



John Christopher Hanigan

July 13, 1950 - November 2, 2025

John Christopher Hanigan, 75, of Mint Hill, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on November 2, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family and friends.

Born in Syracuse, New York, John was the son of Francis and Christine Velkers Hanigan. His early years took him from Syracuse to Cleveland, Ohio, and then back to the lakeside town of Skaneateles, NY, before his family settled in Charlotte during his high school years. He graduated from Garinger High School, where his lifelong love of music first found its voice behind the turntables.

John's passion for music led him into radio, where he became a beloved DJ during his high school days and later worked for EZ 104 (104.7) as an account executive. His warmth, wit, and presence left a lasting impression on all who he came into contact with.

A man of many talents, John was also a skilled craftsman. After remodeling his own home from top to bottom, he discovered a new calling in construction and went on to own and operate a successful general contracting business. His work was marked by care, precision, and a personal touch that reflected his character.

In 1974, through a mutual friend, John met the love of his life, Windi Renfro. Their marriage was a testament to enduring love, partnership, and devotion. Together, they built a home filled with laughter, music, and deep family bonds.

John is survived by his cherished wife, Windi; his daughters, Brittany (Kevin) McDowell and Kasie Hanigan, both of Mint Hill; and his beloved granddaughter, Chloe McDowell. He also leaves behind his siblings: Lynn Hanigan, Carole Buff, Lori Hanigan, Jimmy Hanigan, Kathy Carmody, and Chuck Hanigan; his mother-in-law, Louise Renfro; and a wide circle of extended family and dear friends who will miss his humor, generosity, and steady presence.

A gathering to celebrate John's life will be held on Sunday, November 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Hill Bar and Grill in Mint Hill. Friends and family are invited to share memories, music, and fellowship in honor of a man who lived with heart and left a legacy of love.

John's story was one of rhythm and resilience, of building both homes and relationships, and of finding joy in the everyday. His memory will echo in the songs he loved, the spaces he shaped, and the lives he touched.

"Music is the shorthand of emotion." – Leo Tolstoy
John knew this well—and played it beautifully.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Hill Bar and Grill
11232 Lawyers Road
Mint Hill, NC 28227

Tribute Wall

TG

“ *The Soto family & Judy Grant purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of John Christopher Hanigan.*



The Soto family & Judy Grant - November 12, 2025 at 11:26 PM

CB

“ *My brother John was one of a kind! When the rest of us were just doing "kid" stuff, he saved all of his paper route money and bought an old Volkswagen, took it completely apart and then rebuilt it and it purred like a kitten. And speaking of his paper route, he came home with his pockets overflowing with Christmas tips, after catering to every whim of his customers all year. I think both of these stories embody just what kind of a guy my brother was...so gifted and determined with anything technical, and always making sure to get the job right, even if it's just a paper route. He leaves a big empty space in our family that can never be filled. Love you forever John!
Love, Carole*

Carole Buff - November 12, 2025 at 11:48 AM

CW

“ *Candace W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Christopher Hanigan.*

Candace W. - November 12, 2025 at 11:39 AM