



## John H. E. Gerdes

February 1, 1972 - December 27, 2025

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of a gift of a lifetime, John Gerdes.

He was born in Cobleskill, NY on February 1, 1972, a son of John R.D. and Nancy Rutsky Gerdes.

John was employed at Nathan Littauer Hospital for more than 30 years and took pride in the excellent care he gave his patients. He treasured his work family and will be remembered for his generous heart and quick wit.

John was a true patriot who loved his country. He was a talented racquetball player, an avid hunter, and enjoyed his time in the woods. In fact, his two favorite seasons were boating and hunting. John enjoyed being on Sacandaga Lake and the many special memories it held.

He is survived by his loving wife, Tammy; his mother, Nancy; three sisters, Tracy (Juan), Melesia (Kevin), and Shelly (Bill); two stepchildren, Kelly (Patrick) and Kristos (Tilanie); and his much-beloved niece, Lyndsy. He is also survived by a daughter.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2026, from 5 – 8 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. Memorial contributions may be made to Tunnel to Towers or to the Wounded Warrior Project, in care of the funeral home.

John would always say, "Cherish the ones you love and enjoy the time you are blessed with."



# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Tammy I am so sorry for your loss of John. It was definitely a shock !! Cherish your memories sweetie !! He was a great guy !! Love you honey !!

Carolee Stoutner - February 01 at 10:02 PM

DS

“ Tammy, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing.. My memory of John came to me , seeing him pushing a stretcher down the hall, and always smiling and saying hello. He will be so missed by the hospital staff, and his loving family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Debbie Szumowski - January 05 at 11:54 AM

ST

“ John has been a figure at NLH for so long! He will be very missed! He was always friendly and had a way of making his patients feel at ease during their procedures, myself being one of them. My husband always commented on how nice John was to him and how they talked about hunting whenever they saw each other. I'm so sorry Tammy! My heartfelt condolences to you and your family 🙏🌹

Susan L Turner - January 03 at 02:33 PM

JC

“ I will miss Johns kind ways with my grandchildren at Cranberry Cove. Always cooking and passing great snacks to them Always prepared if we needed anything for the day. Tammy, I'm so sorry to here this . Prayers are coming your way during this difficult time for you and your family. Love Jean Cafaro and family.

Jean Cafaro - January 03 at 01:10 PM

CD

*Dear Tammy, family. Im sorry for your loss, you are in my prayers, love Carol Bowers Darling*

**Carol Darling** - January 11 at 11:46 AM

TE

“ *The Ellsworths purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.*



**The Ellsworths** - January 03 at 11:17 AM

SR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Shawn and Elsie Renner** - January 03 at 07:54 AM

AW

“ *Tammy I am so sorry for the loss of John. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*



**Amy Wolf** - January 02 at 05:57 PM

AF

“ Aunt Irene & Uncle Bruce & Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.



Aunt Irene & Uncle Bruce & Family - January 02 at 03:22 PM

AF

“ Aunt Irene & Uncle Bruce & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. E. Gerdes.

Aunt Irene & Uncle Bruce & Family - January 02 at 03:22 PM

MP

“ Tammy, I am so very sorry to hear about John..💔 Sending hugs..

Mel



Melody Prentice - January 02 at 01:33 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.



January 02 at 10:39 AM

WJ

“ Wayne, Shelly, Coleman and Jensen. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. E. Gerdes.

Wayne, Shelly, Coleman and Jensen. - January 02 at 10:39 AM



“ Tammy our hearts go out to you and your family in this time. John was and will always be one of the finest men I had the honor of meeting. I hope that some day your heart will mend and you will be able to smile at remembering the good times and not be heartbroken. Love Tammy Plumadore and April Hanford ❤️

April D Hodel-Hanford - January 02 at 09:34 AM

JG

Tammy, my heart breaks for you. I lost my husband suddenly on November 14th. I totally know what you are going through. I'm so sorry for your loss. So unfair. I. Didn't know your husband but I know he had the most amazing ,beautiful wife ever. I will pray for you and hope that you know how much you are loved.

Janet Gulick - January 02 at 11:55 PM

LJ

“ Love, Sue and JoJo purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.



