



## John J. Chasse

March 14, 1945 - July 28, 2018

RUTLAND - John J. Chasse, 73, beloved husband, father, brother and friend passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, July 28, 2018. He was born in Worcester on March 14, 1945, the son of Joseph M. and Margaret (Peltier) Chasse.

He leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Maria P. (Kelley) Chasse; his daughter, Lisa Gigliotti; his sister, Catherine Chasse and her wife, Geraldine McQuoid and their son, Thomas; his grandchildren, Patrick and Christopher Chasse of CT and Tanner and Hailey Gigliotti of Rutland; a niece and several nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Matthew M. Chasse in 2011.

John graduated from South High School in Worcester with the class of 1962. He went on to study at the former Leicester Junior College and the University of Nebraska at Peru before receiving his Masters of Education from Worcester State University. John was an outstanding athlete and a member of the Worcester Public School's Hall of Fame, Leicester Junior Hall of Fame and the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. John received an honorable mention at All American Junior College in 1964.

John proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He served as Sergeant with the 9th Infantry Division Brigade 4th 47th Mobile Riverine Force in the Mekong Delta. He earned a Silver Star, a Bronze Star for Valor with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, an Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, an Air Medal for over one hundred combat assaults by helicopter, the Vietnamese Defense Medal and the National Defense Medal.

John taught history for 37 years at Leicester High School. He was Social Studies Department Head and also coached boys Varsity golf, girls Varsity basketball, girls softball, boys basketball and served as Assistant Coach of the football team. John was an avid golfer at Bedrock Golf Course and was proud of the three times he scored a hole in one. He also enjoyed his morning coffee with his friends at Dunkin Donuts and Honey

Farms.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours from 3 to 7 pm on Wednesday, August 1st at Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden . A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 am on Thursday, August 2nd at St. Patrick's Church, 258 Main St., Rutland. Burial will follow at Rural Cemetery, Main St., Rutland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to BeLikeBrit, please visit <http://www.belikebrit.org> and click "donate". To share a memory or offer a condolence visit our "Guest Book."

# Comments

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“ My sincerest condolences to the Chasse family. I was lucky to have been coached by Jack at basketball camps growing up. Then, i learned so much from him when i was a first time coach at the same camps. He was an amazing human being, with a funny story to tell and a kind word for everyone. The world needs more like him.

**Christine Hippert** - July 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our condolences to the Chasse family. A good man gone too soon.

**Bill and Karen Daigle** - July 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was saddened to learn that one of the most decent men I have known, my friend, and my baseball teammate has passed. John and I shared, along with many others like Tom Quinn, Jack Creamer, Al Sullivan, and Jack Moriarty, experiences whose memory will last many generations-passed on from fathers to sons and daughters as I have done with mine. Whether he was on your team or an opponent, one could only marvel at his athletic prowess and mental toughness. John was a gifted athlete. But more than that, John was a true gentleman; he was kind and had a sense of humor that was unique to him alone. I will always cherish his memory; a void has been created with his passing. I and my family send our sincerest condolences to Johns family. I can only hope that time will lessen the loss we now all feel. May our shortstop, our quarterback and our point guard now rest in peace.

**walter (zeke) zawalich** - July 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**zeke zawalich** - July 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Chasse was a strong mentor to me in high school. I had the pleasure of playing basketball and softball for him at Leicester High School, as well as have him as a teacher. I am saddened to see his passing.

All of my condolences to the family. May he rest in peace

**Stacy Graves** - July 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was so sad to learn of the passing of Mr.Chase he without a doubt was my favorite teacher in high school he taught me everything I know about history and I will always and forever be grateful for that,my condolences to his family may he rest in peace

**Stephen Sanford** - July 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ The 4th battalion /47 inf regiment, 9th inf Div, mobile riverines,were a fighting unit that saw much combat in the Mekong Delta.

Rest in peace bro.

**charles Morris** - July 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM