



John A. Coelho

May 30, 2009

John Acacio Coelho, 57, of Catlett died suddenly at his home on May 30, 2009. He was the son of the late John and Evelyn Coelho of Penns Grove, NJ. John was born on March 17, 1952 in a St. Patrick's Day snowstorm in Salem, NJ, and lived in Penns Grove until his high school graduation.

John became a Virginian when he entered the University of Richmond in 1970. After receiving his bachelor's degree in 1974, he settled in Warrenton and began his 35 year teaching career in Fauquier County Public Schools. Mr. Coelho, or Mr. C., as he was known to the thousands of children whose lives he touched, taught first and third grade at Central Elementary and C. M. Bradley Elementary before becoming Assistant Principal of P. B. Smith in 1989. He returned to the classroom in 2003, teaching fifth grade at M. M. Pierce. Mr. Coelho coached wrestling at Fauquier High School and basketball in the Fauquier Optimist League. He was an ardent supporter of Fauquier County school sports; however, professionally, his heart always remained in Philadelphia with the Phillies, the Eagles, the 76ers, and the Flyers.

Mr. Coelho is survived by his wife, Katherine E. Milan of Catlett, with whom he

was to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on

June 23 of this year. He is also survived by two daughters, Sarah Ellen and Julia Anne, who were the lights of his life, and his delightful nephew, Julian Scott, who brought sunshine to his family. Also surviving are Mr. Coelho's stepmother, Ceil Coelho, of Penns Grove, his mother-in-law, Ellen S. Milan of Port St. Lucie, FL, 3 sisters-in-law, 3 brothers-in-law and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at Moser Funeral Home 233 Broadview Ave. Warrenton, VA. A funeral service will be Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 10 AM in the Warrenton Presbyterian Church. A memorial mass will be on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 1:30 PM in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Services will also be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the Adams Funeral Home, 18 E. Maple Ave., Penns Grove, NJ 08069. The viewing will begin at 10am with the service following at 12pm. Interment will take place at Lawnside Cemetery in Woodstown.