



John H. Vandersloot, Jr.

December 9, 1957 - February 2, 2018

John H. Vandersloot, Jr., 60, of Hanover, formerly of York, entered into God's eternal care on Friday, February 2, 2018 surrounded by his family at his home.

Born on Monday, December 9, 1957 in York, he was a son of the late John H. Vandersloot, Sr. and Helen O. Lookingbill Vandersloot. He was also preceded in death by his beloved canine companion, Benji, who he had been waiting to be reunited with. A 1976 graduate of York Vo-Tech, he served in the United States Army and had been attending the LCBC church in Hanover. John worked as a truck driver at Hermann Leasing Co. and had previously worked at different trucking companies throughout his career. He received numerous safety awards for safe driving and was also a participant in several truck fundraising convoys. He was an avid Nascar fan and collected Dale Earnhardt memorabilia.

John was passionate about being a firefighter. Throughout his life, he had held memberships and different leadership positions at Windsor Fire Company, New Bridgeville Fire Company, Craley Fire Company, and Hanover Fire Company. He was also a member of The Hanover Moose Lodge #227 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1406.

Survivors include his loving wife, Bonnie L. Livelsberger Vandersloot of Hanover; two sons, Brian K. Vandersloot and his wife, Denise, of Harrisburg and Joseph L. Roberts and his companion, Jess, of Delaware, OH; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; a sister, Susan K. "WuWu" Wynegar of York; two brothers, Alan D. Vandersloot and his wife, Joyce, and Daryl E. Vandersloot and his fiancé, Cindy, all of York; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his four legged canine companions, Morton and Brittany.

A memorial service will be held at 11am on Friday, April 20, 2018 at Panebaker Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center, Inc., 311 Broadway, Hanover. Burial will be at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to New Bridgeville Fire Company,
2870 Furnace Road, Red Lion, PA 17356.

Cemetery

Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Fisher and Clement Avenue Fort
Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA, 17038

Events

APR **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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311 Broadway, Hanover, PA, US, 17331

APR **Funeral** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I never had the opportunity to meet John, "face to face" but got to know him on FaceBook. One of John's last acts of kindness, (and I have no doubt that he performed many of them in his lifetime!) was to start a prayer chain for my nephew using FB. My nephew, D. Brian Kern, had a massive stroke on New Year's Day this January. John and Brian had been schoolmates at York Vo-Tech. John reached many, many people who daily prayed for my nephew's recovery. Doctor's did not hold out much hope for Brian. But God heard and saw what John did. Brian went from death's door, to being able to return to the home he shares with his wonderful wife, Angel (Angela Fantom) and their three adorable puppies. Brian had been on life support, but now, thanks to John and his very caring heart, Brian is breathing on his own and has made some remarkable, miraculous recovery! He is able to eat food and not be fed through a feeding tube. He smiles and laughs and we are so amazed at God's miracle that we believe more miracles are in store for Brian! He is even regaining some movement in parts of his body. Sadly John went to be with his brother Jesus in Heaven before he could see the fulfillment of the prayers that he put in motion. John will be forever linked in MY mind to the miracle that we are watching happen in the life of my nephew. It is he who rallied hundreds of people to pray for Brian! Jere and I will eventually be there with you in Heaven, John Henry and I will throw my arms around you and be happy to call you friend!!! What a wonderful friend you are!!!!

Georgia Leader Miller - April 18, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ Always enjoyed John's company, got together at bike rallies and when I would ride to My Joy to see friends. Will miss him. Bob Tyler

Bob Tyler - February 15, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ Mt Joy

Bob Tyler - February 15, 2018 at 03:55 PM



“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. I only knew him a few years but enjoyed talking with him when we'd run into each other. My condolences to the entire family especially brother Alan and his wife Joyce whom I've been good friends with for about 40 years. My sympathy to you all. May God comfort you in this most difficult time.

Vickie Smeltzer - February 10, 2018 at 06:25 AM



“ One week ago today, you left a void in our hearts. RIP . We all love you.



Family - February 09, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ Alyssa Vandersloot Trout lit a candle in memory of John H. Vandersloot, Jr.



Alyssa Vandersloot Trout - February 08, 2018 at 09:12 PM



“ Barbara Vandersloot lit a candle in memory of John H Vandersloot Jr.



Barbara Vandersloot - February 07, 2018 at 11:16 PM



“ Alan Vandersloot lit a candle in memory of John H. Vandersloot, Jr.



Alan Vandersloot - February 07, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John H. Vandersloot, Jr..