Love, Sue and JoJo - January 02 at 04:04 AM



“ Tammy and Nancy wife and moher I just heard and can't believe this happened. I loved him like a brother. We joked when I needed a mano and he would tell me that is his job now. I would laugh and tell him that was great. Now a lot of old widows would have mamos now that a handsom young man was doing them. Sharon Newkirk

Sharon Newkirk - January 01 at 05:36 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.



January 01 at 09:57 AM



“ John's Favorite Travel Scum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. E. Gerdes.

John's Favorite Travel Scum - January 01 at 09:57 AM



“ Jay was a one of a kind guy. He was fun, generous, and loved his family and friends. He was loyal to those he loved, and would do anything for them. I will never forget the great and memorable times we had together, some of which we've reflected humorously on for years. Jay was a major part of a very small circle in my life, of people I could always count on to be there no matter what, no questions asked, and knew he'd have my back. I will forever miss him.

Tim - December 31, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.*



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December 31, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ *Tim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. E. Gerdes.*

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**Tim** - December 31, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Many prayers for you all. God bless.*

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**Christina Weaver** - December 31, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ *Tammy and family, heartfelt condolences and prayers. May your memories live on, never forgotten. Nancy Henry*

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**Nancy Henry** - December 31, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ *Tammy, I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. Such a Wonderful Guy with a beautiful smile. So many fond memories with both of you . Sending Love , prayers and Hugs. 💔  
Love , Mary*

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**Mary Eaton** - December 31, 2025 at 07:09 AM

BH

“ Tammy i had just saw John than he took me to see you he helped me put my necklace on after the scan he put on backwards and I turned it around that I regret i pray for you every night the outpouring of love is incredible with love bonnie

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**Bonnie Handy** - December 30, 2025 at 09:58 PM

TF

“ The Colandene and Nouri Families purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.



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**The Colandene and Nouri Families** - December 30, 2025 at 06:58 PM

JL

“ Dear, dear Tammy. I am so very sorry. Broken hearted for you and your family. God bless you all. Such a terrible loss for everyone who knew and loved your John.  
Joanne LaVallee

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**Joanne Lavallee** - December 30, 2025 at 12:24 PM

BM

“ Tammy, John was a great guy. He was so knowledgeable in his work and always had a smile and a great sense of humor. He will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Bob Michalski

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**Bob Michalski** - December 30, 2025 at 10:09 AM

DE

“ Tammy, sending my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I have many fond memories of time we all spent together.  
Dave Ellsworth

Dave Ellsworth - December 30, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.



December 30, 2025 at 09:13 AM

LS

“ Tammy & family, there isn't any words to express how very sorry I am to hear of John's passing. He was the best person in his department and helped me through more than one procedure. God has gained an angel and we will all meet again someday. He will truly be missed by everyone who was fortunate enough to have known him.

Linda S. Sweet - December 30, 2025 at 06:06 AM

KH

“ Karen Hogan lit a candle in memory of John H. E. Gerdes



Karen Hogan - December 30, 2025 at 05:39 AM

BM

“ Dear Tammy,

*We are heartbroken and deeply saddened to hear about John. My dear cousin, we send you our love. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love, Beth and Ronnie*

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**Beth Morris** - December 29, 2025 at 09:43 PM

JS

“ Tammy so sorry for your loss💔

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**Joy Stahl** - December 29, 2025 at 04:52 PM

AP

*Tammy thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Andrea Patterson*

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**Andrea Patterson** - January 01 at 04:29 PM

TA

“ Dear Tammy - Thinking of you at this difficult time. John left a lasting impact on those who were fortunate enough to know him. In this time of grief let us not mourn his loss but celebrate the incredible life he lived. I will always cherish the laughter, good times, memories and many years of Valentine Day flowers.🌸🌸❤️💔.  
*Love, Trish*

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**Trish Anderson** - December 29, 2025 at 02:26 PM

AG

*Tammy,  
So sorry for your loss of John he was a wonderful man and was a great asset to the hospital he will be very missed ...sending love and hugs....And prayers for peace and comfort..alfie*

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**Alfaratta Goodemote** - December 29, 2025 at 08:24 PM

DG

*Heartfelt hugs and prayers for everyone who ever knew John. He was a kind man.*

**Deb Gottobed** - December 31, 2025 at 02:52 AM

JB

*We are broken hearted to hear of John's passing. He was one of the best. Always a smile and a laugh when he was around. So many fun memories at the lake and playing cards. He was loved by so many but he was family to us. He was a great guy and a better friend. He is gone too soon. Our thoughts are with Tammy and their kids.  
From Sue Brundage and JoAnne Pepe*

