



John F. Mesley

June 12, 1942 - March 2, 2014

Wynantskill-John F. Mesley, 71, passed away peacefully Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Albany Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family and friends.

He was the son of the late John and Helen Zabiniski Mesley and was predeceased by his sister Joan Lange. Born on June 12, 1942 in Troy, he attended Catholic Central High School before enlisting in the Marine Corp. He is survived by his sweetheart, best friend and wife of 49 years Mary Denise Foss Mesley. He was the loving father of Michelle (Ronald) Netoskie and Christian (Ellen) Mesley and his cherished grandchildren William (Jennifer Powers) Archino, Ashley (Cody Glenn) Archino, Alessandra Archino, Deanna, Nicholas, Maura and Andrew Mesley. He is also survived by his sister Mary (Stanley) Smulsky and several nieces and nephews.

John was employed for 32 years by GE in Schenectady in the LMG Division. He was a member of the Wynantskill American Legion 1489 and a communicant of St. Michael's Church. He was an active life time member of the Bailey Mountain Fish and Game Club. John was an avid woodsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and canoeing. He especially loved his legendary guy trips with his son, grandsons and friends over the years. He found great joy when rendezvousing at his Camp "The Adirondack Rose" with his many fellow woodsmen each hunting season. John was a NYS Adirondack licensed guide and a true conservationist. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge of the outdoors

and wilderness survival. Above all he enjoyed his 49 year journey with his beloved Dee Dee.

John will be missed by those he loved; he was a true friend, always had a story to tell and loved to have a good time around the camp fire.

Funeral services Friday, March 7, 2014 at 10:45 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to St. Michael the Archangel Church, Troy at 11:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Thursday, March 6, 2014 in the funeral home from 4 to 7pm.

Interment will follow the Mass at 1:30 pm at the Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember John in a special way send a contribution to Wounded Warrior's Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas, 66675. To leave a message for the family, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Service

MAR 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Michael the Archangel Church
175 Williams Road
Troy, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John F. Mesley*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *John F. Mesley*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - November 30, 2015 at 10:38 PM

CD

“ Very sorry to see that Mr. Mesley has passed. It's been nearly 15 years since I last saw him, but he had a terrific impact on me and I'm surprised at how frequently I still think of him and the Bailey Mountain Wilderness Survival course that my father and I took all those years ago. By the way, watching the tribute video, I was shocked to see my 12th grade self holding the Bailey Mtn sign and my dad standing behind me (9:15)! I sincerely wish I could have spoke to him again more recently. From one infantryman to another, rest easy, John.

Christian Drennen

Christian Drennen - July 22, 2014 at 11:46 PM

JH

“ Dee Dee, I so sorry for your loss. I was shocked to read of his death. If there is anything I can do call me. May God be with you and your family. From your cousin Joan Higgins and family.

Joan Higgins - March 07, 2014 at 09:28 AM

DF

“ Chris, Mrs. Mesley and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time. You now have a guardian angel to watch over you. Always remember the good times and it will get you through..

Donna & Chuck Whalen and Family - March 06, 2014 at 07:36 PM

WU

“ To relatives of John Mesley: So sorry for our loss! Wayne Ubrich

wayne ubrich - March 06, 2014 at 06:29 PM

DF

“ *My sincere condolences to family and friends. He will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dave Aloisi and family - March 06, 2014 at 06:43 AM

CC

“ *Dee Dee, Michelle and Chris I am sadden with the loss of Jack...you are in my prayers and in my heart....If you need anything I am here for you all...love you guys Cathy Casey*

Cathy Casey - March 05, 2014 at 08:11 PM

ML

“ *I'm saddened to hear that John has gone. I knew him from Bailey Mountain Fish & Game. He was an avid outdoorsman and an strong voice for doing the right thing.*

Mike Landi - March 05, 2014 at 02:00 PM

KR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jack was certainly one of a kind and will be missed at the lake and around the campfire. Take hope in the fact that he is gone from you physically, but you will always carry him with you in your heart.*

Mike, Kelly, Ryan, Kyle, Troy & Brandon

Kelly Richmond - March 05, 2014 at 01:42 PM



JG

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Mesley family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of such a tremendous loss.*

JoAnn (King) Groat

JoAnn Groat - March 05, 2014 at 07:12 AM

PF

“ *Chris,
I'm so very sorry for your loss. Know he will
always be looking out for you and your family
and be with you. God has him now and he is
at total peace.*



Patty Farrell - March 05, 2014 at 06:39 AM

JM

“ *So sorry to learn of your loss.*

Jim Moore (Bailey Mt.)

