



## John R. Morley

August 28, 1951 - September 9, 2024

Exeter - John R. Morley, 73, of Exeter, passed away on Monday, September 9, 2024, at Exeter Hospital after a period of declining health. He was the loving husband of Kathleen (Hill) Morley.

Also lovingly known as Honey, Paw, Paw Thunder, Papa John and Shameless Moose, John had a unique and witty personality that was often misunderstood. John loved to make music, dabbled in various photography and art projects and also spent time writing unique “little ditties” that made us all laugh. By far the laugh John shared at his own humor, was the sincerest laugh of all.

Born in Lynn, MA, on August 28, 1951, John was the son of the late Byron and Edith Morley. Raised and educated in Swampscott, MA, John attended Swampscott High School and graduated in 1969. John worked in the human service field, lovingly caring for “his guys” at Turning Point in Salem, Mass, up until his retirement in 2020. We called this his “pass into heaven”, although John’s love for Jesus was something he boasted openly. He deeply loved his wife Kathy and they spent many years in blissful marriage. Soon after they married in 1995, they were ecstatic to purchase their first home in Exeter, a single wide manufactured home, and then eventually a brand new “double wide”. His home still impressed him, right up until his final days, he could be seen looking around their home, admiring everything they owned, and

rejoicing in the love that everything they shared came from.

John is survived by his wife, Kathleen J. (Hill) Morley, of Exeter, his stepsons, William E. Wright and his wife Jeanee of Exeter, and John Wright and his wife Lainey of Woburn, MA. He is also survived by his 8 step-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, John is predeceased by his brother Bruce.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember John for a period of visitation on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842. A memorial service will take place in the funeral home immediately following the visitation.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in John's memory to the NHSPCA in Stratham by clicking here (<https://nhspca.org/>)

or donate by mail:

New Hampshire SPCA  
PO Box 196  
104 Portsmouth Avenue  
Stratham, NH 03885

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **14.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Memorial Service

SEP **14.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - September 13, 2024 at 03:55 PM

SL

*Hi Kathleen so sorry about the loss of John we grew up together and I was wondering why I hadn't seen him on Facebook anymore if I had known I would have gone to the services. The one thing that stands out in my mind about John when we were kids he swore he was never going to get married LOL I'm glad he found a wonderful woman that he loved dearly.*

sandra lohman - March 20, 2025 at 08:06 AM

LF

“ Love, Winona and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John R. Morley.



Love, Winona and family - September 13, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ Love, Winona and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John R. Morley.

Love, Winona and family - September 13, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear this. I only really knew him by sight, we never had much of any conversation, but I did know he was well liked around the park and anything greetings we did have were cordial...unfortunately, I can not attend the service as I'm already committed to another funeral service for a life long family friend, but I send my condolences.....Lloyd Metevier C20

Lloyd Metevier - September 11, 2024 at 01:15 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of John R. Morley.



September 10, 2024 at 07:04 PM

TJ

“ Hi Kathy,

*It's Tammy. Thank you so much for sharing with me about John's passing. As you could tell a few TPI family saw your message and reached back to you. Hoping you know how John & you have touched the lives of so many. I consider myself blessed as both you and John are such dear friends. We all have such a beautiful history of many wonderful years and memories of knowing each other. John was so many things. Smart funny, caring, skilled and talented. He was so good to me as a person and friend. I will cherish all the memories. Covid changed many of our lives. FB and phone calls kept us together. I will always be inspired by John's dedication he brought to the guys at Buena vista. The love & humor of it. I wish we wrote a book. Best part of TPI was seeing the creation & Magic you both had together. And the love you both gave me, my daughter & grandson I will forever hold in my heart.*

*Love you Kathy, love & care sent to you & your family.*

*Love, Tammy Jennings*

*Below is a picture of John's humor he this of me for the front page of the TPI news letter. I'm still overwhelmed by all his love he gave me throughout the years. Please keep the world laughing.*



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**Tammy Jennings** - September 10, 2024 at 12:05 PM

PA

“ I am so sorry for this loss, and hope you know he was full of love and at Peace saying "see you in a little while". Prayers for strength for Kathy, Bill and Jeanne.

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**Pauline** - September 09, 2024 at 07:48 PM

MM

“ John had a wonderful dry sense of humor and was a fellow “cat” person. He is already missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Kathy, Bill and Jeanee and all who loved him.

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**Martha Magee** - September 09, 2024 at 07:02 PM

CH

John and I became the Abbot and Costellos of the park. His wit, sense of humor, and uncanny love for entertaining others became a major influence on me. I will forever cherish the recordings I have of us.

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**Chuck** - September 10, 2024 at 07:48 AM

LA

“ My 1st time meeting John was at the interview for living here. I mentioned seeing a chicken on Guinea Rd and we both, at the same time said, Dinner!

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**Laurie** - September 09, 2024 at 06:19 PM