



John Brunetti

April 15, 1938 - March 31, 2020

John Brunetti, of Manalapan, NJ, a longtime resident of Staten Island, and Brooklyn, NY was born on Good Friday, April 15th, 1938. He was currently 81 years old, 15 days away from celebrating his 82nd birthday.

John was born to Peter & Mary Brunetti, his Mom Mary, now 104 yrs. old is currently still living in his childhood home in Brooklyn. He was the oldest of three sons. He is survived by his younger brothers Dominick & his wife Dorothy (recently deceased), and Anthony & deceased wife Addie.

At 20, John met the love of his life, Rosemary Cimato. The two were never apart, enjoying and sharing so many things and events in their lives. They were to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on May 7th. John & Rosemary's love story is like no other, together they were the example of the Power Of Love. As for the last 45 yrs. of their lives they enjoyed working together every day at their retail business, Leather & Fur Ranch. Especially, their Atlantic City locations that kept them out all night as well as working all day. A fun time for them as they appeared to be residents of Atlantic City for a few years.

The greatest joy in John's life was his family and time spent with his beloved wife Rosemary and their two children Gina and John, their son in-law Mike Mulcahy, and daughter in-law Anne, as well as his six Grandchildren - Lisa &

her husband Armando, Christina, Michael, Jenna, Joseph and AnneMarie, along with his Great Granddaughter Lily Rose. He was very involved in our daily lives and we relied on him for guidance, wisdom, and just about everything else, but most of all his love for us. Poppy was so special to all of us.

John's kind heart and gentle loving ways touched everyone he met. He was the definition of pure, unconditional love. He was extremely religious with tremendous Catholic faith believing that with God all things are possible. He was currently a parishioner of St. Joseph's Parish in Millstone, NJ.

John would often look back at his many accomplishments and experiences with fulfillment and satisfaction, writing in Rosemary's Christmas card this year, "Its been a Beautiful Life." They often talked about all the great things they have done together and the miracles they have experienced.

John Brunetti has many great accomplishments and experiences, beyond being an awesomely loving husband, and extremely giving and caring Dad, such as: John was a Marble Champion growing up in Brooklyn, it was a big thing back then, and he was proud of it. Starting at the age of 18, he achieved a successful career with Citibank for 50 years, spending a good part of that time as Vice President, Director of Business Banking for Staten Island & Brooklyn. He was active in the Staten Island business community for many years, and was honored with a number of awards. He was even asked to run for Republican political office, and ran a stellar memorable campaign for Staten Island NY State Assemblyman. One of his fondest memories was meeting with President Ronald Reagan at the White House. John was a veteran and proud of his country.

After working with small businesses for many years at the bank, John later successfully ran his own small family business with his wife Rosemary, son

John & daughter Gina. They grew the small Leather & Fur Ranch boutique into an upscale small chain of stores located in regional malls in SI and NJ.

John enjoyed spending time over the years with his family at his Pocono home and taking trips, especially spending multiple weeks in St. Maarten annually for years. He enjoyed the Yankees, watching almost every game. He also loved playing golf, and currently lived viewing the green on the 11th hole of Knob Hill Golf Course.

John Brunetti was known as a brave and courageous man with a positive attitude to overcome many adversities. John was a fighter and overcame a number of various illnesses. Heart disease, eight blocked arteries at 54, cancer twice, bone marrow disease, COPD, and more. He would joke by saying, "Bring it on." He was determined to beat his illnesses.

Despite doctors negative prognosis, he more than doubled their estimates of his time here with us. All this was going on for a number of years, but that never slowed him down from continuing to be there in a giving way everyday doing things for his family. He never complained and liked to keep going on. Even with all that, his death was a surprise as he was recovering from his latest ailments, and actively still working on things. Born on tax day, he was currently working on tax work up to the last day. He will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

His favorite thing to say was "Today is the First Day of the Rest of Your Life!" And he lived by it!

He was ironically born on Good Friday in 1938, and will be put to rest on Good Friday this week, 2020.

As he would say, " Its been a Beautiful Life."

Cemetery Details

Moravian Cemetery

2205 Richmond Road
Staten Island, NY 10306

Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John Brunetti*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - April 07, 2020 at 09:23 PM

BA

Wonderful life. Wonderful memories. Wonderful Man. Loved him.

