



Derek John "Dunkle" Propalis

April 9, 1952 - January 29, 2026

Derek John Propalis, "Dunkle" to his family, of Waverly, NY passed away Thursday morning, January 29, 2026 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA with his sister by his side. Derek was born in Baltimore, MD on April 9, 1952, the son of the late John, "JaJa" Propalis and Doris Jane "Busha" (Krul) Propalis. He was a graduate of Calvert Hall College High School in Baltimore, MD and LaSalle College in Philadelphia, PA. Upon graduation he returned to Baltimore till December 2022, when he moved to Waverly, NY due to health issues to be near his beloved family. Derek served as a code inspection enforcement officer in Towson, Baltimore County, MD for 20 years until retirement. He served as president of Baltimore County Employees Union. Derek was a superfan of the Beatles and Grateful Dead. He enjoyed traveling to the Netherlands, Europe, South America, Canada, and Mexico. He was a history enthusiast and participated as a "Yankee" in Civil War reenactments for many years while living in Baltimore. He was a civil rights activist and community volunteer and continued volunteer work with the Valley Food Pantry where he became known as "Curly". Derek is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Donna Kahn and Dr. Ronald Kahn of Waverly, NY, and nephews, Ben Kahn and Zach Kahn. In honor of Derek's request, funeral services will be private. Interment will be in the family grave site at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Baltimore, MD. Memorials may be directed to a charity of choice. The Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home of Sayre, PA is assisting Derek's family with arrangements. Memories and condolences may be expressed by

visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Saint Stanislaus Cemetery

Baltimore, MD

Tribute Wall

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“ I am Arnold Jablon. I was Director of the Department and hired Derek as a Code Inspector. I thought the world of him, he was a caring, thoughtful and loving person who always put first and foremost the interests of the person ahead of his own. I am so sorry, as an inspector, he was the best of the best! That's how I will always remember him,

arnold jablon - March 26 at 11:16 AM

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Rest in Peace, Derek! You will be remembered by all those who knew you.

Stella Lowery - March 27 at 10:11 PM