



Jan A. Staalenburg

March 16, 1952 - January 28, 2020

North Hampton - Jan Alan Staalenburg, 67, of North Hampton, died suddenly on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

Born in Portsmouth, on March 16, 1952, Jan was the son of Jan W. and Ruth (Stover) Staalenburg. He is survived by Susan, his wife of 48 years, daughters Greta Pare and husband Brett of North Hampton and Megan Binette and husband Jason of Hampton; his grandchildren Ivory, Darby, Riley and Aelin and his sister Lynda Driscoll.

Jan's sudden death was a shock to his family and friends. It seemed inconceivable that a man with such strength and vigor could be taken away from us so quickly and insidiously.

Jan attended North Hampton schools, Phillips Exeter Academy and the University of New Hampshire. He was employed by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for many years as an electrical engineer with their combat systems program. After he retired, he owned and operated D&D Aircraft Supply.

Jan was an outdoorsman and he loved gardening, aviation, skiing and sailing. A voracious learner, Jan was self-taught and accomplished in all his pursuits. He obtained his private pilots license at Hampton Airfield and logged many hours of flight time including several cross country trips with his wife Susan and fellow aviators as well. He also piloted an RV4 built by his father in law, Alan Rowe. Jan loved skiing with his family and sailing his day sailor in the waters off his family's summer home in Casco Bay at Peaks Island, Maine, but most of all, Jan could be found enjoying life as a grill boss in his back yard with his family and friends.

Jan loved working with kids as a volunteer coach for local soccer, baseball, basketball and girls softball. His interest in horticulture was extensive and he was active in the UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners Program.

He was a man of few words but he made each one count. Jan was direct, steadfast,

honorable, and a man of his word. Whenever he made a friend it was a lifelong bond. He will be forever sorely missed by his family and friends.

Services will be private with a celebration of Jan's life to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family respectfully suggests donations to the UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program(<https://extension.unh.edu/programs/new-hampshire-master-gardeners>) Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, Hampton. Please visit <http://www.RemickGendron.com> to read Jan's complete obituary, to sign his tribute wall and for additional information

Comments



“ I love you Jack. Always have, always will. I look forward to seeing you again, when it's the time of the season.

Joe - February 09, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ Haven't seen Jan for literally 50 years since our days at Phillips Exeter but have thought of him often since then. A wonderful friend in all respects. Was so looking forward to seeing him at our reunion in May. He will be missed by many. He actually made Exeter fun...whether on the ball field or being so kind to buy me a ticket to my first ever concert at Hampton Beach Casino or introducing me to his childhood friends. Very fond memories of a wonderful friend. My prayers to his family. Please let me know if there is a service.

John Hathaway - February 07, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ I am so sad to hear this..what a loss..condolences to Sue and the girls. Cheryl Harris

Cheryl Harris Mathews - February 05, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ I did not know Jan at all and only met him a couple of times but his late mother Ruth and Jan Sr. Were good friends of mine. I spent many hours with his late mother Ruth. She was an amazing horticulturist that I befriended almost 20 years ago. I was the friend with the Asian pear trees that Jan's father enjoyed as well as he and his family.

I am so saddened by this awful loss. My thoughts are with your family at this difficult time.

Kim Ciborowski - February 03, 2020 at 11:23 PM



“ Maureen And Richard O’Kane lit a candle in memory of Jan A. Staalenburg



Maureen and Richard O’Kane - February 03, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this bad news. Jan and family have always been friends and truly delightful people. God will welcome Jan home with open arms, and I'll see to it that a special prayer is said for this wonderful soul.

Dana - February 03, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ Sue, Greta, Megan--- my heart goes out to you all and I share in your sadness. I cherish my childhood memories of him. He gave me the best nickname “Catney” and was always so tolerant and chill, despite the fact that I was a total brat most of the time. I will forever think of him whenever I hear the “Steve Miller Band”. I’ll never forget you Uncle Jan.

Courtney Driscoll Vavra - February 02, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ Jan & Sue at their nephew Clayton's Wedding.. How happy they look!..They were so fortunate and blessed to have a long loving marriage. Truly an excellent example of what a marriage should be.... My favorite story about my younger brother is when he was 10 years old. We use to go camping on weekends in the White Mountains..We would go swimming at Lower Falls off the Kangamangas Highway . While I was sliding down the smooth rocks I landed in the deep end of the river. As I'm under the water I see Jan fully submerged with mask , flippers and fishing rod dangling the hook over a fish..I will never forget that vision!..I will miss having my brother in my life.



Lynda Driscoll - February 02, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ Jan was a solid human being. He went the distance in everything he did. That included helping raise two wonderful daughters from the time he was a teenager, being a dedicated and loyal friend and husband, honing his craft at the Naval Shipyard, etc. It's quite a lot more than can be written. He was thoughtful and always helpful, without ever being condescending. He was as sharp as a tack and he had a wry sense of humor. He could fix anything, and did he ever! He also had a stubborn sense of pride. I can remember buying him a lobster roll from the Church fair on Peaks one summer while he was installing a new door. He refused to let me pay for it. Unbeknownst to him, I stealthily stuffed his money in his jacket before he went back to Portland on the evening boat! We will miss him terribly and pray that he now rests in peace and is in God's hands.

by Jeffrey Mitchell

Jeffrey Mitchell - February 02, 2020 at 02:07 PM



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Laurie L Larocque - February 02, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ Lynda I'am o sorry for your loss. remembering your parents before Jan was even born. My prayers go out to you for a loss such as your brother.

Barbara Royal - February 03, 2020 at 07:43 AM



“ Sue, Greta and Megan, , It's been years since I've seen Jan and spoken to him, but I have always thought of him and remembered him as being a true, honest, respectable person. He always had a positive attitude and friendly smile. I am so sorry for your loss.

Debbie (Bussiere) Noyes - February 05, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ My sister, Michele, and I went to Woodstock! yes, Woodstock with Jan. He had invited us to a “concert” in NY and off we went! Hadn't seen him in 50 yrs...just found out his daughter was married to my 3rd cousin, Jason Binette
My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family,
He was such a kind and gentle soul.

PEACE to you - Jan

Denise (Dupuis) chatham

DS Chatham - March 25, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Rest in PEACE Jan Thank you for the ride to Woostock in 1969. You and your green Volkswagen, my sister Denise and I were walking along the WALL and you pulled up and said you heard there's going to be a Concert in New York and it might be pretty good!!! No tickets, no real time frame but we didn't care as we were unknowingly on our way to the most unprejudiced concert in history. When we got near we had to park off the side of the highway and walk quite a ways to get there. Rain and mud took the fences down as we entered into the most peaceful get together of over half a million people in history....Peace Jan and thank you for the memories!! "WHAT A LONG STRANGE TRIP ITS BEEN"
Michele Dupuis Castner

Michele Dupuis Castner - March 26, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Dear Sue, We at Signature are all deeply saddened by Jan's passing and extend to you our condolences and the comfort of our warm spirits. We wish you peace and encouragement in the days ahead. With our best regards, Monique and all your friends at Signature.

Monique Shevlin - February 09 at 03:31 PM