

## John Arthur Ketterer 2/16/1956 - 5/13/2022

On Friday, May 13, 2022, the world lost a unique soul as John Arthur Ketterer of Northampton, PA, was called home. Gone far too soon at age 66, John was born on February 16, 1956, in Philadelphia, PA to Allan and Darlene Ketterer.

John and his three sisters, Mary Lynn, Lizanne, and Leslie, moved to Lansdale, PA, where the family put down their roots. Many know John from his years at Lansdale Catholic High School, and later North

Penn, where he graduated in 1975. John began his working life at Lehigh Valley Dairy, where he met many wonderful friends. He then transitioned to working in the healthcare field, assisting those with mental and physical handicaps.

John's true passion, however, was refereeing soccer. John played, coached, and ref'd soccer for more than 45 years. He was a fun-loving referee who took the time to not only oversee gameplay but also teach players and parents the rules of the game and a passion for the sport. His love of the game truly shined through while on the pitch. John was a people person. He was a friend to the friendless. John would meet new people everywhere he went, always leaving them with a lasting impression. He was a very selfless man who would do anything for anyone. John also was a joker. He loved to laugh and to make others laugh. Sometimes his jokes weren't appropriate, but they were always funny. He will be remembered for his larger-than-life personality, big booming voice, friendly smile, and wild stories and jokes.

John is survived by his former wife, Joyce (Moyer), daughter Janine St Denis (Dan), son Shawn Ketterer (Katie), his precious granddaughters, Waverly and Harper, granddogs Orion and Rocky, sisters Lizanne (Joe) and Leslie, along with numerous nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his parents, Allan and Marie Darlene Ketterer and his sister Mary Lynn McDowell.

A celebration of life is being planned for John. Information on the date, time, and location will be announced later. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to the <u>Montgomery United Soccer Club</u> to help foster children's passion for John's beloved sport.