



John F. Donovan

June 23, 1948 - January 28, 2016

John Donovan, 67, formerly a resident of The Valley and a longtime resident and patient at Van Duyn Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing passed away Thursday, January 28, 2016 with family members at his bedside. John attended McCarthy School and attended ARC. He engaged his life with Down Syndrome in a spontaneous, warm, gentle manner as his family supported him through early advocacy for inclusion, bringing positive enrichment and love to his life with special needs. He shared his fun-loving youth with his pet dogs, neighbors, friends, church and extended family.

John is survived by his brothers, W. Peter (Linda) of Sarasota, Florida and Mark (Susan) of Baltimore Maryland; four nieces and nephews, Ryan, Kelly, Kate and Daniel. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Jane (Meagher) Donovan.

John's family would like to say a special thank you to all of his caregivers at Van Duyn.

A funeral mass will be held Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Beatrice Latremore Room at Van Duyn Center for Rehabilitation & Nursing. Entombment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery Resurrection Mausoleum, DeWitt, New York.

Donations may be made in his name to Van Duyn Center For Rehabilitation & Nursing, Nursing Fund, 5075 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John F. Donovan*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - January 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Peter, Mark and the Donovan Family:*

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My condolences on the loss of your most beloved brother. A kind, happy and joyful soul.

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Fondly recall John's smiling face and his friendliness in dealing with others. Welcoming all who visited your family's home on Harding Place in Syracuse, NY.

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Your feelings and sense of loss must be overwhelming. May your period of bereavement and grief be, mercifully, short.

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God bless you all !

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January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM