



John Conklin

June 8, 1956 - October 27, 2025

John Conklin, 69, of Kinnelon, passed away at home on Monday, October 27, 2025.

Born in Paterson and raised in Clifton, John settled in Kinnelon in 1988, where he built a beautiful life for his family in the close-knit community of Lake Reality, where he and his family spent countless happy hours together. A master carpenter by trade, John devoted 28 years to Edward Leske Co. before retiring in 2020. He was a proud member of the Bergen County Carpenters Union Local 15 for over 40 years, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and friends alike for his craftsmanship, work ethic, and integrity.

John worked tirelessly to provide for his family and took great pride in putting all three of his children through Syracuse University-one of his proudest accomplishments.

John was a man of many talents and simple joys. He loved listening to music, cooking, and working with his hands-always finding something to build, repair, or improve. He loved swimming in the pool with his granddaughter and spending time with his children. In 1995, he singlehandedly constructed a stunning addition to his home, a lasting testament to his skill and dedication.

Above all, John's greatest joy was his family. He cherished every moment spent with his beloved wife, Patricia (nee Migliore); his devoted children, Jonathan Conklin, Toni-Anne Jack and her husband, Matthew, and Taylor VanVlaanderen and her husband, Wayne; and his adored granddaughter, Charlotte Raphaela Jack, who brought endless light to his life. His sister, Debbie Clark, and many dear nieces and nephews who will miss him deeply also survived him.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in John's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>).

John will be remembered for his warmth, generosity, and the love he poured into everything he built-most especially his family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Wallington
106 Locust Avenue
Wallington, NJ 07057

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Patti, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of the love of your life, John. I know how much you loved him. You will someday be reunited with him. I pray for you and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Brian Boehm* ”

brian boehm - December 03, 2025 at 12:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Conklin.* ”



November 02, 2025 at 10:35 AM

TF

“ *The Grembowiec Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Conklin.* ”

The Grembowiec Family - November 02, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Conklin.* ”



October 31, 2025 at 12:52 PM

TT

“ *The VanVlaanderen Family - Wayne, Dee and Todd purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of John Conklin.*



The VanVlaanderen Family - Wayne, Dee and Todd - October 31, 2025 at 08:57 AM

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“ *The VanVlaanderen Family - Wayne, Dee and Todd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Conklin.*

The VanVlaanderen Family - Wayne, Dee and Todd - October 31, 2025 at 08:57 AM

DC

“ *My brother John taught me many things and I am forever grateful that he was one of my brothers. My sincere sympathy to his beautiful wife and his son Jon, his daughters Toni Anne and Taylor. You guys were the joys of his life and made him the man he was.*

Deborah Clark - October 30, 2025 at 01:52 PM

LR

“ *Love Donna and Rich purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Conklin.*



Love Donna and Rich - October 30, 2025 at 11:02 AM

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“ Love Donna and Rich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Conklin.

Love Donna and Rich - October 30, 2025 at 11:02 AM

MJ

“ Jesus was a carpenter, and Heaven sure got lucky to have another one upstairs. Rest in Peace, John.



Matt Jack - October 30, 2025 at 10:51 AM

EJ

“ Dear Cousins, we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories of John always be treasured. We pray you will receive God's help through this sad time.
Love, Elinor & Bob Jacobs



Elinor & Bob Jacobs - October 29, 2025 at 03:14 PM

LP

“ Love, Ralph, Maria, Lauren, Anthony, Pat purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Conklin.



Love, Ralph, Maria, Lauren, Anthony, Pat - October 29, 2025 at 02:19 PM