



## John Francis Noonan, II

December 6, 1953 - March 3, 2016

On 3 March 2016 at 1:58am, John died in the arms of his wife after a four month diagnosis of cancer. He was a young-at-heart 62 year old.

Beloved husband and best friend of Pamela Paquette for 32 years. Much-loved son of Joan (Smith) Noonan and the late John F. Noonan (Bear) of Birmingham, MI. Devoted father of John F. Noonan III of Denver, CO.

For the last 15 years, John was co-owner of Clarke's Restaurant at Faneuil Hall in Boston, where he thrived on the camaraderie of both his co-workers and patrons.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, John grew up in a nourishing, innocent environment where he got to enjoy being a kid, skating on the ponds in the winter, riding bikes off the roof into the swimming pool, living in tree forts and barbequing rib-eyes.

He graduated Assumption High School in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, in 1972, where he played on the Varsity Hockey Team which won the All Canada Award. The Catholic all boy boarding school was his idea of heaven: Live with all of your best friends and play hockey all day. John graduated from Western Michigan University in 1978 with BS in Engineering.

John enjoyed a full and varied career which spanned the globe. He had been a Merchant Marine sailing on the Great Lakes, a United Auto Worker on the line at the Ford Sterling Axle Plant, and a Teamster driving trucks on the Alaskan Pipeline. For 22 years, John worked at various aerospace and technology companies in Minnesota, Washington, DC, Colorado, Massachusetts, Arizona and the United Kingdom. Some of his programs included the development of the first laser gyroscope at Honeywell, implementation of space defense operations at Lockheed Martin, and the privatization of the Bank of England for the UK government.

John loved ice skating. He said it made him feel free. He loved the smell of the ice. He played hockey in his youth through college and later in various 'Old Man' Hockey Leagues. He loved to head over to the Boston Common Frog Pond for an afternoon workout. With his wife, John endured thousands of hours of swimming, hiking, skiing and kayaking with minimal complaints. He enjoyed cross country road trips and the chance it gave him to enjoy the simple, back country of Americana, always searching for that biggest ball of string.

John is survived by eight siblings and a large extended family, including Mary Elizabeth (Noonan) & George Hritz; Mary Terese (Noonan) & Andrew Burns and their two children Andrew Jr. and Sarah; Mary Anne Noonan and her three children Bill Jr, John P and Christopher; Mary Kathryn Noonan-Mangin & Arnaud Mangin and their two children Tristan and Elise; Joseph T & Margaret Noonan; Michael P & Rosanna Noonan and their two children Sean and Ryan; Peter M & Anthea Noonan and their two children Katie Morris and Sophie Noonan; Timothy D Noonan & Jarick C Huliganga and their children Madeline and Genevieve. Deborah (Paquette) & Philip Gelston and their two children Laura and Andrew; Donna (Paquette) & Fred Seigel and their two children Julia and Anna; Martin & Lisa Paquette; Mary Ellen (Paquette) & Christopher Hopkins and their two children Emily and Samuel; Elaine

(Paquette) & William McCarthy; Elizabeth (Martin) Paquette (mother-in-law).

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 815 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH at 11:00am on Tuesday, 8 March 2016.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. There will be no calling hours and burial will be private. A reception will be held following the Mass. A Memorial celebrating John's life will be held at Clarke's at Faneuil Hall from 3pm-5pm on Wednesday, 9 March 2016. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to charities that advance John's compassion towards others.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

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

Clarke's at Faneuil Hall  
21 Merchant's Row  
Boston, MA 02109

# Tribute Wall



“ *Remick & Gendron Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Francis Noonan, II*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - March 07, 2016 at 04:14 PM



“ *John Francis Noonan, II*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *One of the good guys. Treated me very, very well.  
We always had a blast in Diva Bistro on the "Star Wars" side of the bar...  
And of course there was the early mornings watching World Cup at Clarke's .*

*Until later,  
Dave N*

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**dave** - April 09, 2021 at 10:03 AM

TA

“ Just recently found about John's death when we searched for a way to make connections with John and Pam after many years. We are so sorry to hear of the passing of this vibrant friend. We are hoping to reconnect with Pam, please email @ t.janega@msn.com.

Love,  
Julie and Tammy (Ford Aerospace)

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**Tammy** - May 11, 2016 at 10:14 PM

DM

My name is Dave Muldrew. I'm sitting in Clarke's as I write this. John I'm sorry I had no idea you had passed away - too quickly my friend. Me and Nanc send our condolences to your family. You are missed by both of us - to the core. You know we met here 31 years ago. May the wind be at your back, my friend. God speed.

