



John Joseph Goda, Jr.

December 1, 1937 - October 10, 2013

John started his teaching career at the University of Massachusetts, then moved to Georgia Tech to continue his studies. He taught at Tech for over 30 years. Early in his career at Tech and at Georgia Tech, he was awarded Teacher of the Year at Georgia Tech. This had special meaning because this award came from his students.

Privately, John believed in giving back to those who helped him in his life. He was an annual donor to both the University of Massachusetts and his high school, Cathedral High in Springfield, Massachusetts.

John and his wife, Barbara, were owners of Friday Farm, a training and riding lesson facility located in Alpharetta. John not only supported the show horses and the farm riders, he also helped develop the Olde Milton Horse show Circuit at Wills Park in Alpharetta. He continually worked at other horse shows as Show Secretary and Show Manager. He was always there to donate his time to keep the horse industry viable.

John served as President of the Georgia Morgan Horse club, the American Saddlebred Association of Georgia. John had recently been inducted into both the ASHAG Hall of Fame, the Southeastern Charity Hall of Fame, and the Dixie Cup Leadership awards.

John's was always there to cheer on his own family and his friends. His "girls" at the barn always owned a special part of his heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Joseph and Louise Mosher Goda. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Kelly Goda; son, John J Goda, III (Jeanie Waddell); siblings, George Goda (Marilyn) and Robert Goda (Kim); nieces and nephews, Melinda Dennis (George Stathis), Philip Dennis, Lynne Goda, Glenn Goda, Chris Goda, and Corey Seward-Goda.

A funeral service will be held at 2 PM on Tuesday, October 22 at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors in Roswell. The Goda family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Monday, October 21 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Share Program to help our Veterans: Shepherd Center Foundation, SHARE Program for Veteran, In Memory of John Goda, 2020 Peachtree Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Service

OCT **22.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Joseph Goda, Jr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Barb,
I just heard from Walt Fink of John's death. You and John-John are in my prayers. I know how tough it is to lose a life partner, and for a guy to lose his Dad. Tell John my Dad still sits on my shoulder to remind me to put each tool back in its proper place.*

Love,

Bill##imported-begin##Bill Robertson##imported-end##

October 24, 2013 at 05:53 PM



“ *Barb, we are so saddened to receive the news of John's passing. It has been so many years since our days together at LOG but I fondly remember you and John, and John III. My sincerest sympathies to you and your family.*

Best personal regards,

Charlene Cochran

note: thought I'd mention that we moved to Franklin TN a year ago to be near grandchildren.##imported-begin##Charlene Paris Cochran##imported-end##

October 21, 2013 at 10:08 PM



“ Barbara, We are saddened to hear of John's passing. We have many fond memories of you and John. We'll certainly remember you both in our prayers.##imported-begin##Lynn & Virginia LaBudde##imported-end##

October 21, 2013 at 08:40 PM



“ Barb....our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the coming days and weeks. I will surely miss my annual visit during tax season from John. He was truly a fine and decent, humble man and will be missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Vic and Debbie Connell##imported-end##

October 21, 2013 at 01:38 PM



“ We are truly saddened by John's death, and so enjoyed him as a neighbor and friend. Our sympathy and love go to his entire family. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Deb Zemlock & Bernie Burgener##imported-end##

October 21, 2013 at 12:53 PM



“ I worked with John at GT in ICS which later became the College of Computing. We shared many laughs about horses and animals in general over the years. He was a fine man and great teacher; his students loved him. You both are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.##imported-begin##Debra Kelley##imported-end##

October 21, 2013 at 09:37 AM



“ We miss you, John.##imported-begin##Karen Kelly & Dwight Alger##imported-end##

October 20, 2013 at 04:44 PM



“ You are in our prayers. John was a wonderful man and he will be missed by all.##imported-begin##Jo and Larry Waddell##imported-end##

October 19, 2013 at 09:14 AM



“ So sorry for your loss John my heart goes goes to you.##imported-begin##Valerie##imported-end##

October 19, 2013 at 08:35 AM



“ John J Goda III All of my love with you at this time. Your father will be missed##imported-begin##Carol Waddell##imported-end##

October 19, 2013 at 08:27 AM



“ Barbara and John:
I am so sorry for your loss. John was a wonderful person and will be missed by so many people.##imported-begin##Susan Rickman##imported-end##

October 18, 2013 at 01:12 PM