



## John E. Donnelly Jr.

April 4, 2021

John E. Donnelly, Jr. of West Hartford and North Falmouth, MA died peacefully on April 4. John was born in West Roxbury, MA to John and Anna Donnelly on May 4, 1934. Following his graduation from Boston College, John served in the United States Marine Corps. He was predeceased by his wife Jean McNulty Donnelly of 49 years in 2007. Upon completion of his service at Camp Lejeune, NC, John and Jean came to Hartford where he began working in insurance. He later worked in manufacturing and sales for small craft recreational boats. They raised their family in West Hartford and returned to MA in 2000 to enjoy the Cape. John was predeceased by his brother Paul Donnelly. He is survived by his children Margaret (Peggy) Donnelly of Bloomfield, John E. Donnelly of Niantic, Jean Marie and her husband Mark Molloy of West Hartford. He was known as Pa to his beloved grandchildren, Margaret and Katherine Molloy, Maura, John, and Anna Donnelly. He also leaves his sister Jean A. Taylor and two sister-in-laws, Susan Donnelly and Elaine M. Sullivan and several nieces and nephews and their children. Funeral services will be Wednesday, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am at the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 N. Main St. West Hartford, friends and family may call at the Church 9-9:45 am prior to the Mass. Burial will be Thursday at 12 noon at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree, MA. In lieu of flowers donations in his name may be made to Saint Vincent DePaul Society Elizabeth Seton Church P.O. Box 955 North Falmouth, MA 02556. Or your local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Online expressions of sympathy

may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Blue Hill Cemetery

700 West St.  
Braintree , MA 02184

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 7. 9:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
(860) 233-5131

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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West Hartford, CT 06117  
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## Graveside Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Braintree, MA 02184



# Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John E. Donnelly Jr.*



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**Molloy Funeral Home** - April 06, 2021 at 07:54 AM

KA

“ *I have wonderful memories of summer weekends at the Cape with John when I was little, digging for clams, sailing, and seeing how high up I could get on the swing in the back yard. He was a warm, funny and generous man and I feel very lucky to have had him in my life.*

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**Katharine** - April 08, 2021 at 05:56 AM

JT

“ JEAN TAYLOR TRIBUTE TO HER BROTHER, JOHN E. DONNELLY

*Love and many prayers to my wonderful extended family of Donnelly's and Molloy's. I miss you. What a beautiful memorial service you planned today in tribute to my brother John's life. Jack and I were there in spirit as we watched on our computer here in Maryland.*

*There were so many memories of my big brother as a care giver in Milton when I was a child. He taught me how to ski at a very early age. He made a game out of hearing my spelling so we were hysterical laughing. When he got his license, he drove me to Scituate with Meg, my Kerry Blue Terrier, in his convertible and did I feel special. He drove me to my SAT's (yuk), but the best thing he ever gave me was a sister I never had, Jean "Mac" as Paul called her. She invited me to be in her wedding party with her college friends. It was the highlight of my teenage life and I adored her. I miss her and remember how John cared for her during her illness. During the good years we all stuck together and our children were all about the same ages and as one lady said at a gathering: 6 under 7 & 1 in Ireland. I agree with Sue – John was always welcoming and I loved watching him dig his clams on the beach in Megansett. They tasted even better. He was a great cook.*

*God bless you John. May you rest in peace and glory in Heaven with all our family and friends.*

*To Jean Marie, John and Peggy – I plan to make a contribution to the Alzheimer's Association in your Father's name*

*My love to you, Aunt Jean Taylor*

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**Jean Taylor** - April 07, 2021 at 08:17 PM

CL

“ *What a beautiful Mass in celebration of John’s life.  
Hold on to those precious memories.  
Condolences from Charline Lawless and family.*

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**Charline Lawless** - April 07, 2021 at 11:21 AM

SD

“ *John and I were pals and had so many great laughs for many many years. The most important thing is how many great times we had with the families. At the cape, in Philly for New Years in West Hartford for many many occasions. I will really miss John, his clam chowder and great company. All of this goes with saying how much I have missed Jean and all that the families have shared. We all lived some distanced from each other but it was a very very closer family with a lot of trips up and down the east coast. I cannot say goodbye to John without thinking of Paul. They loved each other so much along with Jeannie. All three were a blast to be with and so funny. I am so glad he came my way, Love, Sue*

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**susan donnelly** - April 07, 2021 at 11:16 AM

JJ

*I am so sorry to hear this sad sad news ; John and Paul were wonderful and very funny . Great friends. John Donnelly jr  
Thank you Susan .*

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**john donnelly jr** - April 14, 2021 at 06:57 PM

MT

“ *Thinking of the Donnelly and Molloy families today. Mr. Donnelly has joined many friends.  
“May joy and peace surround you, contentment latch your door. And happiness be with you now and bless you evermore. “  
Love the Tracey’s (Kathleen, Megan and Anna)*

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**Megan Tracey** - April 07, 2021 at 10:24 AM

JJ

“ *Sending our love and condolences from your Donnelly family in Philadelphia. We are sorry that we cannot be there with you today to celebrate Uncle John's life. There are so many wonderful memories through the years - Scituate, the Cape, and endless family gatherings spent laughing together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all today.*