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**David Muldrew** - April 26, 2019 at 04:48 PM

KA

“ John was a great first cousin, great memories at the Noonan house during the holidays! Lots of pranks!! Never saw him without a smile on his face. He can up to visit Mark in NH one of my visits to town. Loved catching up with him. We will miss him very much! Kathy (Smith) Frederick-Caldwell.

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**KathleenFrederick-Caldwell** - March 08, 2016 at 08:03 PM

DB

“ John was a "true" man's man!!! His word was golden!! I can remember several occasions during hockey games or in real life situations where John would analyze the problem, determine the solution and command us to go out and do it!!

He may have been "small" in stature, but was HUGE in resolve and determination. John always carried himself so eloquently and knew how to "charm" others to his way of thinking!

He was very committed to "the team" and always had your back whether it was on or off the ice . One of the most dedicated and hard working members of the "Purple Raiders"

Rest in peace, John!!

I am sure Fr. Cullen has a spot for you on his heavenly team!!

Dwight Barron

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Dwight Barron - March 08, 2016 at 10:19 AM

TM

“ John was a great friend. I will miss him dearly and was shocked to hear this very sad news. He has left us way to early.

When we met each other I got him involved in the local NH "old man" hockey. This is where we bonded our friendship as men, friends, and players of the game. We both shared a passion for the game and the camaraderie that comes with it.

I always loved hearing from him. When he would call me The first words out of his mouth before he would even say hello was "beautiful, beautiful".

That is what John was "Beautiful" Rest in peace my dear friend.

Tom and Dana Moulton Rye NH

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Tom Moulton - March 08, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ 79 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - March 07, 2016 at 03:59 PM

MB

“ *John was an altar boy at our wedding . It was the only way he could get out because of his demerits at Assumption. I played hockey with John but most of all I laughed all the time with John. He was the connection that kept the Assumption hockey team connected even after forty plus years.*

*I am sure that Father Cullen will be keeping a close eye on him.*

*Love you little John*

*Your French Frog*

*Marc and Ann Boisvert*

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**marc boisvert** - March 07, 2016 at 12:22 PM

AB

“ *John kept the Assumption gang connected even 40 plus years later  
My prayers are with you john*

*Say hi to fat man in heaven.*

*I will always appreciate your joi de vivre*

*Marc and Ann from Owen Sound*

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**ann boisvert** - March 05, 2016 at 05:45 PM

BB

*A man's heart is a measure of the man. Although you played hockey as a "small forward", nobody had the will to join the rough stuff more than you did. Your tenacity for the game was equaled only with the love you had for your teammates. Your persona was large but it did not compare with the compassion you had for your "Purple Gang" friends. You loved Fr. Cullen tremendously, most notably as a 2nd Father, especially after you lost your own Dad. You were always a lot of fun as a teammate but more so as we got older, sharing ourselves with each other when ever you wanted to see us.....and that was often. I will truly miss you John. Tell Fr. Cullen, Joe Morand, Jimmy Paterson and Hoaggie that we miss you all and one day we will have the gang together in Heaven's arena. God Bless you John and a heart felt thank you for all those 'things' you did for me.*

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**Bob Brennan** - March 08, 2016 at 02:48 PM

GL

*John, you always put a smile on my face, as you did with everyone who knew you. Your larger than life personality, gregarious laughter, generous spirit and undying loyalty to all your friends made a huge impact on all your old Assumption friends and former teammates. The world will be a duller, less colorful and interesting place without you in it. I miss you already, man, as does Toni. May God bless you and your family. See you in The Great Beyond one day, where I suspect you will still be working off demerit points under The Elk's watchful eye.*

*Gary & Toni Lamphier*

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**Gary Lamphier** - March 08, 2016 at 10:57 PM

JM

*John "was the real deal". I learned that phrase from him but the description fits him perfectly. When Fr. Cullen was moved from Assumption and what had become his Windsor home he lived in the Basilian residence in Toronto cut off from the daily visits of the many Assumption grads when he lived in Windsor. John made the trip to visit Fr. Cullen on no less than 5 occasions in 2 years. It brought great joy to Fr. Cullen and that was the real deal for John. He is missed. Rest in peace.*

*Jerome Morse*

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**Jerome Morse** - March 09, 2016 at 06:41 AM