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Donald Sadlocka

Donald Andrew Sadlocka was born Dec. 8, 1948, in North Tonawanda. He died peacefully in Watertown after a brief illness on Oct. 29, 2023, in the presence of family members. He was the son of the late Casimer Sadlocka and Mathilda (nee Niemiec) Sadlocka. He was predeceased by his sister, Elizabeth (Bernard) Grooms, and by his brother, Paul Sadlocka.

Don was beloved by sisters Janice Sadlocka of Godfrey, Canada, and Cassandra Gephart-Todaro of Madeira Beach, Florida; by neph-

ews Glenn (Kimberly) Stacharczyk of Williamsville, Gary (Lisa) Stacharczyk of Melbourne, Florida, Robert (Margaret) Gephart of Albion, Casey Grooms of Antioch, California; and by nieces Alizabeth Allgood of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Jeanne (Michael) McClure of Raleigh, North Carolina, Lisa (nee Grooms) Wackernagel of Watertown, Kimberly (nee Grooms) Phillips of Watertown, and Amanda Sadlocka of Titusville, Florida, and their families. He is also survived by his Aunt Claralu Sadlocha of Middleport,

and by numerous cousins.

After graduation from North Tonawanda High School, Don attended Parsons School of Design in New York City before answering the call from "Uncle Sam" and enlisting in the Navy. He served on the USS Peoria in Vietnam, earning a Bronze Star. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he settled in San Diego for 10 years then returned to North Tonawanda. He spent most of his life in the Tonawandas and was active at the Dom Polski Club in North Tonawanda before mov-

ing to Watertown in 2014. An avid reader and music lover, Don had an extensive collection of books and Elvis memorabilia. He will be remembered for his love of life.

Donations can be made in his memory to the COPD Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Don will be laid to rest at the National Cemetery in Sackets Harbor Military Cemetery.

A celebration of life will be held at the convenience of his family at a date to be announced.



Jack Beatty Memorial Hospice Cruise and Clambake raises \$48,000 for Niagara Hospice

After a three-year hiatus, the Jack Beatty Memorial Hospice Cruise and Clambake celebrated a big homecoming on Friday, July 14. The longtime fundraiser raised \$48,000 for Niagara Hospice, continuing its tradition of hosting a unique fundraiser for a cause so special to many in the community.

The historic Youngstown Yacht Club was the setting for the event, and featured local skippers and crews from various marinas on Lake Ontario, who donated their time and boats to take participants on a cruise up the Lower Niagara River while enjoying refreshments and music by The Junkyard Dogs. The three-hour cruise was followed by a clambake featuring a cookout, basket and silent auctions, and more live music by Soul Committee.

"The return of the event this year was special for everyone involved, and we are so proud of the \$48,000 we raised for Niagara Hospice," Chairman Paul Beatty Sr. said. "The committee would like to thank our generous community for their support of this event that so greatly impacts the mission of such an important nonprofit community organization."

A press release noted, "Since inception, the Jack Beatty Memorial Hospice Cruise and Clambake has raised over \$650,000, thanks to dedicated supporters. Proceeds for this year's event will assist in the creation of an innovative memory care garden project on the Hospice House campus, which will support patients with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias."

From left: Colleen Daddario, Allison Bolt (both with Niagara Hospice); John Lomeo, Niagara Hospice president and CEO; Beatty; and Paul Luzzi, event committee. (Submitted)



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