



## John (Ric) DeLong

December 7, 1948 - January 30, 2021

John (Ric) DeLong, 72, of Fulton, NY, passed away Saturday, January 30, 2021 in Johnson City, TN. He is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Kathleen (nee Alberico); son Mark, his wife Rebecca (nee Koval); daughter Nicole, her husband Chris (Tinnon); and grandchildren Mark, Sophia, Cole, Olivia, Alice, and Liam.

John was a resourceful provider for his family, working in a variety of construction jobs before settling into restaurant service and sales where he remained for 35 years until retirement.

Family and friends were very important to the DeLongs, opening their home to countless gatherings where cherished memories were made.

He loved the outdoors and as a young father routinely brought his family to the beautiful Adirondack Mountains for camping and hiking adventures. As the years went on this was replaced with vacations to Oneida Lake with his family and adventures at Watkins Glen with his close friends.

John also loved building and tinkering, taking great pride and joy in his countless projects. Over the years, he turned a small house in the woods into a home where he could watch his family live and grow.

After decades of miserable New York winters, John and Kathleen moved to eastern Tennessee, where, thankfully, he was able to continue his past-time of chasing squirrels off the bird feeders.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy and family,*

*So sorry to hear of Ric's passing. Sending my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.*

*Lucille*

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**Lucille Duniec** - February 16, 2021 at 01:09 PM

SB

“ *Dear DeLong family;*

*John worked with my brother Tim at the restaurant supply business. I had the pleasure of golfing with John many times and always enjoyed his company. John was always smiling and encouraging. I could tell he loved his family deeply as he talked about you all. He was very proud! I hope your memories will hold you until you meet again! God bless.*

*-Shawn Broton*

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**Shawn Broton** - February 13, 2021 at 02:51 PM

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“ *Kathy ,Mark, Becky, Nicole and Chris, Pat and I are so very sorry for your loss. Rick was always with a great story to make us laugh and always a big beautiful smile! We will miss him truly. We are sending are love and you are all in our prayers... Pat and Lisa Leone*

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**Lisa Leone** - February 08, 2021 at 10:30 PM

LP

*Kathy and family....so very sad to hear of Rick's sudden passing! You two were such a pair and he always spoke his truth. I am sending all my love!*

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**Leonarda Priore** - February 09, 2021 at 07:21 PM

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**Dom Colacicco** - February 08, 2021 at 04:50 PM