

# John M. Balitsky

**Feb. 16, 1943 - March 16, 2001**

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Former Albany resident, John Balitsky, 58, of Dickson, Tenn., died Friday of cancer. He was born and raised in Albany, the son of Julian and Juanita (Holt) Balitsky, and he graduated from Albany Union High School in 1961. He joined the Army and served in the Vietnam War.

While stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., he met Joan Bassman, and they were married July 19, 1965. For the past 13 years, the Balitskys owned and operated State Beauty Supply in Columbia, Tenn.

Mr. Balitsky enjoyed swimming, tennis and doing things with his family. He was known for his sense of humor.

Surviving are his wife of Dickson, Tenn.; son Johhy II of Dickson, Tenn.; mother Juanita of Albany; sisters Judy DeSpain of Jefferson and Cathy Cholewinski of Albany; and grandchildren Amanda and Johnny III. His father, Julian, died in 1963 and daughter Kelly died in 1990.

Services for Mr. Balitsky were held Sunday in Dickson, Tenn.

*Taylor Funeral Home, Inc.*

March 19, 2001

John M. Balitsky, Sr.

Funeral services for John M. Balitsky, Sr., age 58, was conducted Sunday, March 18, 2001 at 2:00 PM from the Chapel of the Taylor Funeral Home in Dickson, with Brother Hubert Raines officiating. Interment followed in Dickson Union Cemetery.

Mr. Balitsky died Friday, March 16, 2001 in St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville. A native of Albany, Oregon, he was the son of the late Julian and Juanita Holt Balitsky. He was owner of State Beauty Supply in Columbia, Tennessee. He was a Vietnam War United States Army Veteran and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife, Joan Bassham Balitsky fo Dickson; his son, John M. Balitsky, Jr. also of Dickson; two sisters, Judith Despain of Jefferson, Oregon and Cathy Natimier of Albany, Oregon; two grandchildren, Amanda Hooper and John M. Balitsky III.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kelly Balitshky Hooper, and his parents Julian and Jaunita Holt Balitsky.