



John Joseph Nedelka

March 22, 1944 - May 16, 2020

John Joseph Nedelka "Captain John", age 76 of Frankford, DE, passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2020, at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes, DE. He was born on March 22, 1944 in Philadelphia, PA, son of the late John and Anne (Hrupsa) Nedelka.

John began his career as an iron worker, worked for Boeing RotorCraft Systems for a short period and was a welder fabricator. He truly found his calling, however, when he became a Charter Boat Captain and owner of the Karen Sue charter boat. John was at home on the water, and he genuinely enjoyed life on the ocean. He retired in 2019, after 41 adventurous years as owner and Captain. John was a member of the Moose Lodge and had many other interests, including fishing (of course), hunting, and planting and tending his vegetable garden. None so much compared, however, to the time spent with those he held most dear. John was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who will be genuinely missed by all who had the opportunity to know him.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister, Joann Campbell. He is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Linda (Busch) Nedelka of Frankford, DE; his son, John F. Nedelka (Kathy) of Clayton, DE; his daughters: Debbie Barberi (Michael) of Morgantown, PA and Jennifer Rongaus (Christopher) of Honey Brook, PA; his step-daughters: Wendy Hunter of Endwell, NY and Suzanne Lucky(Mike) of Robesonia, PA; his grandchildren: Brenden Nedelka, Kevin Barberi, Caitlin Leonard, Dylan Hunter, Darby Lucky, Delany Lucky, and Molly Lucky; his sister, Rosemary Bieber of Wilmington, DE, and his ex-wife Karen Jordan of Exton, PA; and family friend, Kayleigh Mathew (who affectionately called him Captain Pop Pop).

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a memorial service will be held at a later date so a proper memorial can be arranged in his honor.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Comments



“ Dear Debbie and Mike,

My deepest condolences for the loss of your Dad (and father in law). Although i did not have the pleasure of knowing him, but reading that he was a fisherman and charter boat captain, it reads that he really loved life and people. I am sure especially his family.

And Mike, when you told me he was from Delaware County, a welder at Boeing !!, then i knew you had the best Father-in-Law. You had the total package. My prayers are with you and your Family during this most difficult time. God Bless, Nick Cirilli

Nick Cirilli - May 24, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ JoAnne Hoffman lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Nedelka



JoAnne Hoffman - May 22, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ I've been a friend of Johns for 35 years he was very good with my kid's Tommy n franny n took his time to teach them the tricks of offshore fishing thanks John for sharing your experience w my kids when they were very young n turned out to b decent fishing men god bless

tom gessler - May 22, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Heartfelt sympathy to Johnny’s loved ones. We are so very sorry to hear of his passing. He left us way too soon Rest In Peace Captain John

In prayer,
Ann Pearson Weber- Aaron Weber
Jessica Pearson Miles- Spencer Miles
Beau Charles Miles
Rhett John Miles

Ann Pearson - May 20, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.
Frank and Carol Hrupsa

Frank Hrupsa - May 20, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ I was shocked and saddened when I heard of John's passing. I have written some memories in my Friday column in the Cape Gazette. Linda, I want you to know I am thinking of you and if you need anything just let me know. Eric

Eric Burnley - May 20, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ Thank you Eric. He touched many lives. If you could let us know when it will be in the Gazette we will try to get copies to share with the family.

Kathy Nedelka - May 20, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ Condolences to your family Jennifer.. I am glad for the friendship Glenn and I had with Captain John over the last few years. He will be missed.



Glenn and Patsy - May 20, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ John was a 35 yr friend who took the time to share fishing's best ways to rig baits put lines out liter fish Pull them in great guy will b truly missed god bless

tom gessler - May 22, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Linda, You and family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending heartfelt sympathy to all. God Bless.

JoAnne Hoffman - May 22, 2020 at 08:12 PM