



John Potenzano

October 23, 1944 - July 1, 2016

John Potenzano, 71 of New York, New York passed away on Friday, July 1, 2016.

Born Monday, October 23, 1944 in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of the late Thomas and Rita Potenzano.

Surviving are his sister, Marie Pearson his nieces and nephew; Michele, Ronn, Carly, and Liza Pearson. He was pre deceased by his brother in law Ronald.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM on Thursday at St Thomas the Apostle Church located at 6135 Amboy Rd Staten Island, New York 10309. Arrangements Include Private Cremation.

A gathering of Family and Friends will take place on Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-5 & 7-9 p.m. at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

John's family would like to create a Memory Album. They ask if you could please bring a copy of your favorite photo of yourself and John to the visitation.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.scaliahome.com

Donations in John's Memory may be made to the Garden of Dreams
Founation. <http://www.gardenofdreamsfoundation.org/>

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Rosehill Crematory, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

JUL 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

JUL 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

JUL 7. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St Thomas the Apostle Church
6135 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10309

Tribute Wall



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



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 04, 2016 at 02:33 PM



“ *John Potenzano*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *John was my boss at Bates. Such a nice man. I was just searching for him to see what he was up to and noticed that he passed. I'm so sorry to learn this. May he rest in peace.*

Iris - January 03, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *We loved John here at Jerry Ohlinger's Movie Material Store, and he will be missed. Please accept our deepest condolences. Best regards, Jerry, Dollie and Bill*

Jerry Ohlinger - August 08, 2016 at 12:59 PM

ES

“ John was my boss, my mentor and most of all my friend. He saw me through some rough times without judgment. He was the epitome of a kind soul, in an industry that frowned upon such things. I will miss our dinners and talks terribly. John, thanks for setting the bar so high. I emulate you every day. I will miss you dear friend.
Evan

EVAN STEIN - July 07, 2016 at 08:59 AM

AF

“ To the family of my dear friend John Potenzano with whom I share a birthdate of October 23 and enjoyed challenging each other every year as to who had more youthfulness within us.



My deepest and sincere condolences to you at this time of pain. I'd like to share a poem and thought with you that reads as follows:

Although mere words cannot express the depth of the loss of John that you feel.

*It sometimes helps to read a verse
To aid the heart to heal*

*We want to hold on and not let go
the pain seems far too great.
Every fiber of what John meant
You want to store and crate.*

*But life goes on with unwanted change
To adapt and forge ahead.
Live the now with those still here
Together the grief will shed.*

*Let fond memories that you have,
Heal with John's warm glow.
The sorrow in your heavy heart,
With time will surely go.*

*Our life on earth is but a moment,
In God's eternal plan.
The heavenly wonders that await
our soul,
Is beyond the mortal man.*

Just remember, those we love don't go away, they walk beside us

every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Always lived, always missed and always very dear. I know i will miss John's wit and the banter we shared.

With fond memories. Alex Fried

Alex Fried - July 06, 2016 at 08:57 PM



Michele
Pearson

Thank you Alex. That was lovely.

Michele Pearson - July 09, 2016 at 09:13 AM



Today John popped into my mind, and I searched to find out what he was up to. I was stunned to see his obituary.

John was my boss at Ted Bates in the early 80's. Working with John is one of my fondest memories in a 40-year career. He made our work fun and was a friend in addition to a boss and coworker.

After leaving Bates I occasionally ran in to John at business functions and around town. He was a character, and I say that in a good way.

The last time I spoke with John was in 1988 when I had accepted a position out-of-town. I called to tell him I was leaving New York.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Roddy Freeman - December 31, 2018 at 09:47 PM

CS

“ *Catherine Schmidt-Pieper lit a candle in memory of John Potenzano*



Catherine Schmidt-Pieper - July 06, 2016 at 08:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Potenzano.*



July 06, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ *Mara lit a candle in memory of John Potenzano*



Mara - July 06, 2016 at 01:39 PM



In memory of our friend, John. -Mara & Alex

Mara - July 06, 2016 at 01:40 PM

MC

“*“Uncle Johnny” was fabulous . I am so grateful that he was able to meet my daughter Keira , and I was able to spend his last Thanksgiving with him . He has been family to me since I was a little girl . Always funny , witty and had a soft heart for animals . Lucy and Ricky were the dogs I grew up with when Uncle Johnny would come to Marie's house in the summer . My mom isn't much of a " fashionista" so when uncle Johnny would come for Christmas with a boatload for knock off purses, sunglasses and cool accessories I was in total HEAVEN.... That was something I would greatly look forward too . One of my fondest memories of Uncle Johnny was one of his Fourth of July parties I remember just thinking how he cool was to have an apartment in the city over looking the water , the boats and all the fireworks . Uncle Johnny will be missed . I am just happy that I was able to spend one of his last holidays together , because that's how I remember him the most , at the happy holidays times ... Thank you for all the memories*

