



## John H. Russo

August 11, 1952 - July 24, 2022

Brooklyn-born, John H. Russo, known animal lover and consummate businessman, died on Sunday, July 24, 2022 in Manhattan. He was 69 years old. He will be forever remembered for his hearty laugh, astute observations, bawdy sense of humor, and incredible work ethic.

John loved cars, food and wine, World War II history, Sherlock Holmes, and his family, who begrudgingly sat in the same room with him as he watched the film, Patton, for the 1,347th time. His favorite pastime was sitting in his backyard with a glass of single-malt scotch, a cigar, and his book (preferably by Nelson DeMille or Vince Flynn) - no matter the season, although summer was his favorite.

He began his professional life as a New York City police officer in the 1970's and transitioned into business after pursuing an undergraduate degree at CUNY, and later an MBA from Wagner College. John was known for his starched white, french-cuff shirts, impeccably-cut custom suits, and for always having a fountain pen in his breast pocket.

John was a devoted volunteer at Holy Child Church's prayer chapel, a

member of the Porsche Club, and a member of the Priory Scholars of NYC.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Grace (Becker) Russo, his children Laura Ann Hunke (Thomas) and John Charles Russo, and the newest joy of his life, his granddaughter, Françoise Dylan Hunke.

John was the most loving husband, most engaged father and grandfather, and most loyal friend. He will be deeply missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made in his memory to Karma Rescue (<https://www.karmarescue.org/>).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00 AM on Friday at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 and 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, July 28, 2022 , at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

3520 Tilden Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11203

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

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## Service

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JUL **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church  
4747 Amboy Rd  
Staten Island, NY 10312

# Tribute Wall



“ *John H. Russo*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Many prayers were said for John during his illness; he is now at peace in the loving arms of Jesus. May GOD comfort you all during this my sad time; my condolences to all. Joan Rochford - Adoration Chapel Committee*

**Joni Rochford** - July 31, 2022 at 02:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John H. Russo.*



July 28, 2022 at 08:19 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John H. Russo.*



July 28, 2022 at 10:03 AM

SA

“ Grace and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Let the fondest memories of John provide comfort in your journey through this loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Sincerely, Sandra Bunting

Sandra - July 27, 2022 at 06:18 PM

ME

“ Merle purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John H. Russo.



Merle - July 27, 2022 at 05:50 PM

SW

“ Stephani and Andrew Whittaker purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of John H. Russo.



Stephani and Andrew Whittaker - July 27, 2022 at 05:04 PM

GF

“ Gale McCauley and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John H. Russo.



Gale McCauley and Family - July 27, 2022 at 04:32 PM

BP

“ Sending you my sincerest condolences in this difficult time. May you find the strength you need in the love you have for John and one another. Bonnie P.



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**Bonnie Pabon** - July 27, 2022 at 04:30 PM

AP

“ Alejandro and Flavia Przygoda purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of John H. Russo.



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**Alejandro and Flavia Przygoda** - July 27, 2022 at 03:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John H. Russo.



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July 27, 2022 at 02:37 PM

RB

“ Please pass on my condolences to the entire family. John was great employee and friend to many here at Ricoh.

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**Robert Brock** - July 27, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John H. Russo.*



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July 27, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of John H. Russo.*



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July 27, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John H. Russo.*



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July 27, 2022 at 11:02 AM



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



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July 27, 2022 at 10:58 AM



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



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July 27, 2022 at 10:24 AM



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



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July 27, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *John Erwin purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of John H. Russo.*



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**John Erwin** - July 27, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *Jean and Rick Pirrotta purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of John H. Russo.*



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**Jean and Rick Pirrotta** - July 27, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John H. Russo.*



July 27, 2022 at 07:26 AM



“ *Big hugs and love, Annie (Anderson) purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of John H. Russo.*



**Big hugs and love, Annie (Anderson)** - July 26, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ *Chris & Mary Ellen Kanoff purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of John H. Russo.*



**Chris & Mary Ellen Kanoff** - July 26, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ *Maria & Domingo Lopez & the boys purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John H. Russo.*



