



# John Felix Gitzner

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**J**OHAN FELIX GLITZNER, 76, on Monday, August 13th 2012 in Martinsburg, WV with the love of his life beside him he passed away peacefully after a short illness from complications due to Miller Fisher Syndrome and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma ."Jack" was born October 20th 1935 in New York City to the late Felix and Grace V. Gillick Gritzner.

A brother, Joseph M. Gritzner and a step-son, Christopher T. Rollison also predeceased him. He was educated in Catholic Schools and graduate of the NY Maritime College. Jack served two years as a Third Class Engineer in the Merchant Marines before moving to Washington, DC to accept a job with the Department of the Navy.

While working with the Navy Department he served as Project Manager for the first SWATH ship built, known as the Kalamino and later served as Project Engineer and Financial Officer while building the only stealth ship for the Navy known as the Sea Shadow. Following retirement he worked part time for several companies in the Washington Area and started a small business, Crafty Critters, with his brother.

Jack held Redskins season tickets for 50 years, he loved fishing, boating, traveling and had a great passion for history. He was a politically conservative man of great faith as well as a man of great moral campus. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Gritzner is survived by his beloved wife Stella Ahalt Rollison Gritzner, five children from a previous marriage, nine grandchildren, a sister in law, Gloria Green Gritzner and three nieces. Graveside services were held on Thursday, August 16th 2012 in Union Cemetery, Lovettsville, VA Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart, American Cancer or the American Diabetes Association, St. Jude's Hospital or any charity that helps prevent child abuse or child hunger.

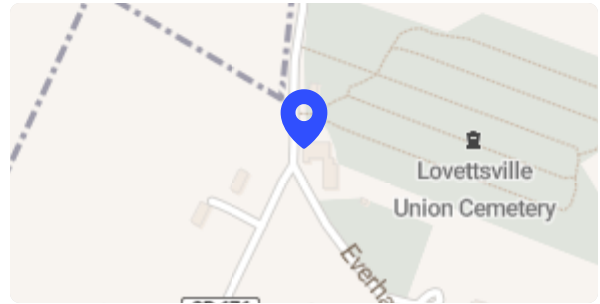


# Events

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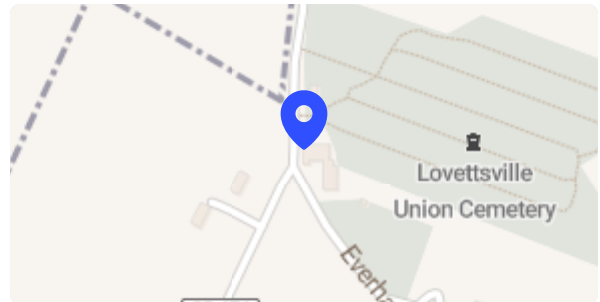
## Service

- Thursday**, August 16, 2012
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Lovettsville Union**  
12930 Lutheran Church Rd., Lovettsville VA  
20180



## Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Michael Fewell, Sr** lit a candle in honor of John .

Stella,I was shocked and saddened to hear of Jack's passing. Will always have fond memories of him. I'll keep you and the family in my prayers.Sincerely,Tommy Fewell

September 1 at 10:09 AM



**SG** **Stella Gritzner** September 1 at 2:28 PM

Thanks, I'm still in shock. He always had kind thoughts of you. He admired you for raising your children on your own. He loved the poker games and whenever we need help you were there. Again, thanks for remembering him.



**Katy Roberts Mccauley** lit a candle in honor of John .

Stella...Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. May all your memories of the happy life you shared with John keep you smiling forever...Sincere condolences...Katy McCauley Naples, Florida

August 23 at 5:29 PM



**SG** **Stella Gritzner** September 1 at 2:30 PM

Katie thanks for the kind words. I miss him so much. He was my best friend as well as my husband.



**Katy Roberts Mccauley** lit a candle in honor of John .

August 23 at 5:20 PM





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NL

**Nancy Large** posted:

Stella, I know you have lost your best friend and the love of your life, and I hope that the memories you have will sustain you until you meet again. Stay in touch with us as you always do. Love, Nancy Reed Large

August 21 at 12:35 PM

SG

**Stella Gritzner** September 1 at 2:34 PM

Nancy - Thanks for your words. I just don't know how I can go forward without him. He was everything to me - I loved him more than life itself. I haven't stopped crying yet.

DL

**Dianne Lusk** posted:

From John and Ruth Bradbury: We considered Jack as part of our family. We were honored to have had that relationship for the past 50+ years. We will miss him very, very much.

August 17 at 5:34 AM

SG

**Stella Gritzner** September 1 at 2:38 PM

Dear Jack and Ruth, You were Jack's best friends and then became mine. He truly thought of you as his brother. I could not survive this without the two of you in my life right now. Today has been a really rough one but somehow life will go on.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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