Maggie Cardinale - July 06, 2016 at 01:34 PM



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



July 06, 2016 at 11:18 AM

YE

“ How blessed we were to have John as our next door neighbor for over 27 years! Always with a smile. Every. Single. Day. From newlyweds to parents whose adult children have just about flown the coop, you shared our lives most momentous occasions with kind words and unfailing humor. Oh, how you will be missed - but how fortunate we were to have known you. Blessed be your memory. With love, Yolanda, Michael, Greg, Elena, Marc Esposito & Giagia and Pappou too.

Yolanda Kanes Esposito - July 06, 2016 at 10:15 AM

DC

“ John was a very special person and a good friend . He loved friends, family , animals, life and peace....

He was the life of the life of the party with his great sense of humor and the best swing dancer ever.

At the Corinthian he was the " Godfather" , "Mayor" , "Captain" and the Uncle to all the children.

We are all feeling the pain of his loss. I am sure he went straight to Heaven .

He will always be loved and never forgotten...

May he Rest in Peace.

Donna Campillo

Donna B. Campillo - July 06, 2016 at 08:31 AM

JS

“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jolie Schaffzin - July 05, 2016 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Potenzano.



July 05, 2016 at 11:02 AM

RT

“ *Rusty, Kim, and Henry Thrasher* purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of John Potenzano.



Rusty, Kim, and Henry Thrasher - July 05, 2016 at 10:31 AM

CG

“ *With great memories of my former Bates colleague and friend, John. He will always be remembered for his kind heart and sense of humor! He will never be forgotten.*

--Craig Gugel

Craig Gugel - July 05, 2016 at 10:14 AM



Michele
Pearson

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Michele Pearson - July 05, 2016 at 05:58 AM

SM

“ At times like these, it is hard to sum up in a few words all that a person has meant to you. Thinking about John over the past few days, for me it comes down to this: not only was he the best boss I ever had, but one of the best human beings I ever knew.
Rest in peace, my friend.
---Steve Maietta

Steve Maietta - July 04, 2016 at 08:24 PM

WH

“ I met John two years ago at the Corinthian. We both shared many hours together. We both loved the theatre and good restaurants. John and I went to the theatre two weeks ago. We saw "Trip of Love" We had a blast and I will always remember that evening. John was a very generous and caring person. He loved animals, children, and his family. I will always remember him.

wendy hazen - July 04, 2016 at 07:16 PM

AC

“ Anoop Punjabi & Gail Cook sent a virtual gift in memory of John Potenzano



Anoop Punjabi & Gail Cook - July 04, 2016 at 06:42 PM

AC

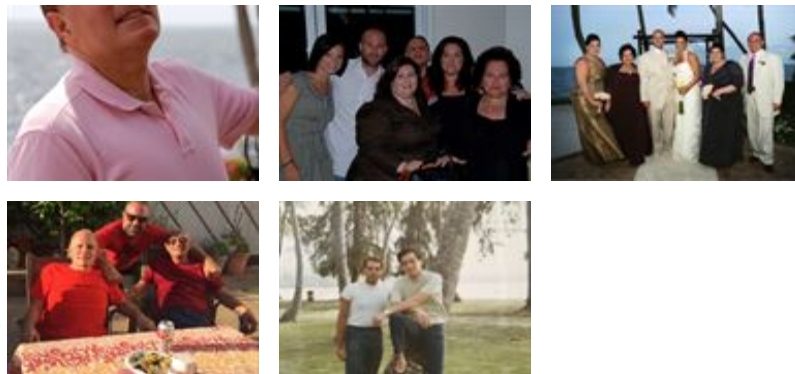
“ Anoop Punjabi & Gail Cook lit a candle in memory of John Potenzano



Anoop Punjabi & Gail Cook - July 04, 2016 at 06:34 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 04, 2016 at 04:28 PM

JG

“ John you were the brother I never had. We did so many things together. Thanks for the memories. You were kind, sweet, generous, loving, funny, helpful, sensitive to others pain, intelligent, music connoisseur, loved children and all animals, a collector of many different things, loved dancing, a joker, appreciated beautiful people and things, so much fun to be with, loved your sisters seafood stew, loved your sister, nieces and nephew, Lucy and Ricky, loved Polo shirts, loved The Corinthian and Broadway musicals. I could say more but let's give others a chance to say what's on their minds. I love you John and I'm going to really miss you and I already do. You, Steve and me; the three amigos, haha. Thank you for being in my life and holding my hand when I went for surgery twice and helping Steve when he went in the hospital for two weeks.. Bless you. You are an Angel.