Babs - April 08, 2020 at 09:36 PM

RP

There are so many wonderful memories I wouldn't know where to begin . Also lucky to have had them. I will miss you Uncle John And love you

Rpsanne - April 08, 2020 at 10:08 PM

AN

*My Uncle/ My Godfather
I have great memories living next door to you family vacations, going to the Poconos and much much more we definitely lost a great man here in earth but heaven defiantly gained a great angel. I will miss you and live you forever. ❤️🙏*

Angela - April 09, 2020 at 11:35 AM

PA

*Hi John, Gina & families... Belated sentiments from Terry & Patrick. 🙏
Everyone would agree that your dad was a very special man & with your mom an outstanding couple. Terry & I connected with them in a spiritual way dating back to the days of marriage encounters. I hold them fully responsible for our fun times in the Poconos which my children cherish to this day. Your dad was extra special to be because out of all the family we were the only 2 with ancestry from Bari;-) 🇮🇹
We know that he was always there for you loving & supporting beyond the call of duty. Therefore please know that he still is as I know you must feel. You're great children who have done so much for your dad through all these difficult years so God bless you! Can't wait to get back to NY so we can visit your mom & take her out for a drink 🍸🍸🍸
🌴 God bless you All!!! ❤️ Patrick & Terry*

Patrick & Terry Antonelle - May 08, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ John Brunetti

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

AD

“ I was just thinking of the Beautiful store you had. I didn't know you had passed. awww RIP John

Adrian - February 24, 2023 at 12:26 AM

CC

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of John -- my condolences to all of his wonderful family!

*With prayers,
Connie Cannella*

Connie Cannella - April 16, 2020 at 01:02 PM

AC

“ I was so sad to hear of the loss of John. I have such fond memories of John and Rosemary. I am sending my deepest condolences and blessings to you and your family.

*Much love,
Ann Castellano*

Ann Castellano - April 14, 2020 at 03:39 PM

JB

“ John Brunetti lit a candle in memory of John Brunetti



John Brunetti - April 11, 2020 at 03:16 PM

KM

“ I have many fond memories of the entire Brunetti Family. I worked for their Leather and Fur Ranch business for 15 years and they were like family to me. Mr. Brunetti was always so very kind and would do anything for anyone. One of the highlights of the busy Christmas season was sharing a few hours with them on Christmas Eve. Memories I will cherish forever. Rest in Peace Mr. Brunetti. My sincerest condolences to all of his family and friends.

Kim Maniero & The Hale Family

Kim Maniero - April 10, 2020 at 01:48 PM

JR

“ John was a very dear friend to us; he was like a brother. Words cannot express our sorrow to lose him. We shared many happy times with Rosemary and John; and those memories we cherish. His caring and positive attitude was inspiring as he fought off all his problems. He was an inspiration to everyone around him.

Our deepest sorrow goes out to the family. May God give you the peace that you seek.

With love
Jim & Sophie

James V Rocco - April 09, 2020 at 12:39 PM

SD

“ Sorry for the loss of Uncle John. Growing up, I loved hearing stories my grandparents would tell and reminisce with Aunt Rosemary and Uncle John. From those stories and memories I have from family get-togethers, "what a beautiful life", sums it up perfectly. I know with all the faith in my heart, he's in the sweetest peace in heaven along with my Grandala Bub and Nana Ang. Sending love hugs and prayers to Aunt Rosemary, Gina & Mike, John & Anne and family.

Stephanie Drawneek - April 09, 2020 at 09:18 AM

JD

“ So saddened to hear of the passing of John. He was a kind, loving and sweet man. It was such a pleasure to have known him. Sending our prayers to Rosemary and the rest of John's family at this very difficult time. 🙏 Jennie and Tony D'Amico

Jennie DAmico - April 08, 2020 at 07:24 PM

TM

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of your dear father. The video was so beautiful . Sending prayers for strength and healing as your mourn the loss of this very special man.

Love ,
Tara and the whole Murray family

Tara Murray - April 08, 2020 at 03:07 PM

TH

I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of John Brunetti. I had the true pleasure of working for him and with John at Citibank and will always remember his positive outlook and long friendship that we enjoyed. He was truly a remarkable man who will be missed but always remembered. May God bless John and his wonderful and loving family.

Tom Harris - April 09, 2020 at 08:43 AM

PC

“ John was my cousin's (Rosemary) smart ,unpretentious ,kind and loved by all he came in contact with. As he left us he left behind all of his character and attributes to his children and grandchildren and love for any of who knew him.



Peter Curato - April 08, 2020 at 01:40 PM

MD

“ So sorry for your loss!! The video was beautiful what beautiful memories for your family. May he Rest In Peace. 🙏❤️

Margie DeBiase - April 08, 2020 at 12:07 PM



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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - April 07, 2020 at 09:24 PM