Alan Vandersloot - February 07, 2018 at 09:57 PM



“ I never got to meet John in person but he was a FB friend. I also got to meet Susie through FB and later at out luncheons and she also was in my husband's high school class at Wm. Penn. But John performed one act of extreme kindness before he died that I will remember as long as God gives me breath. On New Year's Day, my nephew, D. Brian Kern has a massive stroke and was at death's door in the ICU at York Hospital. John started a prayer chain on FB as soon as he learned of the news. John and Brian knew each other from high school. As a result of John's extreme kindness and caring for an old school mate, many, many people were and still are praying for my nephew. From being at death's door, Brian is now sitting up with help, he has been weaned off of his ventilator and tonight is to be his first time off of it overnight! He is moving his head and his one leg. He is able to answer questions by movements of his eyes. He will have some adjustments made soon to his breathing tube and then it is hoped that he will be able to start to make sounds over a device that is in place near his vocal cords. I KNOW that this slow but steady progress that Brian is making is the result of all the good people who are praying for my nephew because of John! Even though I never got to meet John face to face here on earth, I KNOW I will see him when I get to Heaven!! Wish John did not have to go so soon, but I will be eternally grateful to him for his kindness! You have left a huge void back here on earth, John Henry!! See you up there!!! <3 <3 <3

Georgia C Miller - February 07, 2018 at 09:19 PM



“ Wonderful tribute.

Alan - February 07, 2018 at 09:46 PM



“ Georgia and family, that is a beautiful tribute, John talked over the last few weeks of Brian. Our thoughts and prayers will always be with you. I know John is looking over all. Thank you

Daryl - February 08, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ Georgia that is awesome and so much appreciated. I am in touch with Brians wife Angela and get her daily updates and continue my prayers . God does perform miracles!!

Sue - February 08, 2018 at 04:41 PM



“ Just learned of this and we live right next door. Shocked to say the least. So very sorry for your loss, Bonnie and if there is anything we can do for you or anything you need, please do not hesitate to ask. Will miss seeing John. He was a good neighbor. Please knock or call if you need anything. Remember, death is the beginning of a NEW life and it is only temporary. God bless and lean on Jesus to Comfort you as only He can do.

Rick and Robin Watson - February 10, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ Shirley Staley lit a candle in memory of John H. Vandersloot, Jr.



Shirley Staley - February 07, 2018 at 07:52 PM



“ Sending condolences to Sue, Daryl, and Alan. Also, condolences to John's wife and family.



Mike Smith - February 07, 2018 at 06:43 PM



“ Sending my deepest Condolences to John's Family.



edie trimmer - February 07, 2018 at 06:17 PM



“ Renee Stambaugh lit a candle in memory of John H. Vandersloot, Jr.



Renee Stambaugh - February 07, 2018 at 06:14 PM



“ Bonnie and family, I am so sorry to hear this! John was a wonderful man. Know that you are in our prayers!!



Rachel Grimes - February 06, 2018 at 09:32 PM



“ Sister Sue lit a candle in memory of John H. Vandersloot, Jr.



Sister Sue - February 05, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ Terry And BobbieJo Anderson lit a candle in memory of John H. Vandersloot, Jr.



Terry and BobbieJo Anderson - February 05, 2018 at 07:34 PM



“ Myrna Barnes lit a candle in memory of John H. Vandersloot, Jr.



Myrna Barnes - February 05, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ Betty Sipe lit a candle in memory of John H. Vandersloot, Jr.



Betty Sipe - February 05, 2018 at 04:22 AM



“ John and I were childhood friends we lost contact but reconnected through fb, so happy to have gotten to know the man of the boy I knew so long ago.. we shared a story of childhood friends who both had gotten cancer..thank you John for the support you gave me during my battle.. I wish I could have had more time to support yours with you.. your passing is our loss and heavens gain.. spread your wings and fly my friend..

Christine Dubbs Layman - February 05, 2018 at 03:51 AM



“ Daryl Vandersloot lit a candle in memory of John H. Vandersloot, Jr.



Daryl Vandersloot - February 04, 2018 at 11:40 PM



“ Alan Vandersloot lit a candle in memory of John H. Vandersloot, Jr.



Alan Vandersloot - February 04, 2018 at 10:42 PM



“ I didn't even know John, just on FB. He seemed like a sweet guy and I appreciated that he organized a fundraiser for homeless dogs. Prayers for his family.

Vicki Langeheine - February 04, 2018 at 10:32 PM



“ Thoughts and Prayers are with you all, and lots of hugs...

Art & Clara

Art & Clara - February 04, 2018 at 10:11 PM



“ John was a great friend. I loved him and his passion for veterans. He came out Christmas day and ate dinner with Feed The Vets. Many will truly miss him. Fly high soldier.



Carol Hoffman - February 04, 2018 at 09:21 PM



“ Fly high little bro. Tell Mom I love her and watch over us please. Will try and help Bonnie as best I can. And hopefully keep your sons in line lol. Wish you woulda had more time to finish what you started with them. Love you

Sue Vandersloot Wynegar - February 04, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ I love u dad I will always think of u and I'll take care of Joey and Bonnie the best I can



Brian Vandersloot - February 04, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ Good man gone too soon! So sorry bonnie

Darlene and Mike Alloway - February 04, 2018 at 12:25 PM