



John F. Giblin

March 10, 2015

John F. Giblin, Jr., 79, of Lancaster, died on Monday, March 9, 2015 at Maple Farm Nursing Home, Akron, PA. Born in Boston, MA, he was the son of the late John F. and Mabelle Wallace Giblin of Fall River, MA. He was married to Carol Creamer Giblin for 56 years.

He grew up in Swansea and Fall River, MA and was employed by Thomas Industries in Louisville, KY and Sparta, TN. In 1976 he became Eastern Regional Sales Manager for Thomas and moved to Harrisburg, PA.

In his younger years, John was an avid sailor, racing in Beetles and Herreshoff 15's and "S" boats on Narrangansett Bay. He was a member of the Coles River Yacht Club. After leaving Massachusetts he enjoyed golfing in Kentucky and Tennessee. In 1983 he became involved in black powder shooting and rendezvous gatherings. He began sewing leather shooting bags as a hobby. The bags became so much in demand that he expanded to a small business known as Greybear Leather. Over the years he has hand crafted thousands of shooting bags. He was a member of the National Muzzeloding Rifle Assoc. and is an artisan of the Contemporary Long Rifle Assoc. He has shown his bags in many shows including the Pennsylvania Sports and Outdoor Show for many years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children: John F. Giblin, III (Jack)

and wife Susan Sell of Harrisburg; Michael E. Giblin of Mechanicsburg; Patricia A. Fackler and husband Alan M. Fackler of Lancaster; David A. Giblin and wife Lynette of Mechanicsburg; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Susan Giblin who died in 2010.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend John's Memorial Gathering on Sunday, March 15, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, 528 W. Orange Street (corner of Orange and Pine Sts.), Lancaster. An Irish Wake will be held at a later date and interment will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in John's memory can be made to www.NationalAutismAssociation.org, The Susan Giblin Foundation for Animal Wellness and Welfare, PO Box 342, Dillsburg, PA 17019 or the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, www.NMLRA.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *John F. Giblin*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Carol and family,
We were so sorry to hear of John's passing
and send you all our sincere condolences.
We remember many good times with you,
John, and your family from Sweetbriar Terrace,
Harrisburg. Parties, neighborly visits, and soccer games.
We know how John loved making his leather
shooting bags, knives and traveling to
Rendezvous.
We know you will preserve many fond
memories of him from those days and more.
Love, Millie, Ted and Kathy*

Millie, Ted and Kathy Kantner - March 17, 2015 at 08:26 PM



“ *Carol, John, Michael, Tricia, David and grandchildren of John,*

*We were so sorry to hear of John's passing, he will be missed
dearly by us all. As you know I have known John most of my life and
loved seeing all your pictures and stories. You were all very
blessed with wonderful parents and I know you realize that too. He
will always be missed but not forgotten. Love to all.*

Kathy, Ken Allen - March 16, 2015 at 06:22 PM

GF

“ *Carol and Children*
It is with great sadness we offer our prayers and thoughts of you.
John was Bill's good friend and they shared many happy times
growing up together.
Love from Wareham, Mass.

Gaby& family - March 14, 2015 at 02:41 PM

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Gaby& family - March 14, 2015 at 01:25 PM

HS

“ *Dear Mrs. Giblin and the whole Giblin family, I was so saddened to*
hear about Mr. Giblin's passing. I have very fond memories of being
your neighbor as a child and also I know how much my parents
cherish your friendship. One of my favorite Mr. Giblin stories is
when I got a new bike for Christmas when I was maybe 11 and it
was from Santa Claus, though my investigative research into the
reality of Santa Claus was already underway. I rode it on the street
on Christmas morning and Mr. Giblin stepped outside to get the
paper, asked me how I liked my new bike, then proudly announced
that he was entrusted by my parents to hide it at his house until this
morning. Ha! It was funny. I'll always credit Mr. Giblin in helping me
come to my official conclusion on Santa Claus. You'll be missed by
the universe, Mr. Giblin. Much love prayers and condolences to all
of you from Heidi Daub Soyster and Family.

Heidi (Daub) Soyster - March 11, 2015 at 09:58 PM

CT

“ *What wonderful, fun recollections we have of your time in Tennessee. We know you have many wonderful memories to replay again and again. Chuck and I are thinking of you and sending our best.*

*Love,
The Thomases*

Candy Thomas - March 11, 2015 at 08:01 PM

TU

“ *Tricia and family,
My deepest condolences to you all. May your memories help you find peace.*

*With love,
Tia*

Tia Ulshafer - March 11, 2015 at 09:36 AM

LH

“ *Tricia and family, your father/husband/grandfather sounds like such an interesting man! I wish I could have met him. Let your memories help sustain you as you move through these next days.*

*Thinking of you,
Lydia Henry*

Lydia Henry - March 11, 2015 at 08:43 AM