



John Michael Hobyan, Jr.

November 28, 1960 - February 9, 2021

John M. Hobyan

Age 60 of Minneapolis died on February 9th, 2021. John was born on November 28th, 1960 in Eveleth, MN to John and Anne (Krantz) Hobyan. John attended and graduated from Eveleth school system. Approximately 30 years ago he moved to Minneapolis where he lived until his death. Starting with adolescence, John lived with mental illness. The most recent diagnosis of his condition was Autism Spectrum Disorder. Because of this illness, John was unable to attend college and, until five years ago, was unable to work. John was able to get a part-time job for a national firm and worked as an inventory clerk for nearly 5 years. He liked his job and was a very good employee, never missing a day and sometimes called by his employer to come in and do extra work. His daily schedule changed, but he never complained and was just very glad to be working. When COVID-19 arrived, the store was closed and he was out of work. John's mental illness caused many disorders; social anxiety was his biggest problem. John never did have a friend. He was extremely shy and felt very uneasy in large groups or meeting new people. The tragedy with John's life is that he never did enjoy good normal health. He did not have a chance to enjoy being a young man, he never had a chance to be married or have children. He never had a chance to have a career, own a home or just be normal. John was a good person. He did not complain about his situation and he did not say anything negative about other people (even if it was warranted). John was brave, honest,

sincere, and punctual. In other words, he was a very good son and brother. John took his life, which was totally unexpected. His siblings are grieving for their brother. John is survived by his brother, Bob (Minneapolis); sisters, Judy McNulty (Cottage Grove) and Sue Flannigan (Eveleth). His brother-in-laws Patrick McNulty and Tim Flannigan died within the last 7 years. John had two nieces and three nephews. His father died in 2001 and his mother died in 2003. John's body has been cremated. A memorial service will be held for his family this summer at Eveleth Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

BK

“ I never knew John or his family. I read his obituary in the Mesabi Daily News. It reached me because I also have an adult son in the autism spectrum with mental health issues and I know many of the struggles and challenges for those with these disorders. My heart goes out to his family and I am sorry you have lost a beautiful soul. May he Rest In Peace. Beth K

Beth Kaler - February 21, 2021 at 08:02 PM

 Dave VanderLeest

God bless the Hoby family. Sincere condolences on the loss of John.

Dave VanderLeest - February 22, 2021 at 09:44 PM

HN

So very sorry to hear about John. I was a classmate of his, but did not know him. He seemed like a kind and wise soul.

Hollis Norman - February 24, 2021 at 05:00 PM

KC

I was a classmate of John and we graduated the same year. We had many classes together over many years. He was a quiet kind person. Our family members with mental illness sometimes go unnoticed or mistreated by others. Those who suffer in this world are given many rewards in heaven. My prayers for John and his family.

KEVIN L CASPER - March 02 at 10:53 PM