



John D Thornburg

February 9, 2018 - June 10, 2018

John D. Thornburg, age 66, of Milan, OH, passed away on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at his home after a short illness. He was born on February 9, 1952 in Cleveland's Little Italy, moved to Willowick, and has been a resident of Milan for the past 1 ½ years. He worked as a Distribution Clerk for the US Post office for 29 years before retiring in 2014. John's interest in art started the moment he picked up a pencil for the first time. His sister Carol taught him how to draw circles and it escalated from there. By 18 John was an aspiring cartoonist. He drew several characters for the Sunday Scoop-Journal. The biggest highlights of John's career were drawing for big Chuck & Hoolihan and then Big Chuck & Lil John. He enjoyed showing and selling his work at the Ghoulardi Fest, and also enjoyed fishing. He is survived by his wife Kelly (nee Klammer); sons Tony Thornburg of Cleveland, Vince Thornburg of Cleveland, and Victor (Shelby) Thornburg of Cleveland; daughter Gerri (Dave) Caldwell of Cleveland; step-daughter Terri (Josh) Kimbrell of Brooklyn; step-son Jason (Rachel) Long of Elyria; 3 grandchildren; brother Don (Marlene) Thornburg of Lakewood; He is preceded in death by his parents Donald and Ann Thornburg; and sister Carol Tumolo. Graveside services will be held at Lakeview Cemetery at 10:30 AM Friday, June 15, 2018. Minister Tim Fenske will officiate.

Comments



“ What a wonderful extremely talented artist. The world has lost a truly humble great man. I enjoyed his drawings and his friendship. He really looked like a movie icon when he dressed in his star wars outfit. He is with the force now.may he forever watch over all of us Rest in peace obi whan john thorny Thornton.



Rose Costanzo - October 12, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ I remember fondly the cartoon title cards John drew for the Hoolihan and Big Chuck show and told him so many years later via social media. We corresponded there and through email and I will always remember his kind and helpful comments regarding my own art. We discovered that we went to the same high school (different years) and recalled some of the teachers there. I will remember his kindness and will treasure the prints I have of his work. He will be missed. Sending my condolences to the family.



Diane (Getson) Olive - June 16, 2018 at 02:26 PM



“ We may have traveled different paths in life , but we will end at the same destination reunited with Mom Dad and Carol . It's not goodbye , but I'll see you later . Much Love to you Brother . Condolences to your extended family . Your Brother Don

Donald Thornburg - June 12, 2018 at 11:14 PM