Jim Moore - March 04, 2014 at 10:31 PM

KA

“ *Keith Andreine lit a candle in memory of John
F. Mesley*



Keith Andreine - March 04, 2014 at 05:37 PM

KA

My thoughts and prayers go out to a wonderful family. I'll never forget the memories and times spent at the Adirondack Rose. Have that compass ready for me on the other side for some more hunting adventures. I'll miss you buddy.

Keith Andreine - March 04, 2014 at 05:44 PM

MM

“ Mrs. Mesley, Chris, Ellen and the Kids: Diane and I would like to express our deep sadness in your time of sorrow. I'm sure John would have you celebrate his life rather than mourn his death...to remember the good things - His service to Our Country, The Scouts, The Adirondack Rose and even the "politics" of a backyard cookout. I certainly will miss the great conversations and the friendship. We are very sorry for your loss...Mike & Diane Myers



Mike Myers - March 04, 2014 at 05:01 PM

GJ

“ Nicely composed obituary. Scoutmaster Mesley,(along with Tom Behan and Walter Moynihan,) was influential in starting my two boys toward their Eagle Rank when I was Committee Chairman of Troop #525. His outdoor orientation for activities (e.g. Raquette River/ Long Lake canoe and camping trips) made lifetime memories and promoted survival skills for dozens of youth. He will be missed. [George Cronk Jr.]

George A. Cronk Jr. - March 04, 2014 at 03:35 PM

DM

“ Deanna, Nick, Maura, & Andrew Mesley lit a candle in memory of John F. Mesley



Deanna, Nick, Maura, & Andrew Mesley - March 04, 2014 at 03:31 PM

PH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Patrick Hoey - March 04, 2014 at 10:39 AM

ND

“ My prayer goes out to the Mesley family, I would like to express my condolence at this time to your family. The Bible is a great source of encouragement at times like this, comforting thought is at Revelation 21:4 "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away"

Nikki Davis - March 04, 2014 at 08:31 AM

LI

“ *Mary & Mesley Family*
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jack will always be with you wherever you go. He was a wonderful man. May God's love bring you peace.
Love, Lisa Doug and Girls.



Lisa - March 04, 2014 at 06:35 AM

SM

“ *Farewell Jumping Jack. I'll see you at the after party. P. S. Never give Scotty the fire poker back!*

Smitty - March 03, 2014 at 11:31 PM

SG

“ *Jack, I loved you like another father. I know I drove you crazy like no other but your love for me was never ending. I will miss you dearly . This is goodbye for now . When I see you again you better give me back that fire poker!!!*

Scott Gavigan - March 03, 2014 at 08:53 PM

MF

“ *6 files added to the album New Album Name*



Mike Fil - March 03, 2014 at 08:09 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Joe Miller - March 03, 2014 at 07:07 PM

JM

“ *Joe Miller lit a candle in memory of John F. Mesley*



Joe Miller - March 03, 2014 at 06:59 PM

JM

“ *An incredible individual is no longer with us in body but will always be with us in our hearts and our souls. John taught many of us so much without even trying and provided guidance without hesitation, more than I think he even knew. The memories that John created will always be with us and unforgettable.*

The boys are going to miss “Poppa Jack” and I am going to miss my friend.

My thoughts and prayers are with Family.

Love – Joe, Tyler and Justin

Joe Miller - March 03, 2014 at 06:58 PM

MF

“ *Denise, Michelle, Chris and family. We all will rendezvous with Jack in a better place on the other side some day. I will miss him dearly. Your friend, Mike Fil and family.*

Mike Fil - March 03, 2014 at 06:28 PM