**JoAnne Pepe & Suzanne Brundage** - December 31, 2025 at 09:45 PM

JH

“ *There are no words to express how deeply sorry I am for you and your family. He was an amazing individual, a cherished friend whose life touched many people. My thoughts are with you.*

**Jane Howard** - December 29, 2025 at 01:51 PM

LB

“ *So sorry for your loss Tammie* 💔

**Lori Burns** - December 29, 2025 at 01:38 PM

FR

“ *My deepest sympathies Tammy* 🙏🏻🕊️



**Francine** - December 29, 2025 at 01:27 PM

BH

“ Betsy Hastings lit a candle in memory of John H. E. Gerdes



Betsy Hastings - December 29, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.



December 29, 2025 at 12:16 PM

LM

“ Lynn Messenger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. E. Gerdes.

Lynn Messenger - December 29, 2025 at 12:16 PM

BP

“ 3 files added to the album John and Tammy Gu



Beverly Potter - December 29, 2025 at 11:44 AM

BP

*John and Tammy has invited me a few times on their pontoon along with their close friends. The Blayzor's and The Haskin's. RIP John fond memories of you. Tammy lam so very sorry. Like so many, lam still in shock and my heart is filled with sorrow. I love you my freind.💔🙏*

**Beverly Potter** - December 29, 2025 at 11:49 AM

TK

*Dearest Tammy, my heart sank when I saw this. I am heartbroken for you. I have such wonderful memories of you and John while working at NLH in the radiology dept. He was such fun and we had such great talks. He was kind and always willing to help. I just can't believe this. Love you sweet woman.*

**Terri Klausner** - December 29, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ *Tammy- I'm so sorry to hear this. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

**Teresa Darby** - December 29, 2025 at 11:14 AM

AA

“ *Annette Achzet-Ltaif lit a candle in memory of John H. E. Gerdes*



**Annette Achzet-Ltaif** - December 29, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.*



December 29, 2025 at 09:48 AM

JM

“ Joe & Tami Michalek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. E. Gerdes.

Joe & Tami Michalek - December 29, 2025 at 09:48 AM

RE

“ Dearest Tammy and Family, So Very Very Sorry. No Words. Always in our Heart ❤️  
Love you, RAYDENE and LARRY EVANS!

Raydene and Larry Evans - December 29, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.



December 29, 2025 at 09:01 AM

SR

“ Shawn & Elsie Renner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. E. Gerdes.

Shawn & Elsie Renner - December 29, 2025 at 09:01 AM

VS

“ Tammy  
There are just no words. I'm so so sorry  
Valerie Shutter



Valerie Shutter - December 29, 2025 at 08:29 AM

MI

“ John and Tammy were such good people so many people love going to the hospital just to see them even though they had to do a procedure lost for words need anything wish it was something I could do but all right love you guys

Mitch insogna - December 29, 2025 at 08:09 AM

NA

“ Nancy Abrams lit a candle in memory of John H. E. Gerdes



nancy abrams - December 29, 2025 at 08:07 AM

CB

“ Crystal B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. E. Gerdes.

Crystal B. - December 29, 2025 at 07:33 AM

LU

“ Terribly sorry to hear of John's passing. He truly was one of a kind that always had a smile & could make you laugh.



Lucy - December 29, 2025 at 06:57 AM

MA

“ Tammy so sorry for your loss. John was one of the nicest guys I have ever met. Wow I can't believe it's been 30 plus years it has been my pleasure to meet him.

Michael A.Capparello - December 29, 2025 at 06:05 AM

SP

“ So sorry to hear of this. John was always a fun person to be around. I have lots of memories from the lake especially the weekend you both introduced me to my husband. You are in our thoughts Tammy and family. Stacey and Jon Palmer 🙏❤️

Stacey Palmer - December 29, 2025 at 05:52 AM

GB

“ Tammy my heart breaks for you...,John was who always made me forget that I was a nervous wreck and kept me calm for my Scans ..then he would bring me down to see his lovely wife Tammy ..My appts.will never be the same,,also NLH Radiology wont be the same ....R.I.P.My Friend John <3

Glendora Bell-Tennis - December 29, 2025 at 05:46 AM

SF

“ Tammy, I am so sorry. Sending you love, and prayers. God give you comfort and strength. With much love, Aunt Sharon



Sharon Flanagan - December 29, 2025 at 12:54 AM

JL

“ Tammy and family, So sad to hear of your husband's passing. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers 💔



Jennifer Ligon - December 28, 2025 at 10:35 PM

BL

“ Tammy, I'm very sorry to hear of John's passing. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.



