



## John Drake Betzler

May 16, 1962 - July 19, 2021

John D. Betzler

On Monday, July 19, 2021, John Drake Betzler of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully at home at the age of 59.

He is survived by wife of 32 years Anita Prizio; son Jeffery Drake Betzler; daughter Justine Emilia Betzler; mother Helen Betzler; and sister Margaret "M.A." Betzler Jackson (Scott). He is preceded in death by his father, Clarence John Betzler (2016).

A lifelong resident of Pittsburgh, he was born in Mt. Lebanon on May 16, 1962, and graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School where he was a member of their marching band. He was an active member of the Boy Scouts, becoming an Eagle Scout and was awarded the prestigious God and Country Award. John graduated from Allegheny College before attending the University of Pittsburgh to pursue his Masters of Business Administration degree. A loving father, John was involved in his son's hockey teams as team manager and spent many weekends participating in the YMCA Princesses Program with his daughter. As his children grew older, he enjoyed going to Grateful Dead concerts and sharing his love for their music with them. John will be remembered as a loving husband, father, son, brother, and a great friend.

There will be a private memorial held by the family and his ashes will be scattered at a later date in Maui, Hawaii, where he loved to visit.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii, [www.sustainablecoastlineshawaii.org](http://www.sustainablecoastlineshawaii.org), to help the islands he loved.

"There is a road, no simple highway, between the dawn and dark of night. And if you go, no one may follow. That path is for your steps alone." - "Ripple" The Grateful Dead

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Drake Betzler*

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October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *John Drake Betzler*

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October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Dear Anita and Family,*

*I am so sorry to hear about the passing of John.  
My thoughts, prayers and heartfelt sympathies are with all of you.*

*Amy Tenenouser*

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**Amy** - August 10, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ *Anita, Jeffery, and Justine*

*We are so sorry to hear about John's passing.  
We will miss seeing him taking care of that wonderful backyard  
forest he enjoyed.  
May he rest in peace, and may you all find comfort with God during  
these sad times.*

*neighbors Jojo & Roseann Veltri*

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**Jojo Veltri** - August 02, 2021 at 01:10 PM

JV

“ *Jojo Veltri lit a candle in memory of John Drake Betzler*



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**Jojo Veltri** - August 02, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Although I did not know John, his being a father, husband, son, and Eagle Scout while having loved ones caring enough to join him with his beloved Hawaiian coast speaks volumes about him. I know we would have crossed paths over the next several months had he not been taken too soon.*

*Anita: on behalf of myself and the Hampton Democrats, we're all very sorry for your loss.*

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**Rock Kernick** - July 30, 2021 at 09:57 AM

KJ

“ *John was a good friend. My thoughts are with Anita, John's mom Helen, and the entire family*

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**Keith Jacobson** - July 27, 2021 at 03:22 PM

JH

“ *Anita, I did not know John but, knowing you, he must have been a great guy. Best wishes in this difficult time. Jim Harvey, Democrats for Shaler*



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**James Harvey** - July 25, 2021 at 06:54 PM

HO

“ On behalf of Bedford County Hunt, we extend our sincere condolences on the passing of John Betzler. Heidi O'Connor, BCH President



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Heidi O'Connor - July 25, 2021 at 06:32 PM

LC

“ I am so sorry to hear of this sudden, sad news. May your happy memories and family bring you comfort during this difficult time. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Wishing you peace. 🥹💜 Laura Curry

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laura curry - July 22, 2021 at 06:12 PM

BC

“ Anita & Family, Our most heartfelt sympathy to you & your family on the loss of your husband. May your wonderful memories help you through this most difficult time.



Love, Barbara & David Cisek

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Barbara Cisek - July 22, 2021 at 04:07 PM