



## John "Champy" Frank Woodburn

November 29, 1928 - January 14, 2025

Hampton - John "Champy" Frank Woodburn, 96 died peacefully on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

John was born in Boston MA to John B. Woodburn and Frances Woodburn on November 29, 1928.

John served in World War II and the Korean War and participated in the Berlin Airlift, serving in both the US Navy and the US Air Force. When he returned home from serving his country, he was greeted by Jean Thistle who was babysitting his younger sister the day he returned. If you believe in love at first sight, they were married on November 13, 1955, and spent 62 loving years together until Jean's passing in 2018.

After moving to Hampton, NH in 1958, John completed his degree in Business Management became employed by the Internal Revenue Service and also served as a member of the Hampton Police Department. He was an active member of the community coaching little league football and baseball for many years, while simultaneously serving on the Hampton School Board for 30 years.

John's real passion was teaching kids, and he went back to college for his teaching certificate and taught Business Education at Sanborn Regional High

School in Kingston NH, until he retired in 1990. His students loved him, as he was a great mentor, and continued to keep in touch and join him for lunch and activities; just recently spending his 96th birthday enjoying time with him.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Jean, daughter Dianne Dewar, and granddaughter Mackenzie Dewar. He was also preceded by two sisters, Joanne Woodburn, and Florance Santos, and his brother Robert Woodburn. He is survived by his daughter Donna Nersesian, and grandchildren Ryan Dewar, Joshua Nersesian (Jessica), and Brynn Nersesian. He is also survived by his three cherished great-grandchildren, Sheadyn Dewar, Lola Olivas, and Declan Nersesian.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember John for a period of visitation on Saturday, January 25, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842. A memorial service will take place immediately following the visitation at 4:00 p.m. in the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
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## Memorial Service

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Woodburns passing.  
My thoughts and prayers are with his family and all of us that was part of his life.  
He was a wonderful and patient teacher and I learned so much from his classes that he led me to have a passion for numbers and accounting.  
May he rest in peace.

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Lauren M Goodrich (VOSS) - January 26, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - January 24, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Champy" Frank Woodburn.



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January 24, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John "Champy" Frank Woodburn.

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“ With Sympathy, Chris & Jean McCarthy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John "Champy" Frank Woodburn.



**With Sympathy, Chris & Jean McCarthy** - January 24, 2025 at 11:18 AM



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**With Sympathy, Chris & Jean McCarthy** - January 24, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ My sincere condolences, John was a good man and served his community well. He will be missed. Beth Maloney



**Beth Maloney** - January 23, 2025 at 11:22 AM

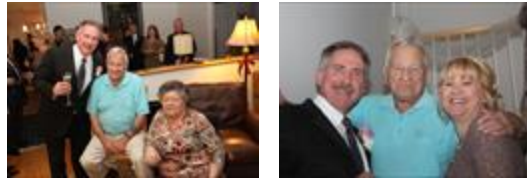
PC

“ John was a regular back in the days of Positive Steps Fitness Center. He was a regular in the aerobics classes with all the ladies. He kept all of us on our toes often with a smile and a joke or two!! Thanks, John for all the fun times and laughter. RIP

Peggy Chidester - January 19, 2025 at 09:33 AM

JW

“ John was a wonderful brother to Woody and a loving uncle to Nancy and Rob. I'm glad I got to know him. He was loved by many in his community.  
Love, Rob and JoCarol Woodburn



JoCarol Woodburn - January 17, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John "Champy" Frank Woodburn.



January 17, 2025 at 10:46 AM



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January 17, 2025 at 10:46 AM

LB

“ So sorry to hear. He was a great teacher who helped me discover my love of accounting. He was an even better human. Many fond memories.

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**lisa byrne** - January 17, 2025 at 08:13 AM

NS

“ I remember the many years John served on the Hampton School Board. He loved it and was so good at it because he always said - It's all about the kids.

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**Nancy Stiles** - January 16, 2025 at 08:55 PM

BP

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's death Donna. We all grew up together and we are losing our parents. We are so lucky we had them so long. My sincere condolences 🙏

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**Barbara Preston** - January 16, 2025 at 08:25 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Woodburns passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. He was a wonderful teacher and I enjoyed his class so much. Here we will be out of school for 50 years and we still got to see him at the lunches that classmates still get together. May he rest in peace.

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**Marilyn Maher** - January 16, 2025 at 08:22 PM

LS

“ Uncle John you always made me laugh. You will be missed . I hope Auntie Jean is at the gate waiting I always admired you both 💕 . I pray you have everlasting peace.

Love you always

Smiley Santos

(Lynne)



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**Lynne Santos** - January 16, 2025 at 07:24 PM

LE

“ To the Woodburn Family. I am sorry for your loss. This man was one of the best teachers Sanborn ever had. Laid back, funny and a joy to be around. May his soul rest in eternal peace. He will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him in and out of the classroom.

Lee-Ann Vincent Coyan

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**Lee-Ann** - January 16, 2025 at 03:57 PM

DH

Mr Woodburn was truly one of a kind. An inspiring teacher and very kind man. RIP Mr Woodburn. I'm sure you are enjoying your heavenly reunion with your wife.

Dorene Blades Heselton

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**Dorene Heselton** - January 16, 2025 at 04:39 PM

GM

“ Donna and family,  
Sorry to hear the news of John(Sonny). Now  
he is with Jean and his family in heaven  
Love Gail



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**Gail McCarthy** - January 16, 2025 at 10:51 AM

CM

“ Donna and Family, my sincerest condolences. Uncle John was a  
loved man and he will be missed by many. May he now rest in  
peace together with Aunt Jean.  
Carol McCarthy

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**Carol McCarthy** - January 16, 2025 at 09:44 AM

KP

“ Uncle John, you were such a light.  
Always smiling, always teasing! Every time that I think of you and  
our interactions, a smile naturally comes to my face.  
Your presence and your energy will be missed by all, you built a  
huge community around you but you will be especially missed by  
your immediate family, you were their rock.  
May you rest in beautiful peace now with Aunt Jean.

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**Kathy Petrella** - January 16, 2025 at 07:25 AM