



## John W. "Yaka" Poirier

May 12, 1955 - September 3, 2014

Hampton, NH - John W. "Yaka" Poirier, 59, of Hampton, passed away peacefully Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at Merrimack Valley Hospice House, Haverhill, MA.

He was born May 12, 1955 in Beverly, MA to the late John E. and Yvonne (Boudreau) Poirier. John grew up in Natick, MA and graduated from Natick High School with the Class of 1974.

John owned and operated several restaurants throughout the Seacoast. The first he opened on Hampton Beach called Yaka's in 1976, followed by JJ's Marshview, named after his son, then The Broken Yolk Cafe and finally Fantini's at Seabrook Beach.

Most of all John loved his family and they will be forever grateful for all the priceless memories he leaves behind. He was known for his infectious laugh, love of gardening, extraordinary work ethic that influenced so many of his young employees into adulthood. He enjoyed tide pooling, fishing, trips to North Conway, friends and good food

Family members include his wife Rebecca Fantini of Hampton; son Joseph Poirier of Seabrook Beach; daughters, Jacqueline and Anna Poirier of Hampton; sisters, Yvette Whitely and her husband Herb of Champaign, IL,

Andrea Lanser and her husband Frank of Nevada City, CA; sister in law Ronni Fantini Cavener and her husband Bryan of Andover, MA; mother in law Marianne Fantini of Hampton and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be from 4 to 7 PM on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Services will be held at 1 PM Wednesday, September 10, 2014 in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be private. If desired, the family suggests donations to Merrimack Valley Hospice House, c/o Home Health Foundation, Attn: External Relations, 360 Merrimack Street, Building 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Hampton, NH 03842  
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## Service

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John W. "Yaka" Poirier*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *The Imholt Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John W. "Yaka" Poirier.*



**The Imholt Family** - September 09, 2014 at 05:37 PM



“ *Thanks for showing me the ropes Yaka! 7 years working by your side, listening to Lou Reed, cracking eggs, playing golf, and drinks at the Striker. Cheers Yaka, thanks for the knowledge and the memories.*

**Jimbob** - September 09, 2014 at 03:42 PM



“ *So sorry to hear the news. Yaka was a good guy, my Best Man, and friend. Although, I had not seen him much in recent years, as Bob Seger would say, "when you see him, you'll be there again.". We listened to a lot of Seger together. I pray for his family and friends.*

**Jason C. Page** - September 09, 2014 at 09:13 AM

TC

“ *The Caveners purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of John W. "Yaka" Poirier.*



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**The Caveners** - September 08, 2014 at 04:13 PM

KM

“ *I am going to miss you buddy. Every time I tell a funny story about growing up in Natick there is always a Yaka story. I treasure those memories!*

*Kevin McKenna*

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**Kevin McKenna** - September 07, 2014 at 08:21 PM

YW

*Thanks, Kevin  
Yvette*

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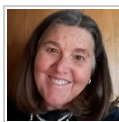
**Yvette Poirier Whiteley** - September 11, 2014 at 05:06 PM

HB

“ *yaka child hood memories of the gang on sylvester rd in natick will never be forgotten my friend a friend that always will be remembered. rest in peace hassie brady*

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**hassie brady** - September 07, 2014 at 01:38 PM



*Thanks, Hassie*

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**Yvette Whiteley** - September 11, 2014 at 05:07 PM



“ *Yaka growing up around thru corner together many laughs many memories. Andrea and Yvette so sorry ... there laughing up there... RIP.*

*Michelle Greek Harter*

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**Michelle Harter** - September 06, 2014 at 06:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John W. "Yaka" Poirier.*



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September 05, 2014 at 10:52 PM



“ *Yaka, my memories of you are filled with so much laughter. From the age of 12 through 22, you taught me how in life it is absolutely essential to have a strong work ethic and a solid sense of humor. I will forever cherish our conversations and jukebox sessions after closing down the restaurant. Everyone should know what it's like to laugh that hard.*

*You are a true original Yaka. There will never be another.*

*I am so happy you are free to be nothing but your crazy, witty, funny, self again.*

*PS- Tell Sasha she is a whitesnake and she better stop chugging all the chocolate milk in Heaven...*

*PPS-"get it outtaaaaa heaaaaaaaaaaaaa".*

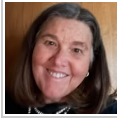
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**Colie Dion** - September 05, 2014 at 09:23 PM

EJ

“ I will never forget our childhood years, elementary school to a crazy cross country motorcycle trip. Thank you my friend for watching out for me. Eddie Jodice

Eddie Jodice - September 05, 2014 at 05:38 PM



Thanks so much Eddie, and it was great to see you at the visitatiob

Yvette Whiteley - September 11, 2014 at 05:08 PM

AN

“ Audrey, Annie and Nancy purchased the We Share Your Loss Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of John W. "Yaka" Poirier.



Audrey, Annie and Nancy - September 05, 2014 at 01:08 PM

RT

“ Our thoughts are with you.  
Ruthie, Zoe and Nikki

Ruthie Tredwell - September 05, 2014 at 01:08 PM

AS

“ We shared some priceless memories working with you Yaka. You'll never be forgotten. You were one of a kind. Love you forever.  
Audrey

Audrey Helfrich Surette - September 05, 2014 at 12:57 PM

BM

“ Beverly Manning lit a candle in memory of John W. "Yaka" Poirier



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**Beverly Manning** - September 05, 2014 at 11:38 AM

JS

“ Yaka, many years ago you made me laugh, alot!.... RIP my friend. Julee Sanderson

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**js** - September 05, 2014 at 08:49 AM

PC

“ Precious memories regarding our time we spent together on the beach this summer. We love you and pray that you will be surrounded by those you love and that love you.

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**Patty Rich Cavener** - September 04, 2014 at 04:10 PM

JS

Andrea and Yvette, so sorry to hear about Yaka. I remember him so well from childhood and high school. Such a funny, crazy guy, and much loved by all. Thinking of you and sending heartfelt condolences. Janice Kilroy Skelley

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**Janice Kilroy Skelley** - September 19, 2014 at 10:31 PM