



John A. Shay

June 11, 1942 - December 11, 2022

John A. Shay, age 80 years, of Purling, New York, passed away on December 11, 2022.

He was born on June 11, 1942, in Poughkeepsie, New York, and is the son of the late John Shay and Mary Mesuda.

Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his daughter Colleen Shay and his brothers William Shay, Wayne, David and Martin Mesuda, and his sister Marylou Baird.

Survivors include his wife Linda Shay, two sons John Shay and his wife Paula and James Shay, daughter Kathleen Shay, his brother Donald Mesuda, his sister Patricia Mesuda, five grandchildren Amir Abad, Kayla Cook, James Shay, Samantha Shay and Zachary Shay. He also leaves behind his beloved silky terrier Hezekiah.

During John's lifetime, he served in The United States Army during The Korean Conflict.

Upon returning from service to our country, John was employed by The Teamsters Local 445, he was also a property manager for Community Housing Management. He then earned his Bachelor's degree at Drew University, and then a Masters of Divinity degree was earned while at Drew Seminary. He was an Ordained United Methodist Minister serving at various locations. Upon leaving The United Methodist Church he was a counselor in the field of Spiritual Life Counseling.

His hobbies included the love of gardening including flowers and vegetables

growing them all in great abundance. He loved raising chickens, and they loved him, too! He also had a passion for tropical fish. He was a Ham radio operator, and served as a volunteer fireman in Tivoli and other locations.

Donations in John's memory may be made to The Arbor Day Foundation, 211 North 12th. Street, Lincoln, NE, 68508.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at The Family's discretion.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, New York, 12413.

Condolences and memories may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

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