



Mr. John Patrick Kane

July 16, 1942 - December 8, 2024

John Patrick Kane, 82, of Cortland, New York, passed away peacefully at home on December 8, 2024. He was the son of John Roche Kane and Alice (Roe) Kane. John attended the Cortland College Campus School, and graduated from Cortland High School (1960) and SUNY Cortland. He taught English at Tully Central School for five years and then at Camillus Middle School, retiring (Tier 1) in 1999. John and wife Kathy lived on Otisco Lake for forty years, where they raised their two daughters, before returning to their hometown. For many years they summered in Cortland and wintered in Venice, Florida. John was a news junkie and a history and genealogy buff. His many interests included gardening; classic boats, motorcycles and cars; cooking and fermenting (wine and beer-making, kraut, kimchee, pickles).

Music was John's passion. He played and recorded professionally (tenor and soprano sax) through six decades beginning circa 1955 with the Campus Kings, a dixieland jazz band under the direction of Sam Forcucci. Jazz, R&B, and soul were John's favored musical styles, playing with many groups including the Soul Brothers, Dave Hanlon's Cookbook, Out of the Blue, the Jazz Minds, and Applejazz. John was a third-generation member of the musicians union (AF of M).

John was predeceased by his parents and by his younger brother David in

1960. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Kathleen (Cummins) Kane; daughters Adrienne (Kenneth) Beck and Erin Kane (Christopher Dolan); his two adored grandchildren, Monica and Colin Beck; his sister Judith (Leroy) Strickland; and many nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

No services are planned, per John's wishes. Your support of the arts and music education in public schools will honor his memory.

Arrangements are by Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.
www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I’m so sorry to hear that John passed away. He was a very talented musician and I always enjoyed listening to Jerry and John play together with Music Incorporated. We had some great times back then. RIP John, I know you and Jerry are jamming together in heaven.

Gary Hinman - December 29, 2024 at 10:35 AM

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“ I had the distinct pleasure of teaching alongside John , as well as hearing his talent as part of Dave Hanlon's Cookbook. He and a couple of other Camillus Middle musicians put on a small concert for the principal's birthday that was awesome. I'll always remember that twinkle in his eye and grin ever ready to break out. PEACE, Bob Connelly

Robert F. Connelly - December 15, 2024 at 08:32 AM

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“ Kathy...I am so sorry for your loss...Great Musician...They failed to mention Slow Burn with my Father Bruce Fairbanks...I delivered Syracuse News Times for you...my prayers are with you...Paul Fairbanks..

Paul Fairbanks - December 12, 2024 at 07:45 PM