



John Robert Chase Sr.

February 20, 1947 - March 12, 2019

North Berwick, ME – John Robert Chase, Sr., 72, of North Berwick and a former long-time resident of North Hampton, passed away suddenly at his home on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. John was born on February 20, 1947 in Exeter, NH, a son of the late Paul K. and Nathalie (Syphers) Chase, Sr.

John spent some of his youth in Connecticut with his family moving to Greenland when he was in his early teens. He graduated from Portsmouth High School with the Class of 1965 and shortly after graduation, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He joined the Exeter Police Department after leaving the Marines and in 1970, married his late wife, Brenda M. (Howard) Chase. After a couple of years in Exeter, John took a position with the Greenland, NH Police Department and served his community as their Chief of Police. He went on to become a member of the North Hampton, NH Police Department for the next 20 years, then served as a Sergeant with the Rockingham County Sherriff. He eventually retired from law enforcement in the early 1990s.

He and Brenda relocated to Florida where John worked security at Disneyworld. Upon Brenda's death in 2006, John came home to New England and kept busy as the houseman at the Residence Inn in Portsmouth and in parts delivery with Al's Automotive of Exeter.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Ireland) Chase of North Berwick, his son John "Jay" Chase Jr. and his wife Lisa of Berwick, ME, his daughter Sarah Welch and her husband John of Nottingham, NH, his brother Wayne Chase and his wife Karen of Rocky Mount, NC and his sister Sharon Littlefield and her husband Ray of Portsmouth, NH. John also leaves his grandchildren Emily Welch and Alicia Cadwell, his sister-in-law Jean Chase, his step-son Brian Jones, a special little boy named Adam Jenkins whom shared a grandfather-grandchild relationship with John and Michaela Overhulser, a young lady that he and Marilyn helped to raise and who meant so much to John as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and his first wife Brenda, John was predeceased by his brother, Paul K. Chase, Jr.

A celebration of John's life will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the Connect Community Church, 200 Chase Dr., Portsmouth, NH 03801. Graveside services will be held in the spring so please check back for date and time. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Chief Michael Maloney Memorial Fund (<https://squareup.com/store/260>) PO Box 446, Greenland, NH 03840.

Cemetery Details

Orchard Grove Cemetery

Rogers Road
Kittery, ME 03904

Tribute Wall



“ *John Robert Chase Sr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I met John when we both worked security at the Virgin Mega store in Orlando. He was my teammate as well as my supervisor. We had a bunch of good laughs and good times working together at the store. He was well respected and liked by the entire staff. We both left Virgin, I went back to Colo. and he went back to NH. We did however keep in touch through emails, for many years after that, and continued sharing more laughs and updating each other on how our lives were going. I am sad to hear about his passing, And my heart goes out to his family which he mentioned often during our conversations. Rest in peace sir.*

Mike Williams (Big Mike)

Mike Williams - July 12, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ *I had the distinct pleasure of working side by side with John Chase from our time on the North Hampton Police Department. John was in every sense of the meaning "A Cop's Cop". I never once worried about when my backup was coming when John was on duty. He was a very compassionate man, and always saw the good in everyone he came across. I will think of him and our times on the job often, He will always be remembered. Go now on eternal patrol my brother in blue. I was so very proud to serve with you for many years.*

Bill Losefsky



Bill Losefsky - April 08, 2019 at 03:38 PM

MD

“ Please accept our deepest condolences. John was a kind man who will surely be missed. Mike and Doug

Mike and Doug - March 18, 2019 at 08:42 PM

RB

“ I met John and his wife Marilyn via of our friend Kate. A couple of years ago. When they had dinner parties I was there most of the time. And at summer cook outs as well as the Christmas parties. John was always telling us stories. Always very welcoming. Marilyn and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. May God welcome him home. God bless

Rosie B

Rosie B - March 18, 2019 at 01:40 PM

SF

“ I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. We worked together for many years at The Residence Inn Portsmouth NH. John always had great stories, kind words and would help anyone he could. He will always be in my prayers and missed by all those who knew him. Rest well, my good friend.

Susan Fortier - March 18, 2019 at 05:24 AM

FR

“ Jay and Family. Im so very sorry to hear this. Deepest condolences for you and your Family. Roger And Fran.

Fran - March 16, 2019 at 03:35 PM

JC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Jay Chase - March 16, 2019 at 08:59 AM

HT

“ *I am still in disbelief..We will always remember you John your kind word ,your helpful ways I enjoyed staying at your home when I visited Maine and having great Dinners with you and Marilyn.I admired you how you took in others like Michela ..such a great human being.wish I could attend your service.Thanks for being a great police officer RIP..Heidi Tibbetts..fam*

Heidi Tibbetts - March 15, 2019 at 11:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Chase Sr..*



March 15, 2019 at 08:48 PM