



Duane A. Wassum

April 18, 1957 - April 9, 2019

Duane Alan, age 61, of Chandler, Arizona, passed away April 9, 2019. He was born on April 18, 1957, in Butler, Pennsylvania, the son of Louise R. Wassum and Lloyd I. Wassum. After graduating from Union High School, he served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He earned an A.A.S. degree in Civil Engineering Technology from Williamsport Area Community College and a B.E.T. in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Gannon University. He married Karen Meier on April 26, 1980. Mr. Wassum was employed by National Fuel Gas for 37 years, retiring in 2017. He was a member of the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Model A Restorer's Club Niagara Frontier Region, Pine Lodge No. 498 F. & A. M., the Coudersport Consistory, and a charter member of the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity. Duane enjoyed traveling, old cars, and outdoor activities. In addition to his wife, Karen, he is survived by a daughter, Kelly Rae Wassum, of Buffalo, New York, and a son, Curtis Alan (Kirsten) Wassum, of Chandler, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Daniel and David, and his parents. A Memorial will be held at 3:00 pm, Saturday, April 27 at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Orchard Park, New York, with the Rev. Dr. Richard Young officiating. Friends and family will be received beginning at 1:00 pm. Interment will be held in the Sligo, PA Cemetery. The Burns Funeral Home & Crematorium Inc. in Rimersburg, PA is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church Legacy Fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **27**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
4369 S Buffalo Street
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane A. Wassum.*



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“ *Duane was a great guy to work with, he especially loved starting and running his own (mostly) unregulated NFG company with as little input from the #@&*% lawyers as he could get away with. We set it up so that he would not have the power of eminent domain (the power to condemn rights of way for pipelines), he had to persuade every landowner to sell us rights of way voluntarily, somehow got it all done, I think he was a rural guy at heart.*

Duane loved music, he came to almost all of the music events involving NFG performers. Either he really enjoyed himself or he was a talented actor being kind. I'm grateful to have known him.

This happened way too soon, very sorry for your loss.

Jim Peterson

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