



John Islas Obituary

John J. Islas June 24, 2019 John J. Islas, 83, of Baldwinsville passed away on Monday at Loretto.

He was born and raised in Lyon Mountain, NY and at the age of seventeen enlisted in the US Marine Corps.

John became an Engineer Equipment Mechanic while serving his country for three years during the Korean War.

He had resided in and around the Syracuse area all of his adult life before moving to Baldwinsville 23 years ago.

John was employed as a Sales Representative for various companies before becoming intrigued with archery bows and obtaining optimum energy delivery.

This led to the evolution of the Oneida Eagle bow which combined the dynamic aspects of recurves and compound bows.

John also developed the Magnum I and II broadheads.

He retired as Vice President of Oneida Labs Inc. which manufactured and marketed the Eagle bow and was presented the Product Award of Merit in 1982 for the production of the Eagle Bow with cantilevered hinged limb and unique recurve design which eliminated the need for cams or wheels on limbs.

John was a member of the CNY Bowmen's Club and the Ruffed Grouse Society. He shot competitively in many archery tournaments.

John was an avid outdoorsman and hunted deer by gun or bow. What he enjoyed most was hunting ruffed grouse with his Brittany spaniels, which he trained himself. He also liked to fly fish and golf. He was an excellent cook and loved preparing dishes for his family and friends while entertaining them with his guitar playing.

Surviving to cherish his memory is his beloved wife of 58 years, Gretchen L. (Freeman) Islas. The couple renewed their wedding vows on the day he died. Also surviving are two daughters, Laura Lynn (Dwight) Tanner, Debra Susan (Stuart) Wood, his son Edward John (Theresa) Islas, two grandchildren, Dr. Sara Lynn (Cody) Mastellar and Derek John Tanner, brother, Edward F. Islas, many nieces and nephews.

There will be no calling hours. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 10:00 am in Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel with full military honors.