



John A Schaefer

February 12, 1970 - March 9, 2023

John A. Schaefer was a true champion with a servant's heart. John passed away in his home on March 9, 2023. It is with great honor to know the presence of the Lord welcomed him home after a 5 year battle with cancer. John was born in 1970 on February 12 on Long Island, New York to Ellen and Robert Schaefer. After graduating from Oglethorpe University, John went on to marry his best friend, Lori. Shortly after they wed, they moved to Gwinnett County where John worked for Met Life, RTM Arby's and eventually became a teacher. John accepted all kinds of jobs while teaching elementary school: he taught Driver's Education, and was the varsity boys' and girls' head soccer coach at Lanier High School for a number of years. However, with all the many hats this incredible man wore, he considered his primary role in life to be that of a devoted husband and father to his beautiful children, Rebecca Anne and Jacob Robinson. He tirelessly volunteered as booster club president for their cross country and football programs, and he coached their soccer and swimming teams. This he did with utmost humility, tenacity, and grace throughout his illness. It is by these virtues that all who knew him, can say he was one of the most courageous and selfless people on earth! John is survived by his devoted wife of 29 years, Lori; his two incredible children, Becca and Jacob; his caring and supportive sister, Beth (David) Sharp; his cherished aunt, Jacki Harris (Calvin Seiler); many wonderful in-laws; countless extended family members and lifelong friends. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home with Pastors Paul Nieman and Chris Morgan officiating. The family will receive friends from 2:30 p.m. until time for the service at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 12.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to American Cancer Society (<https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html>) or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/give.html>).

The service will be Live Streamed

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 S. Lee St.
Buford, GA 30518
(770) 932-1133
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

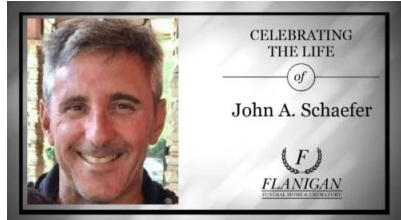
MAR 12. 4:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Flanigan Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John A Schaefer*



Flanigan Funeral Home - March 11, 2023 at 04:28 PM

GK

“ *John,
You were a true example of the scripture, "Love Thy Neighbor." You were battling cancer yourself, and you took the time to make sure that the neighbors knew that Greteya was battling cancer for the second time. You came to our home with other faithful members. You prayed for her healing. My family and I are forever grateful that God placed us in your lives.*

To the grieving family members we are praying for you all and we are here when needed.

Respectfully, Alfred, Greta, and Greteya Kelley.

Greta C Kelley - March 20, 2023 at 06:42 PM

CD

“ John, you have touched our lives so much after Jenn passed away. You worked with Jenn at McKendree Elementary School. You started the Jennifer Niday memorial run! First years donations went to the Jackson and Jake scholarship fund! That's when we first met you. However, we kept in touch thru more memorial runs and Facebook. You were a beautiful soul, I need not say more! Rest in peace John and say hi to Jenn for us! We watched your service, very touching stories and tributes! Zach and Cathy Doppel

Cathy Doppel - March 13, 2023 at 09:45 AM

LE

“ Our family has had the pleasure of knowing John as a teacher, a coach, a friend and a mentor. He was instrumental in so many young peoples lives. John had the ability of making a connection with everyone he met. I know his legacy will live on through his amazing family. Much love to you all. The Engberg family

Lisa Engberg - March 12, 2023 at 09:45 PM

CW

“ John was a true champion , always with a smile on his face. What he did for the community and seckinger High School will never be forgotten. The entire family is a true gem. - The Williams family

christian williams - March 12, 2023 at 04:07 PM

LJ

“ One of my fondest memories of John was playing waffle ball in the streets. Our whole fourth grade team would come out to play. I'm fortunate to be able to teach with John at McKendree. I was so excited when he moved to Head Elementary, where I got to work with him again. He had a love for his students and always went the extra mile. He would tutor students after school, even though he was exhausted from his treatments. He will be greatly missed.

Lisa Johnson - March 12, 2023 at 02:26 PM

TN

“ John was passionate about teaching and caring for students. I was so inspired by John's dedication to his students and his team at Head Elementary through his sickness. We had many conversations and about life, and I always left feeling encouraged. John was a great man, and he will be greatly missed. My condolences are with the family.

Tedra Norwood - March 11, 2023 at 02:41 PM

MB

“ John Schaefer was my neighbor on Long Island, lived next door to me, the Bell family. I received word from my brother Thomas that he has passed and I'm shocked at this. He was always extremely kind hearted and we would compete with each other to see who could juggle the soccer ball longer. My heart goes out to his family and his sister Beth. He was much too young to be taken from us but he's looking down and thinking about all of us. God bless you and your family. The Bell family sends it's regards.

Matt Bell - March 11, 2023 at 02:00 PM

AC

“ John was a very special teacher to my son, Nate. Nate kept John in his thoughts daily after he left school to begin treatments. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family.

Amanda Cox - March 11, 2023 at 11:31 AM

ST

“ John was one of the nicest men to walk the earth!! Always caring for people even when he was sick! I know that my son Noah will be there in Heaven waiting with open arms! WE ARE ALL BETTER FOR KNOWING SUCH A GREAT MAN!!!333

Steven Thomas - March 11, 2023 at 10:57 AM

JH

“ John will be remembered by the Hollis family as one of the kindest and most caring people we ever had the pleasure of knowing. We send our love and condolences to the family.



Jennifer Hollis - March 11, 2023 at 08:33 AM

JD

“ Julia Dyer lit a candle in memory of John Schaefer



Julia Dyer - March 10, 2023 at 09:39 PM

JD

“ A wonderfully nice man, that I had the honor of knowing at Head ES. I send my deepest sympathies to his family.

Julia Dyer

Julia Dyer - March 10, 2023 at 09:38 PM

DB

“ Having known John's mom since she was 12 yrs old, I first met John when he was a newborn baby on New York's Long Island. I reconnected with him at his Aunt Jacki's house in FL in 2001. He had grown into a wonderful thoughtful, man, and had become a husband to sweet, lovely Lori. Facebook allowed us to keep in touch and it's where I learned almost 5 yrs ago that John had cancer. I thought he's young and strong and advanced treatments would enable him to beat it. Sadly, I was wrong. John fought hard and long and he will now be able to sleep peacefully. I am so sorry he's no longer with Lori, Rebecca, and Jacob. But he has left them with a lifetime of wonderful memories to last forever. He was a special person who became an all around dedicated, caring educator. His very large family and circle of friends are all hurting now as he should have been with us for many more years. The only bright light in this scenario is that he is no longer suffering, for which I am grateful. RIP John. Never to be forgotten, you will be remembered always by those you loved and whose lives you touched in some way.

Diane Berkoff-Brodus - March 10, 2023 at 09:14 PM

DB

“ *Diane Berkoff-Brodus lit a candle in memory of John Schaefer*



Diane Berkoff-Brodus - March 10, 2023 at 08:41 PM

AI

“ *A wonderful, father terrific person, gave his children and wife, all the memories that they will have in their hearts till the end of time*

amy Harris ilardi - March 10, 2023 at 05:30 PM