



John P. Donahue

May 5, 1953 - September 20, 2025

Dover - John P. Donahue, age 72, passed away on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at St. Clare's Hospital in Dover. Born in Dover to the late Richard T. Donahue and Katherine (Ferrone) Donahue, John lived in Morris County for most of his life. He was a customer service representative for Novartis in East Hanover before he retired 19 years ago. He was a member of Sacred Heart & Holy Rosary R.C. Church in Dover and a Third and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus member. John is survived by his son, Christopher Donahue of Tucson, Arizona; his daughters, Cathleen Permunion and her husband Frank of Wantage and Siobhan Donahue of Wantage; his two brothers, Richard Donahue of Arizona and Walter Donahue of Pennsylvania; three grandchildren, Alexis and Audrey Permunion and Aiden Cosh-Donahue; and his dear friend, Kristi Baum of Boonton. Private cremation services have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, NJ. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Tribute Wall

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“ I send my condolences to John’s family and close friends. I just found his obituary while trying to find out why I haven’t been able to contact him. I remember John from the neighborhood, while walking his dogs by our house. I looked forward to taking him to numerous Drs appointments. We spent time on those visits chatting about all sorts of various topics. I will miss him. He leaves a hole in my monthly ‘calendar’ that will be hard to fill! Rest in peace my friend.

steven Wagoner - November 07, 2025 at 11:25 PM

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“ My sincerest condolences on the passing of John. I worked with him for seven years, and I will never forget him!

Nancy Duke-Smith - October 16, 2025 at 10:20 PM

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“ It's hard to put into words what it feels like to lose my dear friend John. He was one of a kind. Quirky in the best way, with a deep love for dogs, Shakespeare, and anything with a bit of history or soul. His faith ran deep, and though it sometimes made him misunderstood, it was also what gave him strength through his hardest battles.

John carried his own struggles for a long time, but his heart was kind & genuine. I'm forever grateful that, before his passing, he was able to reconnect with his children - something that I know brought him peace and a sense of wholeness.

He adored his pups, and it brings comfort knowing Darcy has found a loving home with Cathleen. I can't help but imagine Koda & Beckett waiting at Heaven's gates, tails wagging, ready to welcome him home. 🐾🐾🐾

We started out as coworkers many years ago, and somewhere along the way that working relationship turned into a true friendship filled with laughter, honesty & care. I'll miss our sushi dates, his weird humor (lol), his stories, and the the way he saw the world through his unique lens. He was always there to support & encourage me, and I'll miss knowing that he's only a phone call away.

Rest easy, my friend. I hope you've finally found the peace you were searching for. 🕊️

Kristi - October 16, 2025 at 12:23 PM

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Kristi, that was John! Thank you!

Nancy Duke-Smith - October 16, 2025 at 10:22 PM

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“ *I remember John from working at Novartis. He was always well liked, pleasant and helpful. Sorry to hear of his passing. RIP John.* ”

Debbie Hordych - October 08, 2025 at 05:58 PM