



## John T. Alston

January 4, 1956 - May 25, 2020

Hampton Falls – John Thomas Alston, 64, of Hampton Falls, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Monday, May 25, 2020 at the Exeter Hospital. John was born in Lawrence, MA on January 4, 1956, the only son of the late Donald and Marjorie (Brainerd) Alston.

John resided in Hampton Falls for most of his life. He graduated from Winnacunnet High School and went on to study Fine Arts at the University of New Hampshire. On January 9, 2010 he married the love of his life, Debbie Gaudreau, and the two celebrated their 10 year anniversary earlier this year.

John loved life and lived a life full of dignity and respect. He was always willing to go the extra mile and was never afraid to try something new. John held many jobs over the years but his true passion was art. He loved to paint, draw and take photographs and he took much of his inspiration from the natural beauty around him. John was an adventurous man who spent countless hours exploring the local marshes. His art truly expressed his deep love of nature and he took great pleasure in sharing his work with friends and family. He and his wife shared this passion and their countless stories made you feel as if you were right there alongside them. He was also an avid music lover and spent many evenings with Debbie dancing and singing along to a live band or playing his own guitar. He was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile and his kind and compassionate spirit.

He is survived by his loving wife, Debbie Gaudreau of Hampton Falls, his son, Thomas Alston and wife, Joy, who reside in Hawaii, two stepdaughters; Lisa Gaudreau, of Hampton Falls and Amy Loews and husband, CJ Loews, of Wakefield, Massachusetts, five grandchildren; Benjamin (3) and Isabella Alston (1), Finely (8) and Vivian Loews (6), Ryder Gaudreau (4), and two sisters, Jane Solar and Nancy Skoglund.

At this time, funeral services will be for immediate family only. A virtual memorial service in John's honor will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, John's family asks that you consider making a memorial donation to the Hampton Falls Fire Department.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John T. Alston*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *John & I go back to the late 70's at Lambda Chi. Neither of us did a lot of study work but man did we have fun. I am a left brain thinker, very analytical. John taught me to visit the right side on occasion. I did a pencil and paper sketch of him at one point that he thought was very good. I sure he was being kind. The point is John had a lot to offer and I'm sure many saw that, I amongst them. I will miss you John but as you have been for 45 years, you are in my fondest thoughts*

**Ed Gauthier, "Gunther"** - June 15, 2020 at 07:14 AM



“ *Saddened to hear about John's passing. He was a great brother, easy and enjoyable to hang with and made me feel welcome into the Lambda chi Brotherhood at UNH. Dosko AZ:1047*

**David Duskocil** - June 13, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about John, I worked with John at Riverwoods. He was friend and well liked and respected by everyone.*  
*Bruce Hussey*

**bruce hussey** - June 06, 2020 at 10:36 PM

RR

“ *To a great brother in law and a best friend. Many great memories with you and my sister Thursday's on the back deck. You left us to soon. You will be missed. RIP.*  
*Ron and Diane Reed*

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**Ron Reed** - June 05, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John T. Alston.*



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June 01, 2020 at 02:01 PM

AT

“ *so sad, will miss you, hope you have a good square dance partner where you are now.*

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**Abby Tonry** - May 31, 2020 at 10:21 PM

MO

“ Recently it was John Prine: you and I commemorated his life via e-mail; it was only last month, and we made sure at the time that we and ours were well. Suddenly, it is you, my oldest and most steadfast friend, whom we salute, the artist and musician who turned me on to John Prine in the early '70s. I was relocated from South Carolina as a junior in high school, more than a little lost, and you invited me in among the Yankees. I'll forever count you, John Alston, among my influences. You taught me the G chord and the D, the gee and the haw. In your honor I play Electric Ladyland, first heard on the record player in your bedroom overlooking Hampton Falls Common. I must have asked a hundred times over the years if that's really a beer bottle on top of the steeple. Share water, bro.

~ Michael O'Leary

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**Michael O'Leary** - May 31, 2020 at 12:09 PM

GE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with John at Riverwoods. His love for his family was apparent in every conversation. He was a happy man.

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**Gerry** - May 31, 2020 at 07:11 AM

SD

Dear Debbie and family,  
I was shocked to learn of John's passing. He was such a sweet, talented man. It made me happy to see how happy he made Debbie and shared her love of the arts. Do not hesitate to ask me for anything. Be assured that you are constantly in my thoughts and prayers. Love to the family,  
Sue

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**Sue Dangora** - June 01, 2020 at 01:09 PM

SL

*A great loss to RiverWoods, where he always went over and above. I enjoyed talking about Newburyport and area restaurants with him. He knew my Merrill relatives in Hampton Falls. He will be greatly missed!!*  
*Sally Lavery*

**sally lavery** - June 05, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John T. Alston.*



May 29, 2020 at 09:57 AM

DK

“ *John, we are stunned by the news of your passing! Over 55 years of having you as a best friend will leave a huge hole in our lives. There are so many memories we wouldn't know where to start. May your canoe always find calm waters and intriguing views. You will be missed! David and Barbara Kenney*

**David Kenney** - May 28, 2020 at 02:30 PM

CC

“ *Cindy Chastney purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of John T. Alston.*



**Cindy Chastney** - May 28, 2020 at 01:03 PM