



John J. Preston

February 27, 1926 - October 8, 2022

Stratham – John James Preston, 96, of Stratham and formerly of North Hampton, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital. John was born in Lowell, MA on February 27, 1926, a son of the late Richard F. and Margaret (Burke) Preston. He shared over 33 years of beautiful marriage with his late wife, Maurine (McSorley) Preston who died in 1988.

John was raised in Lowell and was a graduate of the former Keith Academy. After high school, and at only 17 years old, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He served his country proudly and honorably in the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres of Operation during World War II onboard the amphibious landing craft, USS LCS (L) #122 and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for injuries he sustained in combat. Additionally, he served 6 months in Japan as part of the occupation force after the Japanese surrender.

He returned home from the war and went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from St. Anselm College and later his Master's from Boston College. He and Maurine were married in 1955 and started their family in Lowell before relocating to North Hampton.

John was an educator for 41 years. He started his career a staff member at Mt. St. Mary Seminary in Nashua for 5 years before moving to the Seacoast

where he worked in the Hampton School District as a teacher, administrator and guidance counselor until his retirement in 1993.

His later years were spent devoting his time to his grandchildren and was deeply involved in their educational and spiritual lives. John was a daily communicant at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Hampton and a longtime volunteer at the Sacred Heart School and St. Vincent de Paul Society in Hampton as well as many years with the NH SPCA in Stratham.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Ellen Flies and her husband, Raymund of Bonita Springs, FL, Barbara Preston and her partner Jeni Mosca of Stratham, NH, Mark Preston of Seabrook, NH and Michael Preston and his wife, Mary of Falmouth, MA. He also leaves his grandchildren; Matthew Preston and his wife Jamie, Marcia Preston and her fiancé Michael Shea, Maurine Preston Dahlbloom and her husband Arvid, Timothy Preston and his wife, Meghan and Daniel Preston. In addition, he is survived by three great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and his wife, John was predeceased by his brothers, Richard, Russell and Robert.

Visiting hours will be from 4 to 6 PM on Thursday, October 13, 2022 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Friday at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Burial will follow beside his beloved Maurine in the Center Cemetery, North Hampton. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH 03842, online at <https://svdphampton.com/> or to a charity of one's choosing.

Cemetery Details

Center Cemetery

186 Post Road
North Hampton, NH 03862

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **13**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH

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Martha-Anne Preston - October 13, 2022 at 07:07 AM

MP

My Uncle, My Mentor, My Friend...

May God bless you on your next journey into everlasting life. May you meet all those that you hold dear in your heart that you have missed over the years.

Thank you for all the help you have given me throughout with my Restaurants, tutoring my family, when I was sick You jumped right in up to your elbows in soap suds doing dishes, and being my Photographer on a certain occasion when funds were low...

Aunt Maurine and You opened your North Hampton 'Kinda garden' allowing me to earn credits for my internship in school.

The hours of food prep work we did together, so much fun.

Good bye & God Bless Uncle...



Martha-Anne Preston - October 13, 2022 at 07:36 AM

MI

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mike - October 10, 2022 at 09:46 PM

LH

*Just beautiful picture of the three of you!
So much love! He will be missed.
My deepest sympathy to you and your family. 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️*

Linda Hirbour - October 16, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John J. Preston.*



October 10, 2022 at 06:19 PM

BC

“ *Billy Clifford lit a candle in memory of John J. Preston*



Billy clifford - October 09, 2022 at 07:42 PM

Joe Poirier

“ John was my Great Uncle. He was one of two people that I knew could make my Gramps(Bob) Laugh. John and Russ keep my Grandfather grounded. He would meet them every Saturday for Breakfast at my parents Restaurant. The Round Table in the back of Place. John,Bob,Russ and Rich. Four brothers who looked after each other. When Russ fell I'll John took him in. When I needed help with Fractions and Long Division. Uncle John sat with me after school and taught me how to figure it out! He said Joseph your not Stupid you just need to slow down. He was right. John loved his Family. The Girls were his Joy and he always checked on his nieces and nephews. He made The Best Brown Gravy! Lol a Family secret 🤔. He will be missed greatly. However I know being with his Wife and Brothers will be his true Peace! Godspeed Uncle John! We love you so much... To Barbra, Mark, Michael and Ellen my Condolences... He Was The Best!!!!🍀🍀🙏

Joe Poirier - October 09, 2022 at 06:06 PM

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Maurine - October 09, 2022 at 12:47 PM

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Maurine - October 09, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John J. Preston.*



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mike - October 09, 2022 at 09:54 AM



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barbara Preston - October 09, 2022 at 09:53 AM



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barbara Preston - October 09, 2022 at 09:52 AM

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barbara Preston - October 09, 2022 at 09:51 AM

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mike - October 09, 2022 at 09:50 AM

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“ One of the greatest days of his life. 1st post COVID flag raising at PNSY



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The Greatest Generation.!

mike - October 09, 2022 at 08:17 AM

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mike - October 09, 2022 at 06:58 AM

MI

June 13,2005, dedication of Fisk Pole. 1st meeting between Red Sox and Reds since '75 WS. 1st pitch was from Fisk to Tiant (a little twist there). Sox win 10-3. Oh, and they announced birth of Jason Varitek's daughter.

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marcia - October 09, 2022 at 06:25 AM

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