



## Obituary

**Born:** Monday, January 28, 1957

**Died:** Saturday, February 15, 2020

PLAINFIELD – It is with great sadness that the family of John James Baldarelli Sr. share that he passed away on February 15, 2020 at the age of 63 from a 10 year battle with a rare cancer ocular melanoma. John was born on January 28, 1957 in Fitchburg, MA. the son of Rita (Leger) Lefrancois and the late Robert Baldarelli. John was married to his devoted wife Gwendolyn (Barrie) on August 27, 1977 who survives him. Through the years John was employed at Thames Valley Steel in New London, Foxwoods Resort Casino and Mohegan Sun Casino. John worked hard and loved his family the only way he knew how. No matter how much pain he was in, he never let it show. He kept to himself and was a man of few words. John loved to fish and if you asked him about fishing, he would talk your ear off. Never a worm and bobber for him, always a lure and a boat. And if his family or friends needed his help, he was the first one there.

He was predeceased by his older brother, Robert and youngest brother, Arthur.

John is survived by his devoted children John J. Baldarelli Jr. and Jennifer M. Baldarelli as well as his precious grandson Eli J. Baldarelli who he spoiled rotten. His parents Rita and Donald LeFrancois, sisters Rose Pasteryak and husband Carl and Ann Vargo and husband Tony along with his niece Abbey and nephews Justin, Brandon, Geoff and Joshua.

In lieu of flowers we ask a donation is made to Yale Smilow in New Haven [www.closetofree.com/give](http://www.closetofree.com/give) . It was due to their medical knowledge and support that we were blessed with John for as long as we were.

There will be no calling hours or reception. The burial and graveside service will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 1pm. at Kennedy Cemetery on Wylie School Road in Voluntown, CT. Anyone who knew John and would like to celebrate his life are welcome.

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## Service Summary

### Graveside Service

1:00 PM Wed Feb 26, 2020

### Kennedy Cemetery

Wylie School Road  
Voluntown, CT 06384