

John L. Seebach

July 14, 1945 - January 23, 2011

GATES: John passed away at home after a brief illness around midnight on January 22, 2011. He went from the loving arms of his family to the loving arms of God. He was 65.

John is predeceased by his parents, Donald and Eileen Seebach, and his sister, Diane. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 42 years. He is also survived by his son, Eric and Eric's wife, Kara of Ooltewah TN; his daughter Katherine (Kate), and her husband, Eric Meddaugh of Rochester. John decided that his survivors also include Mary's family, the John Downes clan of Syracuse, with its 7 siblings, 13 nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

Helping children was of paramount importance to John during his 39 year career with Child Protective Services of Monroe County. His dedication and caring improved the lives of innumerable children. Many coworkers were mentored by his knowledge, optimism and patience.

After he retired, John volunteered at St. Peter's Kitchen twice a week, proud of his role of cook par excellence. He was a reader for Reachout Radio through WXXI, and a financial coach through the C.A.S.H. program. The community of St. Monica Church where he served on various committees was also important to John.

The family wishes to acknowledge the end of life guidance it received from Deborah Sigrist, and the tender caring of John's physician, Dr. Rosario Soriano-Turque.

Friends may call Wednesday, 3-8 PM at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.). Friends are invited to bring a written memory or photo for the family's Memory Book. John's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1:00 PM, Thursday at St Monica Church, 831 Genesee Street. Interment at convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, John asked that a donation be made in his memory to any organization that works to better the lives of children.