



## Mr. John F. Fenolio

May 28, 1957 - May 28, 2018

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John left an enormous void in this world when he went to rest with our Lord after bravely battling lung cancer. He was a loving Husband of nearly 24 years to Tracey (nee Sheptak) and a devoted Dad to Christy, who was his pride and joy; his love for his girls was unparalleled. Beloved son of Nancy (nee Cardinale) and the late Robert Fenolio; Stepson of the late Gloria. Dearest Brother of Kathy McShane and Stepbrother to Melanie (Tod) Dausch, Maurice "Buster" Rodgers and Karen (Ed) Swieicki. Loving Son in Law of Rick and Eileen Sheptak. Fond Brother in Law to the late Vince McShane and Dale and Lea Sheptak. Amazing Uncle to Tony Leitzow, Dawn (Jason) Dietz, Bob Marcum, Eric Marcum, Deanna Swieicki, Olivia Muscatello, Max Dausch, Ray Swieicki and Bronwyn Sheptak. Adored Great Uncle of Brandon, Brianna, Madison, Delanie, Sophia, Marissa and Ayden. Dear friend of Henry Pontarelli and all who met him.

He served his country in the US Air Force and worked for Rockwell Automation for 28 years until his retirement. He found his greatest passion after retiring in 2011, devoting his time to animal rescue. In 2015 he co-founded Northwest Rescue Network Team to provide a conduit to get stray dogs connected with rescues. In the past 3 years, he has saved almost 900 dogs. The team will continue to carry on his mission.

John was a truly compassionate person, who gave everything to any undertaking. He was loved by all who had the pleasure to know him.

Memorial Visitation will be Friday 6/1/18 4-9pm at Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates.

Family and Friends will meet for Mass Saturday 6/2/18 9:30am at St. Hubert Church, 729 Grand Canyon, Hoffman Estates. Interment Private.

In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite Animal Rescue in John's name would be appreciated.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John F. Fenolio*

October 05, 2023 at 03:04 AM



“ *Mr. John F. Fenolio*

September 08, 2022 at 03:08 AM



“ *Another angel gone too soon. Your legacy will on through us to carry on*

**Cecilia Fell** - June 01, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ *When you walk side by side with a man that has this much compassion...you are not left untouched. So many of us will share in John's legacy with each rescue life touched. He will never be forgotten nor will his ripples of impact ever be erased. Thank you for being you John. Thank you for being THAT HERO for so many...900 to be exact. And Tracey and Family, thank you for sharing such a giving soul with the rest of us as well as the pups. Peace and love to each of you for what you lost that heaven gained. 🕯️*



**stacey Edge** - June 01, 2018 at 09:26 AM

JC

“ What can I possibly say about this man that hasn't already been said.....I didn't know JOHN for a long time, only the past few years through his amazing mom, NANCY.....I so enjoyed meeting JOHN and his wife...I instantly felt a wonderful connection when I found out his passion for dogs...it takes a very special and unique kind of human being to do what JOHN did....and like so many others, I am amazed and grateful for his dedication.....if that wasn't enough, JOHN was also a Blackhawks fan!!! I truly enjoyed our conversations about these things.....it's so easy to talk with someone that has a heart and smile like John.....my heart goes out to his wonderful family....my prayers are with all of you💙

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julie chlebicki - May 31, 2018 at 08:19 PM

AB

“ How can one sum up a 40 plus year friendship. John, was more than a friend, he was family. We shared the good things in life, the birth of his sweet Christy, the marriage to his soul mate Tracey, vacations, parties, dinners out and at home, the list goes on. The conversation and stories. The sad and silly. We will miss his kind heart, willingness to do whatever was needed. His love for family, friends and dogs, the Cubs, golf, horses, life in general. Johnny, here's to looking at the stars with the constellation map on Tracey's I pad. 🙏,love you little brother from another mother. Our hearts are heavy. Ted and Anna

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Anna Babicz - May 31, 2018 at 05:43 AM



“ I didn't know John for a long time, only a couple of years. With Tony Leitzow we golfed together, met at Schaumberg Golf Course every winter to “virtual golf” and had amazing dinners at either Kathy's or Dawn's where we got to know and love each other. I was always amazed at the stories John was able to recall. He was a true historian. His passing saddens me so much. There were so many stories I wanted to hear. His love for his family, of which I feel a part of, was boundless. From day one he made me feel like a part of the family. I already miss him and Sunday dinners will never be quite the same.

Ken Armstrong - May 30, 2018 at 08:45 PM



“ I am one of many friends who adored John. Loyal, fun-loving and authentic human being. The world was a better place with him in it. This news of his passing is heartbreaking. I am honored to have known him. Rest in peace dear friend.

Gerilyn - May 30, 2018 at 04:51 PM



Good Bye John...such a passion you had for your family and to help dogs....you made a difference in this world...I'm glad I had the pleasure to know you when we was teenagers in "The Neighborhood"...My condolences to your family...Susan Anderson

Susan Anderson Lamantia - May 31, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ Up to a few years ago Cub fans could be heard praying they would see the Cubs in a World Series during their lifetime. We're pleased John saw his beloved Cubs win in 2016. Maybe he will now be one of their guardian angels. Love and hugs to the extended Fenolio, Sheptak families from the Johnsons.

Nancy and Bruce - May 30, 2018 at 03:01 PM

MC

“ I was so sorry to hear the sad news of "Johnny's" passing. How wonderful it was that we re-kindled our Kolmar friendship ( from over 50 years ago) in the past few years by a chance encounter on the dance floor with Kathy at Villaggio's. Johnny was a great kid and grew to be a wonderful, caring and friendly adult! His warm smile will be missed. My sincere sympathies and prayers to his family.

*Mary Coleman-Stevens*

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**Mary Coleman-Stevens** - May 30, 2018 at 10:16 AM


KA

*I am so saddened to hear of the passing of John. I worked for many years with John at Reliance Electric and then Rockwell Automation. John was a very dedicated to his work and a true pleasure to work with. My prayers to the family.*

*Sincerely,  
Karen Sadlik*

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**Karen** - May 30, 2018 at 01:46 PM

  
Eileen  
Williams

*I grew up with John in the hood. He was a great friend to me and I am so very sorry to hear about his passing.  
You rest now, John.*

*Your friends, Todd and Eileen Williams*

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**Eileen Williams Lombardi Dymitrowicz** - May 30, 2018 at 02:29 PM

GW

*For the short time that I volunteered with John I always enjoyed his friendly and welcoming manner with not only me but all the volunteers and greatly respected his humble way of rescuing dogs. He was well respected by both humans and the dogs he saved. As the saying goes you can always judge the character of a person by the way he treats animals and how they love that person in return. John lived life to the fullest to the very end. He is surely welcomed in heaven now with all that loved him and will live in the hearts of all here on earth that he encountered during his lifetime. Gayle Weyland Schaumburg*

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**Gayle Weyland** - May 30, 2018 at 08:45 PM