



John Robert Bateman

January 17, 1969 - January 17, 2024

JOHN ROBERT BATEMAN of Surfside Beach, a dedicated Maintenance Manager for Vanderlande Industries for Myrtle Beach and Baltimore Airport, beloved husband, son, brother, nephew, uncle and stepfather passed away on January 17th, 2024, at the age of 55 after a courageous battle with cancer.

John was born on January 17th, 1969, in Oakdale Pennsylvania to Cheryl and Jack Bateman; married for 13 years to the love of his life, Barbara Bateman; brother to Sherri (Roy) Fisher; Stepfather to Timothy (Elizabeth) Stacy, Brooke Blashford and Aaron (Courtney) Willy; uncle to Cody Vargo; extended family, Kevin McWhirter, Joe Chapella and Jason Cisson who had been by his side through thick and thin since college days. Not to be forgotten, his dog Suzie Q who stayed beside him comforting him through his illness.

John's life was defined by his unwavering dedication to his career and his passion for motorcycles, automobiles and all things with engines. He began his career in the airline industry as a mechanic and continuously learned new techniques. John was a man of many hats. He was a member of the Teamsters union #926, truck driver, metal machinist and auto/bike mechanic. The list could go on and on.

John faced his illness head-on, never losing hope or his positive spirit cracking jokes to the very end. John's strength and bravery was an inspiration to all who knew him, and his unwavering commitment to those he knew and loved is a testament to the power of the human spirit.

John's legacy is one of love, compassion and service. A true shining example

of resilience, strength and kindness. He touched the lives of countless people during his lifetime. His impact will continue to be felt for years to come. John's family and friends take comfort in knowing that his memory will live through all the lives he touched and the example of courage and strength that he set for us all.

Tribute Wall

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“ We shared our birthday and would joke that great people were born on January 17.
Probably one of the kindest,gentle, sincere person I've ever meet.
❤️ Gone way to early but definitely touched more lives than most ever could.
Our thoughts and prayers to the Bateman family.
We know his legacy will always live on....
Miss you JB
Carol and Bob Jackson

Carol Jackson - February 14, 2024 at 11:27 PM



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“ John was a friend and road rat hotrod club brother. Always with a laugh and a big smile, John will be greatly missed. He never complained,and never had a bad thing to say about anyone. He was the core of what our club stood for. Gone to soon, but never forgotten. May God help his family to deal with this very difficult time. Rest in peace brother 🙏🙏

Road Rats Hotrod Club - January 23, 2024 at 04:04 PM



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“ *Johnny B. You were one hell of a man I am honored to have known. You were an extremely talented soul who created several amazing mechanical contraptions out of cars, trucks, and motorcycles. I am sad you are gone, but glad I had the time that I knew you. I still have the 12 ton press I got off you when you moved to Myrtle. The Bridge City Chop Shop sticker shall remain forever, and always remind me of you. Miss you my friend. Rest easy.*

Rich Painter

Rich Painter - January 21, 2024 at 03:49 PM