



Lauri John Etela

October 16, 1943 - October 21, 2023

North Hampton - Lauri John Etela of North Hampton, New Hampshire, passed away on October 21, 2023, at the age of 80 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife, Donna, their daughters Kirstin (Teno West) and Gretchen (Daniel Whitman) and beloved grandchildren Amanda, Joseph, Jack, Owen, and Audrey.

A graduate of Ohio University, Lauri earned his degree in architecture. While there, he was unwittingly paired up with Donna for a talent show competition. This led to a decades' long marriage which saw them moving from Cleveland, Ohio to St. Louis, Missouri where Lauri worked tirelessly to provide a wonderful life for his family. After retiring from a successful career with the May Department Stores Company, he began his own construction consulting business and continued his passion for architecture by working on various projects, most notably as client representative for the owners of Blue Dream, an innovative architectural masterpiece in East Hampton, New York.

Lauri was a dedicated member of North Hampton's Planning Board and Conservation Commission. In his free time, Lauri was an enthusiastic supporter of the restoration efforts for Centennial Hall. He loved taking meticulous care of his historic home, solving puzzles, and spending time with family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on December 22, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Centennial Hall, 105 Post Road, North Hampton, NH 03862.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Friends of Centennial Hall, "In memory of Lauri John Etela" by clicking here (https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=8UWHLS7C8YYM6)

Or by mail to:

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P.O. Box 200

North Hampton, NH 03862

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centennial Hall
105 Post Road
North Hampton, NH 03862

Tribute Wall

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“ *Inspiring, talented, intelligent and a true philanthropist. A soft spoken gentleman with a lovely smile that was dedicated to making North Hampton everything it could be and helping Centennial Hall be part of that vision.*
You will be missed my friend.
Marcy

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“ *Jan lit a candle in memory of Lauri John Etela*



Jan - October 24, 2023 at 04:00 AM