**Maria & Domingo Lopez & the boys** - July 26, 2022 at 05:39 PM

CP

“ I met John many more than three decades ago as we worked together in the same industry for the same companies and were friends. He was such a wonderful person...His big personality, kindness and respectful way of dealing with coworkers and customers alike, made him such a pleasure to be around. I am saddened by this news and I send my deepest sympathy to his wife and family. Sincerely, Connie Pavlicas



Connie Pavlicas - July 26, 2022 at 02:42 PM

JM

“ We've know John & Grace for almost twenty years, and we're envious of all those who had the privilege to know them for longer. John was a good friend, a witty and funny conversationalist, an awesome host, and, most of all, a loving husband and father. We're going to miss him terribly, he was a wonderful human being. God speed, John.

John McElhearn & Carl McCaleb - July 26, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John H. Russo.



July 26, 2022 at 02:03 PM

JC

“ *john, karen & alex chument* purchased the *Delightful Dieffenbachia* for the family of *John H. Russo*.



**john, karen & alex chument** - July 26, 2022 at 01:39 PM

LP

“ *Love, Allison Picerno* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *John H. Russo*.



**Love, Allison Picerno** - July 26, 2022 at 01:08 PM

MC

“ *To Grace and family, I am so sorry for your loss. John was a wonderful friend and colleague at Ricoh. He was always full of life, energy and with his wonderful NY accent a great storyteller. John, may eternal rest be granted onto you, and may perpetual lights shine on you. Rest in peace my friend. I will toast you with a glass of whisky and a nice smooth cigar this evening.*  
*Love you John, Mark*

**Mark Coyle** - July 26, 2022 at 12:19 PM

PB

“ *Pegi, Edd, David, and Buster* purchased the *Grac*eful Wreath for the family of *John H. Russo*.



**Pegi, Edd, David, and Buster** - July 26, 2022 at 11:54 AM

KR

“ One of my favorite memories of John goes all the way back to high school. He noticed a high school picture of Grace in my wallet and asked, *Who is that beautiful girl.*" I told him she is my best friend, and his response was, *"I want to meet her!"*

*John was a bit of a tough/cool guy in high who drove his prize position, "Snoopy" to high school daily. If memory serves me, it was a late 60's or an early 1970s souped up Buick.*

*I was hesitant to comply to John's request.. Grace was conventionally selective in her date choices. I was certain she would not accept a blind date offer. And yet, John persisted. John's cool guy filter evaporated the moment he saw Grace's photo. The deep-down personality emerged revealing his sweet and gentle side. Bryan, his very closest friend, convinced me that maybe Grace should be the one to decide. And so, the rest is history. You were right after all. Rest in peace.*

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**Kerry Russo** - July 26, 2022 at 11:53 AM

MA

“ John was a one of a kind character...that we will miss him terribly is an understatement. In the over 40 years that we we've been friends we shared many happy times together. Thankfully, we have these wonderful memories to look back on...trips, dinners, get-togethers...all spent with love and laughter. John and Grace have been more family to us than some related by blood. That means more to me than anything else. John was the brother I would have liked to have had but didn't get. John always used to say to me "What have I got to complain about?" He was right about that...he had a wonderful wife, children, friends...He did indeed have a life well lived...I won't say goodbye...I'll just say so long for now...God speed my friend...rest well!

Much love,  
Pegi & Edd

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margaret - July 26, 2022 at 11:45 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John H. Russo.



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July 26, 2022 at 11:01 AM

PA

“ It is not the Length of Life, but Depth of Life that really matters. John was an Amazing Husband, Father & Friend.  
I'll never forget the Bond he and Grace had, they were like teenagers in Love.  
For over 30 years we spent every weekend together at Ni-Ni's. John was a friend that became Family. He will be Greatly missed but he will also live on through all of us. I Know That One Day we will all be together again.  
“Rest in Peace John”  
Love,  
Pat & Debbie

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**Pat** - July 26, 2022 at 10:45 AM

AM

“ ALBERTA AND AL MEHR purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John H. Russo.



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**ALBERTA AND AL MEHR** - July 26, 2022 at 08:34 AM