



## John Finley

October 9, 1943 - November 22, 2010

Dr. John W. Finley, age 67, of Cold Spring Harbor, NY on November 22, 2010. Owner of Finley's of Greene Street in Huntington, NY. Beloved husband of Sandra. Adored father of D.R. Finley, Shannon Finley, and Gabrielle Finley Abramson. Cherished grandfather of Oliver, Alexandra, India, and Ondine Finley. Dearest brother of Elaine Flanigan and Carol Vermeersch.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Finley*

November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.*

**G.FORD** - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *All I can say is, how can it be over before it started? Seems an odd question, when you've known someone your whole life. Nevertheless I feel like I was just getting started on my next level of relationship with John.*

*From the beginning he was there, whether it was Mooring and Anchorage or A-frames, summers in Orleans, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade or a beautiful wedding in Jamaica there's a good fifty years of John in my life. I was very much looking forward to the next however many years, in fact, to many, many more years.*

*He was a rare man, in so many ways, but for me, simply, it was because he was always so interesting as well as so interested. We were all robbed.*

**John W. Flanigan** - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I was a classmate of John, and sailed with him on the African Rainbow so many years ago. John will be missed by all, for he was a truly good friend and classmate. God be with you on your final voyage.

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**Paul Cass** - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ To Sandy and the entire Finley family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I am very glad we had that day together at the Dolphins game. He was a special man, he will be missed much. Love Ed

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**Ed & Denise Weigand** - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

P'

“ The watch has been relieved.  
Good night, shipmate. Sleep well.

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**Paul Kelleher; MMA '65** - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ John you were never to leave before most of us! How dare you! For 48 years, I have known where you were and how to find you. You were the beacon of sanity and a welcome retreat back into the younger foolish days. You embodied that touch of rebellion, intellect and dedication that flowed through each of us that survived and flourished in that most ridiculous institution, we called college, but you did so much more. You were always the focus and pride of endless discussions about how much one of us had actually accomplished. I will so miss your laughter, adventurous spirit, lust for knowledge, indomitable spirit, joy of living, with commitment and pride in your family. I am thankful for that one last night together with you, your wife and Son at the pub, but wish I had said more about how important were to all of us.

Their was a song about heaven having ?one hell of a band?, with Dunphy, Walsh, Gibby, Ward and now you, he will have ?one hell of a PUB?! Keep the lights on.

Russell

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Russell 65 - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ John was a wonderful Massachusetts Maritime Academy classmate and a great shipmate on the African Meteor.

*It is a very great loss. My wife Marcia and I give our deepest condolences to John's family.*

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john sullivan - November 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ MY BROTHER JOHN WAS A SKY-HIGH, OVER-THE-TOP,  
LOVABLE, TRULY  
SINGULAR PERSON.

I TRIED TO WATCH OUT FOR HIM WHEN HE WAS YOUNG AND  
WHEN HE CAME UP WITH SANDY I GRADUALLY LEARNED  
THAT SHE WAS UP TO THE TASK AFTER THAT

HE WAS A MAN OF GOOD WILL AND HAD A GENEROUS  
TOUCH OF JOLLY...NOT TOO MUCH, JUST THE RIGHT  
AMOUNT

HE TOOK A DEPENDABLE AND DEVOTED PATH IN LIFE AND  
LOVE.

HE ALWAYS EXAMINED WHAT I SAID BEFORE HE  
RESPONDED. AND  
HE HAD MORE HUMILITY THAN HE EVER NEEDED

HE HAD A WHOLE HEART FULL OF BEING AND CARING LEFT  
TO GIVE.

IT IS THE TERRIBLE INDIFFERENCE OF FATE THAT TAKES  
WITHOUT THINKING JUST WHEN WE LEAST EXPECT IT.

I WANT TO SCREAM TO THE GODS FOR THIS.

GOODBYE DEAR JOHN WE?LL NEVER BE THE SAME  
WITHOUT YOU.

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Elaine Flanigan - November 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. I am so happy we were able to meet John and Sandy this summer in Sun City Az when they were visiting John's sister, Carol. Carol always told me about her "baby" brother and how much she loved and respected him and after meeting John I could see why she felt that way. God Bless you all!

*George and Linda Wolf*

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**George and Linda Wolf** - November 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ We have known John Finely for less than two years and can only imagine how fortunate his lifelong friends were to share his warmth and great personality over the years. Our son Josh married his beautiful daughter Gabrielle last May. The event will be remembered forever by anyone that attended and John's happiness, graciousness and generosity was felt and enjoyed by everyone there. We shared John's last day with Sandy on Sunday when they flew to Florida for the beginning of what was to be a spectacular Thanksgiving celebration with our children. Sunday was a perfect day. The flight the weather, the food, the Bud Light and cocktails. The four of us were so happy and excited to be together and have the opportunity for the great week we had planned. The farthest thing from our minds was the potential for the tragedy that occurred. If it is any consolation, on that Sunday John was a happy man. We were all so happy! Our love to Sandy, Gabrielle, Shannon, DR and all his family along with all of the many people who knew John as a friend. He will be dearly missed.

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**Joe And Linda Abramson** - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM