



John "David" Harter

February 20, 1944 - November 7, 2022

John David Harter of Bonita Springs, Florida, formerly of Woodbury CT passed away peacefully on November 7, 2022 surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was the loving husband of Diana Talarico Harter for 41 years.

Dave was born February 20, 1944 in Auburn NY to Marie and Donald Harter and moved to Connecticut. Dave attained the honor of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 40. After graduating from Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury in 1963 he attended Post College. He went on to serve in the United States Air Force and was a proud Vietnam Veteran. After the service Dave was a helicopter mechanic for Kaman Aircraft Corp in Windsor Locks. He was the founder and owner of Valley Lift Services for over 30 years before retiring to Florida.

Dave was the Commissioner of the Wolcott Baseball League and enjoyed coaching his sons for many years. He was an Eagle Scout and Scoutmaster of Troop 40. Dave was a member of Watertown Golf Club and Spanish Wells Golf and Country Club in Bonita Springs. He made many lifelong friends through baseball, golf and working on golf carts in his Florida community.

He is survived by his wife, Diana T. Harter; six children, Stephen Harter (May), David Harter (Elaine), Gary Harter (Samantha) and Krista Harter, Michele McKenize (Matha) and Lauren Godbout (Jean-Guy). He also leaves his

thirteen grandchildren, Carissa, Andrew, Shawn, Brian, Joshua, Elizabeth, Emma, Derek, Cayla, Juliana, Steven, Riley and Caleb; and his great grandson, Matthew. He also leaves his sisters, Maureen Giordano and Anne (Philip) Gillotti; sister-in-law, Terri (Matt) Downey; and brother in law, Thomas (Joanne) Talarico. Along with his parents he was predeceased by his sister, Patricia Harter; and his foster mother, Hazel Newert. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews and his dog Chelsea.

A celebration of life is being planned and will be announced.

The family would like to thank Hope Hospice for their care and compassion as well as his friends in the Spanish Wells Community.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ *John "David" Harter*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dave and Diana Just arrived in Florida and my brother Jim Scully gave me the sad news Diana my deepest condolences Dave was an old friend and in Wolcott ct we coached Little League baseball together my wife did all his travel down here in Florida hefixed my golf cart all the time always had a lot of laughs again my condolences to you and family I'm sure he still golfing and fixing golf carts and smiling* ☐ 🏏 🗄️ ♂

skip scully - November 15, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Diana, We're so sorry to hear about Dave. He was such an inspiration for me in my youthful days, pushing me to get my Eagle Scout at Troop 40 just as he had done. And, he was a big reason why I joined the Air Force. He was such a good man and role model. I was so glad to see you and Dave a few years ago and share some great stories and laughter. RIP, Dave, and stay away from the ponds on the golf courses!*

Bill Farren - November 15, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. Dave was a great guy, always smiling. Peter & Evelyn Carusillo*

Evelyn - November 13, 2022 at 12:33 PM

GK

“ We had such great times and laughs together. Dave u were always smiling and had a great laugh. Always so kind and loving and would always open your heart to friends. One funny memory was when we were in Florida and you guys were at Docs and drank thru the waitress three shifts. We still laugh at that . And so proud of it. We will miss you forever dear friend. Prayers and love to Diana and your family. Forever in our hearts Love Gregg and Michele

Gregg Knapp - November 13, 2022 at 12:06 PM

JK

“ Diana so sorry to read of Dave's passing. Jack and I are sending our thoughts and hugs to you and your family

Joan Korowotny - November 13, 2022 at 09:24 AM

CH

“ RIP Dave to an old friend from Robinwood section of Waterbury
Chris Hill

Chris Hill - November 13, 2022 at 04:53 AM

CM

“ Diana, we're so sorry, Dave was such a great guy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Charlie and Barb

Charlie Mordenti - November 12, 2022 at 09:38 AM

JC

Diana and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. John Cianciolo

john cianciolo - November 13, 2022 at 03:08 PM