



## John Edward Lasiw Sr.

April 13, 1940 - November 2, 2016

John Edward Lasiw Sr., 76, of Towanda, PA formerly of Wallington, NJ passed away Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA with Rita, his wife of 25 years, Mike Pasquaye, his stepson, Gene Taraszka, long-time friend, and Mary Martin, dearest neighbor at his side. John was born in Passaic, NJ on April 13, 1940, the oldest of 5 children of Michael and Anna (Krasowski) Lasiw. John was a veteran of the National Guard Army Reserves and a former member of the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. He was a member of the Policeman's Benevolent Association Local 321 and acted as their State Delegate from 1985 to 1991. He served and protected his community of Wallington, NJ as a police officer for 25 years before retiring in 1996.

Through a life of service and dedication, John's accomplishments included: Bergen County Police Chiefs Assn. "Marksman" 1972, 1974, and "Sharpshooter" 1976 and 1983; he was a member of the New Jersey State and Juvenile Aid Officers Assn. and was the recipient of the Meritorious Achievement Award in recognition of an outstanding Achievement in the Field of Law Enforcement and Dedication to Duty. John's commitment to community and the betterment of safety is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

John relocated to Towanda, PA in 2001 and loved every day spent in the mountains of PA. with his beloved dogs and cats. He possessed a love of nature and especially enjoyed watching the deer and wild turkeys that

wandered through the property. He was well known for his distinguished “handlebar” mustache.

John Sr. is survived by his wife, Rita V. (Hirkala) Lasiw of Towanda, PA, daughter, Colleen Diezel (Glenn) of Pittsford, VT, son, John E. Lasiw, Jr. (Michele) of Greely, PA, his grandchildren, Kyle and Sienna Diezel, Taylor and Gabrielle Lasiw, step-son, Michael G. Pasquaye of Wallington, NJ, step-granddaughter, Autumn, sister, Kathy O’Cello (Frank) of Hasbrouck Hts., NJ, brother, Richard Lasiw (Michelle) of Oradell, NJ, nephews, Aaron (Candace) O’Cello, Austin (Megan) O’Cello, Richard James Lasiw, nieces, Bianca Rose (Baby “O”) Ocello, Alexis, Melissa, Kimberly, Kelly, and several cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Kenneth Lasiw and his sister, Cynthia Ann Lasiw.

A memorial service in honor of John Sr’s memory will be held in New Jersey. Prayers, memories, and condolences are appreciated and may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

In memory of John and his zealous love for animals, donations may be made to the You Too Animal Rescue, 39 Maple Acre Lane, Dushore, PA 18614 or to the U.S. Veterans Association.

# Tribute Wall



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October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



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“ *Thinking of you Rita? Phyllis*

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“ Dad, you are so loved and will be missed terribly. Our hearts break for you, your memory will live in us, in our hearts and souls forever. We thank God that you were surrounded by the love of your children. Walk free Dad in God’s love, beauty and light for eternity. Rest in Peace Dad. God bless you !

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**John & Michele Lasiw** - November 12, 2016 at 11:01 AM

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

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**Skiff-Bower VFW Post 1536** - November 12, 2016 at 10:45 AM

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“ Our condolences to John's family. He was a great guy and always friendly to us. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Mike and Patty Pastor** - November 12, 2016 at 07:39 AM