*- Sue, Ellen, Jenny, Tim, Paul, and Sean*

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**Jennifer Johnson** - April 07, 2021 at 09:44 AM

CO

“ *The Donnelly family,  
Thank you for welcoming me into your home. I will always remember the precious few meals we shared in the presence of your father. His gentle demeanor made me feel at ease. I will miss him but will remember him when I hear the crack of the bat over the airways. Rest in Peace Mr. Donnelly...  
Sincerely,  
Chris O'Brien*

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**Chris O'Brien** - April 07, 2021 at 07:29 AM

PD

“ Rain and I extend our deepest sympathies to the Donnelly and Malloy families in addition to Jean Taylor in this time of great loss. I will never forget Johns laugh, hanging out at my mother and fathers house, crowded around the dining room table hearing all the stories of growing up & the times in Scituate. John was a gem, a true New Englander. I will never forget sitting at my sisters wedding with John and family in the bar watching game 3 of the 2004 ALCS, one of the worst games ever but am so thankful we shared that moment together. Our hearts go out to you and your Family's ❤️



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**paul donnelly** - April 06, 2021 at 10:15 PM

KM

“ Dear Jean Marie, Peggy, John and family,

Very sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. I always enjoyed the times I was in his presence. He had such a welcoming smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your Dad.

Sincerely,  
Kevin McNulty

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**Kevin T. McNulty** - April 06, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John E. Donnelly Jr..*



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April 06, 2021 at 07:16 PM



“ *To all John's loved ones I send my prayers and condolences. The notice of John's death evokes happy memories of our youth from No. Scituate to Milton. I was a contemporary pal of Paul's with whom we shared hilarious times. Be assured of my prayers for the deceased members of your family and for your strength in all the days ahead. Warmest regards to John's sister, Jean.*

*Paul Kirk  
Marstons Mills, MA*

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**Paul Kirk** - April 06, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of John E. Donnelly Jr..*



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April 06, 2021 at 03:07 PM

JL

“ On behalf of the Northwest Catholic High School community, I offer my deepest sympathy on the passing of John Donnelly. John, along with his children and grandchildren, is a valued member of the Northwest Catholic community, so we mourn his loss along with all who love him. Please know that John and his entire family will be remembered in a special way at our next school-wide Mass. We are very sorry for your loss. ~ Jane Leary, Director of Constituent Relations, Northwest Catholic High School.

Jane Leary - April 06, 2021 at 01:56 PM

YB

“ Your family at Be Biopharma purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John E. Donnelly Jr..



Your family at Be Biopharma - April 06, 2021 at 01:13 PM

KM

“ Jean and family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Sending you peace and love during this difficult time .*

Karla McClain - April 06, 2021 at 11:56 AM

MM

“ So, so sorry for your loss, Jean. I hope your loving memories of your father will provide some comfort at this difficult time.

Maureen Messier - April 06, 2021 at 11:53 AM

AB

“ Peggy and I visited her Dad many times on the cape to find him watching the Red Sox or Bruins game. He was the definition of a true Boston Sports Fan! Upon arrival a beer was offered even if it was 10 pm at night. A proper fire was always burning in the hearth. Lucy the Welch Terrier always found a friend with a nibble under the table with John. We were never sure who enjoyed the visit more, Lucy or John! Fun times at Bay Crest Lane for all!

*Andrew Baldassarre*

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**Andrew Baldassarre** - April 06, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John E. Donnelly Jr..



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April 06, 2021 at 09:38 AM

MD

“ Jean, Mark and family,

*Please accept our deepest sympathy and Prayers for the loss of your father.*

*Michael and Kathy*

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**Michael DeConti** - April 06, 2021 at 08:25 AM

TS

“ *The Cavanaugh's Noreen, Sean, Katie and Spencer. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John E. Donnelly Jr..*



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**The Cavanaugh's Noreen, Sean, Katie and Spencer.** - April 06, 2021 at 08:09 AM

CM

“ *\*Live Stream of Mass Link\**  
<https://youtu.be/EsA9p9y7DVI>

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**Chris Molloy** - April 06, 2021 at 07:53 AM

KS

“ *Karen Sullivan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John E. Donnelly Jr..*



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**Karen Sullivan** - April 05, 2021 at 09:48 PM

WP

“ *I have very fond memories of John teaching me and the kids how to dig for clams at the beach near his house at Megansett. Having grown up far from the sea in England, I had no idea what a quahog was (let alone how to spell it). But John showed us how to locate steamers and quahogs aplenty on the tidal sands close to the bright and sunny home he shared with Jean. And after we'd filled our bucket, there was always a cold Sam Adams to look forward to back at the house. John was a warm-hearted, generous man and I'm the richer for having known him.*

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**William Pitt** - April 05, 2021 at 01:54 PM

AF

*loss of an old buddy. we had many laughs together. great picture  
jean.sincerely. art fox, weeki wachee, fla.34613*

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**arthur fox** - April 10, 2021 at 02:26 AM