



John Calabrese

December 17, 1941 - December 30, 2016

John Calabrese, 75 of Pleasant Plains, passed away on December 30, 2016.

He was born on December 17, 1941 in Manhattan. John was the son of the late John Peter and Jean (Rispoli). His family resided in Brooklyn, where he attended high school and Kingsborough Community College. He later moved to S.I. and resided in Charleston and Pleasant Plains. He served time in the U.S. Army in the late 60's and was stationed in Germany prior to being honorably discharged in 1970. He was a consultant in the financial industry, mostly with Peterson Investments. He was also a proud member of the Kells-Grennie American Legion Post in Oakwood.

John was a professional drummer who was very fond of opera and jazz music. He especially enjoyed listening to Miles Davis. He was also a hockey fan, particularly the NY Islanders, and liked to watch boxing as well. John was a quiet man who was known for his very dry sense of humor. Quick "one liners" were his specialty.

He is survived by his wife of thirty five years, Patricia (Edlund). He was a wonderful father to his children Adriana, JoAnn, Paul, Jessica Wodarski and the late Nancy Cerulli (2015). He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren who referred to him as "Grandpa Handsome".

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 7396 Amboy Road. A private cremation will follow. The family will receive friends on Monday from 2-5 & 7-9 p.m. at The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd., at Eltingville Station.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)
Staten Island, NY 10312

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JAN 2. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
7396 Amboy Road
Staten Island, NY 10307

Tribute Wall



“ *John Calabrese*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Pat & Gerri Rood purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Calabrese.*



Pat & Gerri Rood - January 01, 2017 at 11:41 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of John Calabrese.*



December 31, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Calabrese.*



December 31, 2016 at 10:44 AM

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“ I remember John's joy when his son and daughter married, and celebrations when grandchildren were born, John's wry smile as he pronounced a one liner on our tumultuous Presidential campaign last year, a tender embrace between John and Tricia after his daughter died, and his big non-judgemental heart. You will be missed, John

Sophia Ziburtovicz - December 30, 2016 at 11:35 PM

MS

“ My condolences to the Calabrese family.
No words can describe the great man John was. I cared for him deeply during my years working with him. His daughter Jo Ann was then & is still a great friend of mine. She truly inherited her fathers genes.
John you will be miss & remembered by many people that you touched their hearts. Mine being one if them.
Will always remember you with a warm smile.
Miriam Samos

miriam samos - December 30, 2016 at 11:34 PM