



## John F. Gooch

November 1, 1950 - April 9, 2024

Hampton - John F. Gooch, 73, of Hampton, NH passed away peacefully on April 9, 2024, at Exeter Hospital, after a long battle with COPD.

He was born on November 1, 1950 in Wakefield, MA to Stanley and Joan (Eaton) Gooch. John was a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend. He graduated from Wakefield High School in 1969 and shortly after joined the US Army and married his first wife Mary Hervey (Bergeron) in Exeter, NH in November, 1970. He was stationed in Naha, Okinawa Japan during the end of the Vietnam War where his daughter was born. He met his second wife Janet and they were married on July 5, 1998 at Fern Camp with many family and friends in attendance.

He is survived by his daughter, Jessica Gooch (Dave Carpenter) of Sanford, ME, son Derek Moore (Angie) of Exeter, NH, his brother, David P. Gooch of Hampton, NH and Wakefield, MA, sister Christine S. Gooch of Salem, MA and many beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and second wife of 23 years, Janet Gooch (Lavalley) who passed in December of 2021.

John spent his summers and adult life in Hampton, NH. He loved having cookouts at the family camp and going to the beach at Plaice Cove and the Wall. He was a NH surfing pioneer and a charter member of the Plaice Cove

Surf Club. You could always find him cruising up and down the coast looking for the perfect wave.

After leaving the service and returning home from Okinawa, John sang and played guitar for a local band called Lizzie Bomb.

John worked for over 25 years at Foss Manufacturing in Hampton, NH until his health forced him into retirement. He was very happy to not be working overnight anymore.

At his request, there will be no formal service or wake, rather that his ashes be scattered at Plaice Cove.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Surfrider Foundation - NH Chapter in his memory. Please use this link to donate to his memorial page:

<https://mygiving.surfrider.org/-/NWDSQJPQ?member=SJMJKAQJ>

The family would like to express their gratitude and thanks to the Rockingham VNA and Hospice as well as the staff at Exeter hospital who took such great care of him at the end of his life for their support and care during this difficult time.

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ Miss you John. You were a good friend. Been 2 years and it was always good to call you and talk. RIP 🙏



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**Chris Hartman** - April 09 at 10:06 PM

JB

“ I just found out about John's passing. John and I grew up together Wakefield and Hampton. Had so many great memories with him. I'm at such a loss hearing about this. RIP my friend!!

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**Jay S Baron** - September 06, 2024 at 11:34 AM

WS

“ John and I first met in the late sixties during a surfing trip to New Hampshire. We bonded and shared visits in both New Hampshire and my home in Delaware. My wife and I visited with John and David at the camp a couple of years ago. He was a great friend and we sincerely miss him.

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**Wayne Smith** - August 13, 2024 at 09:04 AM

EC

“ I just learned of John’s passing and it saddens me so very much. I kept thinking of calling him and now I find it’s too late.  
He was really a best friend for a few years in the 70’s. I think fondly of him as a teenager, then a young husband and father. and finally as a singer and musician.  
He, Glen Jardis and I took that leap of faith and tried our hand at making a living with our music in our “roll n roll” band. It was an unbelievable journey that I know we all treasure. It was a passion we needed to explore and I’ve got to say, John became a very good singer!!  
He was one of the most hilarious people I’ve ever known and within a few minutes, could have you laughing and giggling your butt off.... I wish I saw him more over the years..  
I’m glad he was returned to Plaice Cove. I can picture him having a coffee and reading the newspaper there in his green Ford pick up!  
Love to ya John

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**Ed Connare** - May 22, 2024 at 09:11 PM

JQ

Sorry to hear about the passing of John. I have some great memories of us in the band....keep on singing...Joe ...drummer for Lizzy Bomb

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**Joe quartarone** - July 13, 2024 at 08:35 AM

CH

“ I worked with John for many years.. he was a good friend and a person who truly cared for others. I will always remember his stories and the laughs we had together. Lizzy Bomb, Surfing, The Beach, The Camp...  
"From Rock Stardom to Rock Bottom!" Haha.. John.. you are always and will always be a real Star in my book.  
Hey, jam with David Crosby, Frank Zappa and Jimmy Hendrix..  
keep em company till I get there... Peace.

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**Chris Hartman** - April 21, 2024 at 10:10 AM

SB

“ John loved music, surfing, the beach and most of all his family has at peace now. Thank God

Suzanne bergeron - April 14, 2024 at 05:15 PM

MK

“ I am sorry to hear about John's passing... Back in the mid-70's, I lived next door to Mary, John, & Jessica and we all enjoyed some good times together... Later, I lost touch with John, seeing him only occasionally around Plaice Cove, but I tried to stay in touch with Mary & Jessica. Rest in peace, John, with the perfect wave to surf...  
MaryPat King

MaryPat King - April 13, 2024 at 09:02 AM

RG

“ When ever Johns name comes up I always think of the time He and Jessica came fishing with me on the "Miss Hampton Beach." It was the late 1970s before cell phones. I all ways remember John holding the fishing pole and Smiling while Jessica cranking the reel to land the catch of the moment.

Randy Gauron - April 12, 2024 at 05:42 PM

TG

“ John loved the ocean like all of us. May he be at peace and forever riding the waves.

Tricia Gauron - April 12, 2024 at 08:46 AM

PA

“ Seeing John always put a smile on my face. I will miss him. God bless.

Pamela Alexander - April 11, 2024 at 03:01 PM

PH

“ *John was my best friend, we surfed together, He was my stern man for years on my lobster boat. I will really miss him. He was the best he always called me Captain. RIP, Pat Hogan.*

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**Patrick H Hogan** - April 11, 2024 at 01:09 PM