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John 'DAWK' Stillwell, 73, of Freeville, formerly of Ithaca, passed away peacefully Monday, December 21, 2015. He was born on October 23, 1942 in Ithaca, the son of the late Charles and Helen Kordas Stillwell and had been an area resident for most of his life. 'DAWK' as he was affectionately known by his family and friends, was currently employed by the band Manowar as an electrical engineer for more than 37 years. DAWK had three extended families, his relatives, his band and his fans. Some of John's passions included his vast movie collection which included numerous vintage 16 mm film projections. These would often be shown to his family and were frequently used by several historical groups in which no one was more astute and knowledgeable of these movies. His authority of knowledge didn't end there as he was an aficionado of trollies, Lionel trains and anything that dealt with both World War I and World War II. Probably DAWK'S most favorite hobby was exploring caves. Besides his many hobbies, his true love was his family, and he cherished every possible moment he had with them. His love of life, sense of humor and charismatic ways will always be treasured by his family and truly never forgotten. Besides his favorite band, Manowar, he also loved Bruce Springsteen and Bon Jovi, and previously worked for Black Sabbath. DAWK was a worldwide 'ROCK' Legend! He is survived by his spouse and best friend, Loraine 'Countess' Cloud; her son, Eric (Katherine) Cloud and their children, Autumn and Colin. He was especially proud of his three children, Judith (Jose) of Mass., John (Amy) of Groton, Tiffany (Doug) Bunzey of Corinth, NY.; his most adored eight grandchildren, Joey, Julia, Taylor, John, Silke, Sasha, Alisha and Raymond Jr.; one great-granddaughter, Ava; two brothers, Charles (Mary Ann), of Freeville, Daniel

(Dawn), of Ithaca; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, close friends and his extended second family band members Joey DeMaio, Eric Adams, Donnie Hamzik, Karl Logan and everyone at Magic Circle Entertainment. Calling hours for John are this Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. with services to immediately follow at 4 p.m., all at Pettigrass Funeral Home, 196 Genesee St., Auburn, NY 13021.