



John R. Zavodnick

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John R. Zavodnick, age 68, of Whitehall, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 22, 2025. John was born on May 4, 1957, the son of Ruth (Scott) Ford and the late John L. Zavodnick.

Raised in Pleasant Hills, John graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. He was a motorcycle enthusiast, enjoying many long rides on his bike. He spent hours alongside his father fixing things and his natural talent as a handyman became a cherished trait.

A graduate of the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, John's educational journey laid the foundation for a life dedicated to craftsmanship and service. He began his career at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Georgia. More recently John served as a painter and packager of actuators at RACO International for the last 20 years.

John had a love for Old Westerns and he enjoyed laughter-filled evenings with family and friends, where his jokes and infectious sense of humor lightened the hearts of those around him. John was incredibly proud of his daughters and had a sense of pride in watching all of their accomplishments.

In addition to his mother, Ruth Ford, John is survived by his daughters, Kathryn (Brent) DeClark and Jill (DeJuan) Shannon; his grandchildren, Ada DeClark, Eve DeClark, Natalie Shannon, and Niko Zavodnick; and his sisters, Judy (Larry) Stark and Laura (Ish) Nagy. He is also survived by his uncle Martin Zavodnick; his nephews, Joseph (the late, Heather) Stark, Lee (Megan) Stark, Jim (Birgit) Nagy, and Matt (Jennifer) Nagy, his niece Terra (Justin) Harmon; and many extended family members and friends.

John was preceded in death by his father, John L. Zavodnick.

Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for visitation on Monday, July 28, 2025, from 11:00 - 2:00 pm at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA



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15236. A memorial service celebrating John's life will be held in the chapel at the funeral home at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at Jefferson Memorial Park.

To leave online condolences please visit www.jeffersonmemorial.com



Tribute Wall

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DS

Dave Smith posted:

John was a good guy and friend in my teen years. We shared mutual mischief in the Borough of Pleasant Hills. Gone too soon. Bless him ...RIP.

February 17 at 9:24 PM

DS

Dave Smith posted:

John was a good guy. We spent time in mischief in our teen years in Pleasant Hills. Gone way too soon....Bless you "Z"....RIPSmitty

February 17 at 9:20 PM

LF

Love, James And Matthew Nagy And Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Zavodnick family.



July 27 at 11:21 AM

LS

Love Syndy sent a Serene Retreat to the Zavodnick family.



July 26 at 8:00 PM

UM

Uncle Marty planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of John.



July 26 at 11:37 AM

BS

Bill And Jackie Snee planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



July 25 at 10:07 AM



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BS

Bill And Jackie Snee sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Zavodnick family.

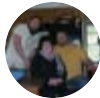
July 25 at 10:07 AM



VF

Vonnie And Dave Blair And Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Zavodnick family.

July 25 at 9:45 AM



Carolyn Baughman lit a candle in honor of John.

To my extended family: My deepest condolences to you and your families and friends. I will keep you all in my prayers. God's Garden is much richer now with my stepbrother, John and nephew, John. Rest in Peace. All will miss you here but knowing you are with Jesus makes my heart peaceful. Love to you all, You step Aunt, Carolyn Baughman

July 25 at 6:39 AM



MS

Mary Scherba sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Zavodnick family.

July 24 at 5:02 PM



WA

With Love, Michele, Fortune And Jim sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Zavodnick family.

July 23 at 5:13 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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