



## John J. Hornyak Sr.

June 21, 1954 - December 9, 2023

Vernon - John J Hornyak, Sr., age 69, also known by many as “Uncle Johnny,” passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Morristown Medical Center. Born in Franklin to the late John and Alice (Helms) Hornyak, John grew up in Ogdensburg and bought a cabin with his wife Diane in the Lake Wallkill section of Vernon Township in 1978. He was self employed as an owner-operator of Hornyak & Sons, Inc. driving trucks for over 30 years. Johnny always worked hard to provide for his family and enjoyed helping others in any way he could. He was known for his kindness and generosity and would give the shirt off his back. Besides his parents, John was predeceased by his wife, Diane (Brown) Hornyak; his sister, Diane Redner; and his nephews, Brent Borum, Thomas Laner and Billy Storms, Jr.. He is survived by his sons, John J. Hornyak, Jr. and his wife Meghan of Lafayette and Jason H. Hornyak and his wife Alexis of Wantage; his grandchildren, Colten, Avreigh, Adalynn, and Evelyn; his brother, Earl Hornyak and his wife Tracy of Ogdensburg; his sisters, Gail Pollard and her husband Butch of Sussex and Carol Laner and her husband Tom of Wantage; many nieces, nephews; cousins, and great friends. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment will immediately follow at North Hardyston Cemetery. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in John’s memory to National League of POW/MIA Families, 5673 Columbia

Pike Suite 100 Falls Church, VA 22041. Online condolences may be offered to the family on [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## North Hardyston Cemetery

Route 94  
Hardyston, NJ 07419

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
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## Funeral Service

DEC 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LP

“ Johnny B. Goode! ☐

Linda Pawlowicz - December 13, 2023 at 08:50 PM

DH

“ We all were so close growing up. Johnny and I were so very close  
💕 God help my Cousins get through this time of so much loss in  
their family 🙏🙏🙏 I love you all 💕💕💕 I love you Johnny 💕

Debbie Helms - December 13, 2023 at 12:17 PM

LJ

Johnny, Your kindness and caring ways will never be forgotten. Rest in  
peace my friend. Love Laura

Laura Jewels - December 14, 2023 at 10:04 AM

AT

“ It was such a pleasure to take care of you  
during your stay at the hospital. As nurses we  
are trained not to get too attached but once and  
a while a special patient comes along that  
makes an impact. That was you John. My  
condolences to your sons, family and friends.  
Until the very end you managed to still crack a joke here and there  
that made me smile. Fly high my friend and rest easy. You are pain  
free.  
Your nurse Angela.



Angela Torres - December 12, 2023 at 10:12 PM

EG

“ Many prayers for his family left behind. God is with all of you.

Elise Guadagno - December 12, 2023 at 09:49 AM

BW

“ My prayers are with John's family during this hard time. John was such a good friend from High School and the years after. He is finally with his Diane. Hold on to your memories, I will mine.

Betty Willis - December 11, 2023 at 09:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John J. Hornyak Sr..



December 11, 2023 at 07:02 PM

LP

“ Love, Kristin Polster planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John J. Hornyak Sr..

Love, Kristin Polster - December 11, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John J. Hornyak Sr..



December 11, 2023 at 03:43 PM

CK

“ Johnny will forever be in our memories. In our younger years, we had so much fun. Not a carefree in the world and enjoying life. That's what Johnny did and we will keep him in our thoughts always. Thinking of the Hornyak family at this difficult time. Our hearts share your loss. Love, Mickey and Cheryl Kalafut

Cheryl and Mick Kalafut - December 11, 2023 at 02:30 PM

EO

Sending John Meagan and kids much strength, prayers and love Love always Nana Em and Papa Nelson.

Emma Ortiz - December 11, 2023 at 09:11 PM

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Debbie Helms - December 12, 2023 at 04:06 AM