



## John Tart

December 13, 1976 - August 13, 2018

John Tart, 41, of Pittsfield, MA, passed away at home on August 13, 2018 following a long illness. Born in Pittsfield on December 13, 1976 the son of the Mary Tart and the late Terrence Tart, he was a 1995 graduate of Taconic High School.

John worked as a telecommunicator for Canyon Ranch, retiring in 2004 following an injury that left him disabled.

John leaves behind his former wife, Melissa Peck; four children, Alexys Tart, Amber Tart, Abbey Tart and Izabela Miller; his mother, Mary Tart; two brothers, Jesse (his wife Jessica Ferris-Tart) and Nicholas Tart; his sister, Katherine Tart; two granddaughters, Emma Walton (Jaydey Lady), Ava Walton (Oogie), and an expected grandson, Jaxsyn Todd, in November; his several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins; and his beloved companion, Skamp (Roo) the beagle. He is predeceased by his father, Terrence Tart and maternal grandparents, Mary and John Foster, and paternal grandparents, Shirley and Raymond Tart.

In his spare time, John enjoyed being with his children, grandchildren, family, friends, and pets. He spent his downtime drawing, tinkering, sewing, cooking, listening to the newest rap music, and exploring the woods he so loved. He took pride in riding his street-bike, driving his Mustang and Blazer, and stretching himself to help and protect those he loved in any way that he could. Funeral services for John will be Monday, August 20, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA. Calling hours will take

place on Sunday, August 19, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the GoFundMe account for funeral costs; [gf.me/u/kj4f9p](https://www.gofundme.com/u/kj4f9p).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **19**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-5094  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JU

“ R.I.P. John...you were one of the sweetest, kindest guys I know; right up to a couple months ago when we shared a hug in honor of one of your best friends who also went before us. As awful as it is that you're gone from this earth, it gives me some comfort to know Jim now has another good friend with him in heaven...i know you will both always be watching over us all. You will forever be missed.



*Jody and Wyatt Underhill*

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**Jody U.** - August 21, 2018 at 11:28 AM

MT

*Thank-you, he had the biggest heart!*

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**Mray Tart** - August 24, 2018 at 03:16 PM

 Kate  
Tart

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



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**Kate Tart** - August 20, 2018 at 06:26 AM

LC

“ One cold winter night about 12 or 13 years ago my youngest son Jack was still in High School and he and my friend's daughter Suzanne were working late at what used to be Astor's and is now Mazzeo's restaurant.

There were driving back home to NY in my little green Honda Civic some time after midnight when Jack took the shortcut down Cloverdale Ave. He was going around that hairpin turn by the railroad tracks when he hit a patch of ice, went sliding and steered the car through the opening in the guardrails rather than crash into them. They landed straight on top of the railroad tracks and were stuck. They panicked, jumped out and tried to push the car off the tracks. When they realized it was fruitless they started yelling for help.

An anonymous young man came out in the middle of the night with his truck. He hitched up the car and pulled it right off the tracks. The kids were so shook up they didn't even get his name.

The next morning I went to work and told my friend Melissa about it and she told me who he was (her nephew). She said that was just the kind of thing he would do.

We will always be grateful and never forget that random act of courage and kindness. Thank You again John Tart.

May you rest in peace and your family find comfort.

With deepest condolences,  
Lynn Ellis Ciccone

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Lynn Ciccone - August 19, 2018 at 09:05 PM

MT

Thank-you Lynn for sharing, my sons and family were always helping others

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Mray Tart - August 24, 2018 at 03:15 PM

PM

“ To all of Johns family, We knew John from our time working at Canyon Ranch. John was such a kind and gentle person. The world has lost such a wonderful person  
*Mike and Patti Merriam*

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**Patti Merriam** - August 18, 2018 at 04:35 PM

MT

*Thank-you Patti, He took pride in his work, loved working at Canyon Ranch! He spoke of his friends there often.*

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**Mray Tart** - August 24, 2018 at 03:14 PM

KT

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



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**Kate Tart** - August 18, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - August 17, 2018 at 03:22 PM

TO

*Nick and Family, sorry for your loss you are in our thoughts and prayers please accept our condolences*

**Toby** - August 17, 2018 at 04:30 PM

MP

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



**Melissa Patnode** - August 16, 2018 at 11:42 PM

MP

“ *A sweet and considerate young man who was always protective and cared deeply for his family. Taken too soon. You will always have a special place in our hearts. We love you, Uncle Lenny and Aunt Melissa*

**Melissa Patnode** - August 16, 2018 at 11:30 PM

MT

*Thank-you Lissy and Lenny*

**Mray Tart** - August 24, 2018 at 03:18 PM

DW

“ *Mary, so sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to you and your family* ♥ *Donna Williams*

**Donna Williams** - August 16, 2018 at 07:35 PM

MT

*Thank-you Donna*

**Mray Tart** - August 24, 2018 at 03:22 PM

 Shane Gerwaski

“ *I sit here and think of how time flies and how much of an impact the Tarts have had on my life and it's decisions. Many times I have been confronted with very difficult tasks. Whether it was painting tinkering motors,quads, mudding, our mustangs... or just drinking red bulls...I will always have insane love for not only John , but the entire family. I'm sorry. Im so so sorry. He will be missed*



**Shane Gerwaski** - August 16, 2018 at 05:39 PM

MT

*Thank-you Shane, for sharing your memories!*

**Mray Tart** - August 24, 2018 at 03:18 PM

EW

“ Mary and family, I have precious memories of visiting when Johnnie was little (maybe 1 yr old) he was very shy, and hid behind you Mary, with those beautiful big brown eyes, and his favorite blankie. ❤️🥺 Such an adorable little fella and a gentle soul. Rest in Peace, Johnnie 🙏



Erin Weeden - August 16, 2018 at 10:08 AM

MT

Thank-you Erin, ( this memory touched my soul) Mary

Mray Tart - August 24, 2018 at 03:20 PM



“ I love you my John John I never wanted to say good bye to you. You will NEVER be forgotten. I'll always have a spot just for you in my heart. Hope your enjoying your bulls in heaven hanging with your dad and Pat. I'm sure your still protecting all of us like you always have. I'm gonna miss your smile and big heart

Julianna Porter - August 16, 2018 at 09:31 AM

MT

Julie, I know he loved you and your little ones

Mray Tart - August 24, 2018 at 03:21 PM