



John O. Danos

January 13, 1938 - October 20, 2022

Rye - John Orpheus Danos, 84, of Rye, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

John was born in Manchester on January 13, 1938, son of the late John Xenaphon and Eva (Agrafiotis) Danos.

He attended Manchester Central High School and later graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy in Pennsylvania with the Class of 1956.

From an early age, John learned the value of hard work and entrepreneurship from his father, John X., who owned and operated a local leather company. In 1946, his father established Indian Head Shoe Manufacturing in Manchester with his brother-in-law, Henry (Hank) Spaulding at which his son, John O., worked as a young man. Very driven, John used the knowledge he gained working with his father and went on to build and operate several successful businesses including The Red Onion Restaurant in downtown Manchester and a classic car dealership, Corvettes Unlimited, in Hooksett which served clients both locally and nationally. Entertainers such as Roy Orbison and ZZ Top, and Hall of Fame athletes such as Jim Rice and Reggie Jackson were among just a few of his celebrity clients.

A daredevil at heart from an early age, he loved motorcycles and racing and continued to ride his Harleys into his 80's. John was married twice, to Sandra (Samara) Danos, mother to his children, and later to Bonnie (Patterson) Danos.

John is survived by his three sons, Todd Danos and his wife Nancy of Haverhill, MA and their son, Riley, Christopher Danos of Kingston and his daughters, Isabel and Samantha and Jon Danos and his wife Laura of Hampton Falls and their three children, Christopher, Luca and Ava as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Robert Danos and three sisters, Penelope (Poppy) Carbee, Anne Keegan and Eleanor (Ellie) Elwell.

All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association by clicking here (https://www.alz.org/?form=alz_donate) or by mail to 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Tribute Wall

SN

“ I'm surfing the net trying to find the person who owned our 1932 Ford Woodie before us. If this is his family, I'd love to chat. Either way, my dearest condolences about his passing.

Shari Ness - April 23, 2025 at 08:35 PM

TD

Hello Shari, was it your family that drove it to California?

Todd Danos - May 02, 2025 at 09:00 PM

RP

“ I owned Whitey's Signs directly across The Street in Hooksett when John came running over to tell me that Roy Orbison was in his shop looking at his corvettes. I would always look for him in the backroom. I know that everyone that knew him will miss him. He was a great guy. Russ Poirier

Russell Poirier - October 27, 2022 at 05:06 PM

BB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family ! John was a great guy and friend that I road motorcycles with and then back to the Red Onion . I also flew John around the Northeast and Pennsylvania to look at and purchase Corvettes . RIP MY FRIEND Bruce Beurivage

Bruce Beurivage - October 27, 2022 at 04:44 PM

TD

Thank you Bruce. He always spoke about you flying him around.

Todd Danos - May 02, 2025 at 09:03 PM

DF

“ One of John's last job was selling Dodge Vipers for me .RIP BUDDY

Daniel Fitzgerald - October 26, 2022 at 09:33 AM

KP

“ Rest In Peace I worked for John at the Boodle Shop on Elm St. When I was a senior in high school - and beyond. He also occasionally had me waitress at the “Onion” he was always very, very, good to me, he entrusted and trusted me with things way beyond my years. He was always kind and taught me a lot, while being protective and mindful, he’d call me “kid” when enlightening me about one thing or another regarding work and listened to idiotic rantings about high school, sorry for your loss, he was a good man,.

Kathleen Peterson - October 26, 2022 at 07:54 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John O. Danos.



October 25, 2022 at 06:13 PM

ND

“ Nancy A. Danos purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John O. Danos.



Nancy A. Danos - October 25, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of John O. Danos.*



October 25, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John O. Danos.*



October 25, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ *My condolences to your family. In the 70s I worked the door for John at The Onion for a short time and later he had me work on a few of his performance cars at my shop on Upton St. Always a happy guy. He will be missed!*

Sam Dagher - October 25, 2022 at 12:36 PM



I came into the Red Onion back in the 70's when I turned 18. John had approached my table and asked if I would work for him. Declining I went back in for cocktails and John approached my table again. I said I would try it for I have never waitress before. In the 8 years with the Red Onion I learned alot and was taught by Denny on how to bartend. I watched his sons grow to be adults. I since then have stayed in the restaurant business and will always be thankful to John for getting me started. He is and always will be remembered. RIP my friend

Donna Stimans - October 29, 2022 at 11:15 AM

TD

Thank you Donna. I do miss the "Onion". Thank you for your account of him.

Todd Danos - May 02, 2025 at 09:05 PM

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Also thank you Sam for your condolences.

Todd Danos - May 02, 2025 at 09:06 PM