



## John H. Durant

January 16, 1944 - December 3, 2021

North Hampton – John H. Durant, 77, of North Hampton, died Friday, December 3, 2021 at his home after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in West Newbury, MA January 16, 1944 a son of the late Hollis and Audrey (Swap) Durant.

John graduated from Exeter High School with the Class of 1964. He was the longtime owner and operator of Durant Heating & Cooling.

John had a love for farming & gardening and in his earlier years, he raised beef cattle, horses and chickens on his small farm named the Li-Ken-Sco Farm. Another love was his tractors and haying equipment. He was very content in the seat of any tractor in the fields. In his later years, you would find him on his New Holland tractor that his late son, Scott, had bought for him.

In his early 50's he was well known for being the driver of the 47 Orange Race Car at Lee USA Speedway. He earned his championship in 1992 and later became an official pit inspector. In the meantime, he was busy in his well tool equipped garage, restoring a 1937 Plymouth Coupe. He enjoyed his daily meeting up with friends for coffee or lunch at Marelli's Market or Wilber's Diner, catching up on the latest news.

He shared 57 years of marriage with his wife Nancy (Andrews) Durant. He

enjoyed overwhelming her with the overwhelming produce of his gardens for the chores of canning.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his daughter, Lisa Durant-Merrill of Kingston, grandchildren Stephen John Merrill of Kensington, NH, Robert Kenneth Merrill of Aspen, Colorado and Taylor Noel Durant of Exeter, NH, his siblings Joyce Goodwin of Delaware, Alicia Smith of Wisconsin, Ellen Meekins and Hollis Durant, Jr. both of Exeter. Several nieces, nephews, cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sons James in 1965. Kenneth John in 1989 and Scott Edward in 2019.

Visiting hours will be held from 3 to 5 PM on Thursday, December 9, 2021 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Private burial will be in the Center Cemetery, North Hampton. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made to Annie's Memorial Fund (<https://www.anniesangels.org/>), 8 Jana Lane, Stratham, NH 03885 (for Annie's Helping Hands assisting cancer patients).

# Cemetery Details

## Center Cemetery

186 Post Road  
North Hampton, NH 03862

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home  
811 Lafayette Road  
Hampton, NH 03842  
[info@remickgendron.com](mailto:info@remickgendron.com)  
<http://www.RemickGendron.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *John H. Durant*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



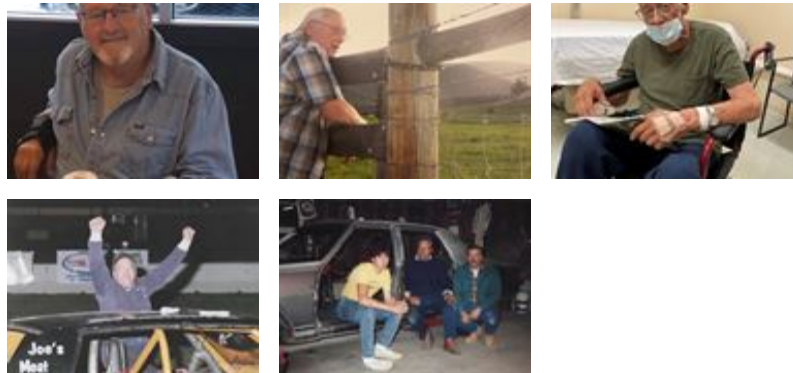
“ *Nancy we just learned of John's passing and we want to send our sincere condolences, Love and Prayers to all your family. We loved stopping and seeing the both of you when we came back in the summer. We have spoken of the family often. Send my love to Stephen.*

*Jim and Penny Riley*

**Penny Riley** - December 14, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *197 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - December 08, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss Nancy. We send you love.*  
*Rod and Pat Booker*

**Pat Booker** - December 08, 2021 at 01:53 PM

LM

“ My heart is heavy with sadness cousin Nancy! John was one of the nicest person I've ever met. When he smiled his eye lit up and you couldn't help but smile back. Lots of hugs. Lee

Lee (Minnon) McQuillen - December 08, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John H. Durant.



December 07, 2021 at 03:55 PM

BS

“ I have been waiting on and talking to Mr. Durant for years at Shaw's. I will miss seeing him and our chats. He was such a special man. To the family - I am sorry for your loss and hope you find comfort that he is at peace now.

Brenda Salisbury - December 07, 2021 at 10:41 AM

GM

“ I could not believe this and had to read this twice. Nancy and all the Durant family I'm so sorry for the loss of John, He was a Gentle Giant of a man and always willing to help. I knew John from working on the Heating system in my home and also at the office. John always had a smile and story and just a wonderful person. I will miss you John and hope you are already enjoying being with your Sons and Family. Rest in peace my Friend!

Grace Maxfield - December 06, 2021 at 08:21 PM

JB

“ Without exaggeration, John saved the lives of my daughters and me when we lived in Granite Post Green in the lates 80s, early 90s. Our older mobile homes had a furnace that was always quitting on us and we got tired of a different company that couldn't seem to keep it running. I called John on the recommendation of a friend and he came right away. He discovered we had been living with a cracked heat exchanger and could easily have been killed by carbon monoxide. He ordered and installed a new furnace and waited patiently while I paid his too small bill. He was kind and helpful and empathetic and sweet. I still smile and think of him every time I pass the house on Exeter Road. What a terrific human being!

joan bauer - December 06, 2021 at 07:05 PM

DM

“ Donna Miller lit a candle in memory of John H. Durant



Donna Miller - December 06, 2021 at 12:53 PM

DM

Wonderful man who will be missed dearly!! Rest in Peace my friend!

Donna Miller - December 06, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John H. Durant.



December 06, 2021 at 09:33 AM

ML

“ RIP John we are so glad you were our neighbor for all those years so many great talks we had. i'll keep watching and look for Nancy when i go by mary and tom lambert

mary lambert - December 05, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ My deepest sympathies for the loss of John. I waited on him at Wilbur's back when it was in North Hampton, and John took care of the heat at both my house and my late parent's for many many years. Rest Peacefully, John.

Michael Brindamour - December 05, 2021 at 10:18 AM

MA

“ Our heartfelt sympathies to John's family on his passing. We were so fortunate to have seen him in the store for the last time last month. Yes, he was not his old self, but in the way that counts, he was every bit himself. He was still John. No matter what he was going through he remained "himself" and was more interested in asking us if everything was "okay" than talking about himself. That's just the way John was. We will miss you at Marelli's dear friend, Your Pals.

marcia - December 05, 2021 at 10:04 AM

PW

“ With sincere condolences from all of us who knew John back in the days of Mrs. P's Restaurant. We were all better off dor knowing John.

*Pam (Pantelakos) Wilson*

Pam (Pantelakos) Wilson - December 05, 2021 at 09:52 AM

CB

“ *Carole Bickford lit a candle in memory of John H. Durant*



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**carole bickford** - December 04, 2021 at 04:46 PM

CB

*A very well loved man .....*

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**carole bickford** - December 04, 2021 at 04:47 PM

RM

“ *Both John and Scott have been doing my heating since the early 90's. They did great work and were both great people. They both will be greatly missed. Sending thoughts and prayers*



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**robert mawson** - December 04, 2021 at 03:56 PM

WB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss..i am so glad i got to see him in June i will miss him prayers to the family*

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**William bowley** - December 04, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John H. Durant.*



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December 04, 2021 at 12:43 PM