Barbie Yorks Lockwood - December 28, 2025 at 10:21 PM

MM

“ Oh Tammy.. I don't even know what to say. We are all here for you as you would be for us. ❤️💙

Mary Ann McSpirit - December 28, 2025 at 10:08 PM

DB

“ John...NLH will never be the same. You were the only thing that kept me sane all those years. You were my work son...and as you said, my best son. You will be missed forever.



Donna Boswell - December 28, 2025 at 09:25 PM

DI

“ Tammy, my dear friend I was shocked to see Kohn passed away. Please accept my sincere condolences. May God bring you comfort and peace. Rest in peace John

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**datlene illig** - December 28, 2025 at 09:10 PM

SW

“ Tammy, My heart literally breaks for you. Working with both you and John in radiology was always a pleasure, never a dull moment, John always cared about patients first, Kind, caring, and pleasant with everyone. A lot of great memories. Hugs to you My friend 💜💓

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**Sherri Warner** - December 28, 2025 at 08:48 PM

BB

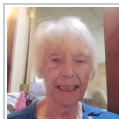
“ One of the nicest guys you could meet. Not to say the best racquetball player I ever played. Prayers for the family. 🙏 John

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**Bradley Baldwin** - December 28, 2025 at 08:45 PM

TM

“ Tammy, I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Toni Muzzi** - December 28, 2025 at 08:37 PM



I'm beyond stunned I just saw John a few weeks ago his usual good nature brought me over to see Tammy he will never be replaced Tammy I'm so sorry bonnie handy

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**Bonnie Handy** - December 28, 2025 at 09:30 PM

DB

“ Donna Boswell purchased the Healing Tears - Yellow and White for the family of John H. E. Gerdes.



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**Donna Boswell** - December 28, 2025 at 08:27 PM

DB

“ Donna Boswell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. E. Gerdes.

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**Donna Boswell** - December 28, 2025 at 08:27 PM

GL

“ Tammy:  
My heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of John. He will be remembered fondly, and I hope the love and support around you bring some comfort in the days ahead.  
Gina Lachmayer

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**Gina M Lachmayer** - December 28, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ Tammy im sending you hugs and prayers. John was an amazing person,i enjoyed working with him in xray. He will be missed so much. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.

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**Deborah Fountain** - December 28, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ *Tammy—sending you the biggest hug, positivity and love. John was such an amazing, genuinely kind man. I feel truly blessed to have had the pleasure of working with him. To his entire work family sending you all my thoughts and prayers.  
John will be missed terribly!  
Tammy, and to your entire family, thank you for sharing John with all of us. May you find peace. John, rest easy. □*

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**Genessee Tomlinson** - December 28, 2025 at 07:49 PM

JZ

*Tammy, I am so sorry to learn about John's passing. I remember him as very kind and caring with his patients. My sincere condolences.*

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**Janet S. Zilka** - December 28, 2025 at 11:25 PM

MJ

*Tammy, I am so sorry to hear about John's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mary Jones** - December 29, 2025 at 01:12 AM

MH

*With a heavy heart, I send my condolences to you Tam. I grieve with you at your loss of a great man, husband, friend. John was a wonderful human being, never to be forgotten.*

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**Michelle Hallenbeck** - December 29, 2025 at 07:51 PM

MK

*Tammy, Sending you all of my positive thoughts during this difficult time. My deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences to you and the family.*

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**Margaret Kralovic** - December 30, 2025 at 04:11 PM

BB

*Tammy, I can't find the words to express how sorry I am for your loss. May you find peace and comfort in the love surrounding you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Bill Baird** - December 31, 2025 at 11:50 AM

KT

*Tammy, we are so shocked to hear of John's passing. We will miss seeing him at the lake. So very sorry for your loss*

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**Kelly & TJ** - January 01 at 05:01 PM