Joie Zito Greenfiend - July 04, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - July 04, 2016 at 02:30 PM

EM

“ John you were a true gentleman! I loved your sense of humor and you always had a smile on your face. You will be missed greatly!
Rest in peace!

Ed

Ed Miceli - July 04, 2016 at 11:56 AM

GR

“ John was the mayor of the Corinthian, generous and always joking around. He was quite the collector too! We will miss watching "Dancing with the Stars" with you "Uncle John"! Hope you are resting in a better place and they have good popsicles!
Our prayers and love go out to John, his family and everyone who he touched their lives.
We love and miss you!
Todd, Grace and Jasmine

grace - July 04, 2016 at 11:43 AM

VM

“ The funniest, most caring, interactive, friend and business partner.
We laughed and worked together for years.

I will remember u forever.

*Vicki Mendelson
Optimedia Intl.*

vicki mendelson - July 04, 2016 at 11:40 AM

AM

“ Ann Meschery purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of John Potenzano.



Ann Meschery - July 03, 2016 at 11:07 PM

 Randi
Honig

“ Sinatra. Streisand. Washington. Vaughn. Movie Posters. Swatch
Watches. Cabbage patch dolls. Lucy. Ricky. The Gap. Memories of
my friend John. They always make me smile.

Randi Honig - July 03, 2016 at 10:06 PM

RH

“ Sinatra. Streisand. Washington. Vaughn. Movie Posters. Swatch
Watches. Cabbage patch dolls. Lucy. Ricky. The Gap. Memories of
my friend John. They always make me smile.

Randi Honig - July 03, 2016 at 10:05 PM

RH

“ Sinatra. Streisand. Washington. Vaughn. Movie Posters. Swatch
Watches. Cabbage patch dolls. Lucy. Ricky. The Gap. Memories of
my friend John. They always make me smile.



Randi Honig - July 03, 2016 at 10:04 PM

AM

So happy to be part of this silly selfie when we had dinner. The last time we all saw John.

Ann Meschery - July 03, 2016 at 10:11 PM

AM

“ *John was probably the most liked person in the advertising business. It is amazing to me that in a cut throat business like advertising, I never heard a bad word about John.* ”



Ann Meschery - July 03, 2016 at 09:51 PM

LL

“ *Love, Seth, Erin, Molly and Lucas LeRea purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John Potenzano.* ”



Love, Seth, Erin, Molly and Lucas LeRea - July 03, 2016 at 08:07 PM

 Liz Russo

“ *Liz Russo lit a candle in memory of John Potenzano* ”



Liz Russo - July 03, 2016 at 05:15 PM



I remember our Bates days with such fondness---boy those really were the good old days---worked hard but had so much fun....I've been so fortunate to have met so many wonderful people thru this sometimes crazy but, close knit ad biz....John your kindness/wisdom/wit, not too mention your dancing skills are just a few of the fond memories I'll keep w/me...I wish you peaceful rest, God Bless & when u get up there remember to 'keep on dancing'!

Liz Russo - July 03, 2016 at 05:23 PM

ML

“ *Mel and Rosemarie Lisiten purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Potenzano.*



Mel and Rosemarie Lisiten - July 03, 2016 at 04:01 PM

MM

“ *Maria Marinello lit a candle in memory of John Potenzano*



maria marinello - July 03, 2016 at 10:41 AM

MM

“ *John was a part of our family. We loved him and shared so many good times with him. He loved music, loved to dance and loved Broadway. . We will miss him forever. Joseph Napoli and Maria Marinello*

Maria Marinello - July 03, 2016 at 10:32 AM

MS

“ *Michael Stone purchased the Divine Grace 50-Bead Rosary for the family of John Potenzano.*



Michael Stone - July 03, 2016 at 10:12 AM

MS

“ *Michael Stone lit a candle in memory of John Potenzano*



Michael Stone - July 03, 2016 at 09:15 AM