



## John Joseph Rappa

May 10, 1943 - January 10, 2017

### Obituary of John Rappa

John Joseph Rappa, born May 10, 1943, passed away on January 10, 2017 at Lane Purcell Hospice House. John was predeceased by his father, Joseph J. Rappa and his mother, Mildred A. Rappa. He is survived by his wife, Bea Noble Rappa, formerly of Rutland, VT, mother-in-law, Beatrice Noble-Jasmin, of West Rutland, VT, new brother-in-law, Dick Noble, formerly of Rutland, VT; and his children, Eric J.J. Rappa, his wife Shannon and grandchildren Ashlynn, Aryn, August; daughter, Sharon M. Calarco, her husband, Tom, and grandchildren, Caitlyn, Tommy, Deanna and great-grandchildren Jayson and Kayden; sister, Jeanette (Ginger) Teller-Schloemer (Gerald Schloemer) of McHenry, IL; brothers: Harold Rappa, Mohawk, NY; Joseph Kozlowski, Ilion, NY, Michael La Rocco, The Villages, FL, and sister, Seleena Jackson (Kevin Jackson) of Wakefield, RI. John was a graduate of Frankfort Schuyler Central H.S., Frankfort, NY, and SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology of Cobleskill at Cobleskill, NY. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture and Crop Sciences specializing in agronomy from University of Georgia, Athens, GA. He worked for the U.S. Department in Horseheads, NY and Canandaigua, NY, until his retirement in 1999. He became a resident of The Villages, FL, in 1999. John loved life and his family and friends and enjoyed interests in baseball, golfing with friends, biking, walking, photography, traveling, and was an avid fan of the Tampa Bay Rays. He loved music and

often entertained his family with his Elvis Presley impersonation. He also greatly enjoyed discussing politics and religion at family gatherings. John fought gallantly against cancer for 6 years. In his darkest moments he was always smiling, expressing gratitude to his doctors, nurses, aides and family members for their care, support and love. His son-in-law, Tom, describes his father-in-law, John, as "one true family man". No greater tribute to a father can be made then that of his son, Eric, who says of his father, "He is my true hero". He is also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins in NY, CT, NC, FL, IL. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Dr. Pablo Reyes, c/o Florida Cancer Specialist and/or Dr. Sergio Balingit, The Villages, Florida. Mass and a Celebration of Life get together to be arranged at a later date (family to arrive).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with Bea and John's Family. May God bless you and give you peace through the wonderful memories you have of John. Jim and Patty McLaughlin The Villages, Florida

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**Jim and Patty McLaughlin** - January 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Rappa family, I'm very sorry for your loss and hope you'll accept my condolence and deep regrets because this enemy death is our worse enemy and always brings much grief and pain and I'd like to share where I found help when this enemy took my entire family. I found this in what I read in Jehovah Gods word the Bible at John5:28,29 for there we're told we'll see our love ones again in the resurrection when Jesus brings them back here on earth and ICorinthians15:26 states that this enemy death will be brought to nothing. With this help I'm now able to cope with my loss and get through each day because now I know I'll see my family again. I wanted to share this with you at this difficult time when hope and comfort is needed in hopes that this will help you also in some way for this is my purpose in sharing this with you. I hope you'll feel free to let me know at [gloriamosley@hotmail.com](mailto:gloriamosley@hotmail.com) and please know I do share you grief and hope to hear from you. Sincerely, GM

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**gloria Mosley** - January 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Joseph Rappa*

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