (Godek) Holbert of Hampstead, NC and her children Haley, Tori, & Russell, and several nieces and nephews; his close friends Mike Mohammed, Dave Celuzza, Mike Montuori, and Dr. Rob Babineau.

He was predeceased by his brother, Dennis A. Godek in December of last year.

His favorite quote: "Let me know what I can do for you."

Calling hours will be held 2-5 PM Sunday, July 17, 2022, at the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, July 18, 2022 at St. Bernard's Parish celebrating at St. Camillus de Lellis Church, 333 Mechanic Street, Fitchburg.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Worcester County First Responders Fund, C/O the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, 649 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, MA. 01420 or at [www.cfcnrm.org](http://www.cfcnrm.org)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home  
316 Clarendon Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420  
brian@andersonfuneral.com

## Funeral Mass

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Bernard's Parish at St. Camillus de Lellis Church  
333 Mechanic St.  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

# Tribute Wall

EG

“ Oh the memories - the Sitzmart, Raffles, Pal Joeys, Singapore, Scampys, wet willies, 4th of July parties, TAG and TAG reunions - I could go on but anyone who knew him will remember these and many more.

John was a good friend. He will be missed. Thank you for the memories. There is one hell of a jam session in heaven now.

Our sincere condolences to the Godek family. You are in our prayers.

Speak his name often and remember the memories and he will never be forgotten.

*Ed & Diane Gauthier*

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**Ed & Diane Gauthier** - July 05, 2022 at 06:56 AM

RA

“ Jeanne and I extend our sincere sympathy to Norma and Family. John was truly a renaissance man who always willing to make a difference in peoples' lives. While I was FSU President he was one of our strongest advocates and so helpful in a number of ways. He will be missed.

*Bob and Jeanne Antonucci*

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**Robert Antonucci** - July 02, 2022 at 04:40 PM

NJ

“ John, we'll always remember spending holidays with you and Norma. There were so many...4th of July, Thanksgiving and oh the Xmas parties! Remember when the kids were older and you would play the Twelve Days of Christmas and you used to get frustrated because you had to stop so many times because we screwed up our lines? The ones that were most endearing were when the kids were little. You put up this website that showed a depiction of Santa riding on his sleigh to Massachusetts. You had all the kids sitting on the floor around your desk. Let's see there was Haley, Tori, Russell, Danny, Jackie, Joey, and Christina. They all sat there not moving a muscle except for their eyes watching that sleigh. As soon as it showed Santa landing in Massachusetts, there would be a knock on the door. The kids would be running and screaming, "Santa,Santa!" Norma would slowly open the door and there would be Pif in that splendid Santa suit with a sackful of gifts! The kids would be screaming with delight, waiting for their turn on his lap. So much laughter! So much fun! Because of all those parties, your nieces and nephew became our nieces and nephew and our kids are like cousins. Thank you for that John. May you rest in peace. Love, John and Nancy

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**Nancy & John** - June 29, 2022 at 04:24 PM

BF

“ You are missed John. I truly enjoyed our time together. Great dinners, lively discussions and just sharing time with good friends. You and Norma are treasured friends as you will always be. Rest and rejoice my friend and I will see you when I get upstairs. Love you  
Brian F

Brian F - June 28, 2022 at 09:14 PM

ES

“ John was an organist and singer in our 8 piece show band The Coachmen in the early 70's. He was a fun bandmate, friend, and talented musician. R.I.P. John



Edward Shorey - June 28, 2022 at 02:05 PM

HA

“ Uncle John. I miss you a whole lot. You know we will forever kiss the ring to the REAL Godfather. Go enjoy all the puppies at the puppy park. Love you.



Haley - June 28, 2022 at 01:16 PM

JM

“ John was a great musician and helped to arrange some of the music that The Coachmen performed! I remember we were rehearsing Superstar (The Carpenters) and he arranged this trumpet part for me which was fabulous! RIP, John. You will be missed...

Jerry Mirliani - June 28, 2022 at 09:52 AM

EH

“ I am so sorry for your loss Norma. John was always a lot of fun to be around, a terrific Musician and golfer. He will be missed.  
Ed Howard

Ed Howard - June 28, 2022 at 08:28 AM

BR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Brian - June 27, 2022 at 05:20 PM

DL

*Just learned of John's sudden passing. An occasional phone call between us reminded us of the generous and fun times we, Norma, your family and friends would have year round. So sorry, Norma, for this late posting. Out of sight, out of mind! See you in Florida! We all lost a great guy! Joan and Don Lightfoot*

Donald Lightfoot - October 17, 2025 at 12:45 PM

HE

“ I'm so sorry Norma. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



HeidiFortin - June 24, 2022 at 09:25 PM

CS

“ John's family, friends and the city of Fitchburg suffered a great loss.



Christine Silver - June 23, 2022 at 06:57 PM