



John F. Wilhelm



John F. Wilhelm April 24, 2019, John F. Wilhelm, 69, formerly of Brewerton, NY, passed away in Florida after a brief illness. He was born February 15, 1950, in Syracuse, NY to the late John and Shirley (McCauley) Wilhelm. He graduated from Assumption High School, and then proudly served as a Sergeant in the US Air Force from 1968 to 1972 during the Vietnam War. After an honorable discharge from the military, he began a 31-year career at Chrysler and retired from New Venture Gear in 2004. While at Chrysler he made lifelong friends with whom he spent many good times during his retirement. John spent his first few years after Chrysler working at Gander Mountain in firearm sales. In his free time, he enjoyed riding his Harley all over the United States, shooting trap, fishing, spending time with his friends, and most of all his grandchildren. Well known for his funny one-line sayings John enjoyed life to the fullest and on his own terms. "Drive fast and take chances". Surviving to cherish his memory are his children and their spouses, Jennie and Cosmo DeRose, Joseph and Angela Wilhelm, Mary and Eric McClusky, his 8 grandchildren, Surfer Girl, Big E, Junior, Jakester, Princess, Big Z, DoodleBug and Smoochie Pie. He also leaves behind the mother of his children, Susan Marsello, a sister, a niece, a nephew, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

