



John Michael Hurley

December 9, 1950 - May 24, 2026

John Michael Hurley of Cary, North Carolina passed away on May 24, 2026.

John was born in Oswego, New York. He attended Oswego State University and had a lifelong interest in history. His career journey was always in the construction industry, first serving as a field engineer supporting construction of nuclear plants in Oswego during the 1980s and then working at residential and commercial building supply companies in the Syracuse area. When he and Linda moved to North Carolina in 2006, he found a position that continued to use his knowledge of construction and project management skills, and he enjoyed the team he worked with at Enwood Structures until his passing.

John took up the guitar in his teens and never lost his passion for music. Throughout his life, he played in various bands and was a devoted fan of rock music. Whenever a favorite song came on the radio, John was always ready with an air guitar performance and knew every riff by heart. He spent many Saturdays at Oswego Speedway in his younger years and remained a race fan for life.

John was also an excellent cook, and his homemade sauce and meatballs were a family favorite. A devoted partner to Linda, he valued the life they built together and the years they shared. John loved the Yankees, Budweiser, and his black single-cab short-bed Chevy truck. He was always true to himself, a

true original, and had a knack for finding the fun in life. He will be remembered for his stories, his sense of humor, and the many good times he shared with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Teresa and James Hurley; his sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Hurley; and his brother, James Hurley.

John is survived by his wife, Linda Drisko Hickok of Cary, NC; his daughter, Melissa Hurley Pannozzo (Anthony); his son, Michael Hurley; and his beloved grandson, Mason Pannozzo.

Please consider a contribution in his memory to Meals on Wheels of Wake County in Raleigh, NC.

Tribute Wall

RF

“ Johnny was always warm and friendly, and someone I have known my whole life. Our families were always together growing up. And, our Moms were best friends. Even if you haven't seen him in a long time, always loving. And, he never lost that beautiful smile! I am so sorry.

Roseann S. Falise - June 02 at 04:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Michael Hurley.

June 02 at 10:57 AM



“ "God Has You" 21" Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of John Michael Hurley.



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FF

“ John was a good friend and never met a stranger! His laughter and quick wit was his calling card, and he always had a story and come back, sharing his life experiences. He and his friends were a Tuesday night tradition at Doherty's where he often broke out in air guitar and muffled singing of old rock songs to cover up the overhead playing Irish folk music. John's glass was always half full and he was never frustrated about life - he saved that frustration and also joy for his beloved NY Yankees and Rangers! John was very consistent and positive in his feelings and behavior to friends and family - traits that set good examples. John will be missed by all - may God bless and comfort Linda and family during this unavoidable phase of life.

Fergie

Fergie Ferfuson - June 02 at 10:28 AM

RR

“ Robert R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Michael Hurley.

Robert R. - June 02 at 09:08 AM

RH

“ Hey Linda,
Your tribute to John was spot on. As a EnWood work associate for the better part of 20 years, we would have many laughs (and eye rolls) about our clients. He would rock in his office and he and I would lunch together, sometimes at our favorite Italian hideout with a slice of pizza and a cold Bud. I will remember his wit and his "air guitar" rifts. I will miss him.

Robert

Robert R. Hayes - June 02 at 09:05 AM