



John C. Arendes

September 20, 1966 - March 25, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of John C. Arendes, age 58, who died on Wednesday, March 25, 2025, at HealthPark Medical Center in Fort Myers, FL. Formerly of Rock Tavern, NY, John had been a resident of Bonita Springs, FL, since 2021.

John was born on September 20, 1966, in New York, NY, to Thomas Arendes and Lily Ann (Marino) Francis. He graduated from St. John's University with a bachelor's degree in finance and went on to earn his Master of Business Administration degree from George Washington University. John began his career in finance before transitioning to the compliance training software industry, where he retired as CEO.

John was a passionate athlete, enjoying running, biking, and swimming. He was in the midst of training for his next triathlon at the time of his passing. In his younger years, John also played baseball until the age of 40, demonstrating his commitment to fitness and sports. As a lifelong sports fan, he was an avid supporter of the New York Mets and New York Jets.

Throughout his life, John demonstrated a selfless desire to help others. He proudly served as a volunteer firefighter and EMT in the town of Washingtonville, NY, earning the admiration of his community. Above all, John's greatest pride and joy was his daughter, Gabriella. He was

incredibly proud of her accomplishments and cherished their time together.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Joann P. Arendes; his daughter, Gabriella Arendes of Washington, D.C.; his mother, Lily Ann Francis of Naples, FL; sisters, Nicole (Vinny) Gianni of NY, Jade (Gabe) Bleecher-Arendes of Queens, NY; and step-brother, Justin (Amy) Paguaga of AZ. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Arendes.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs, FL 34134. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 10:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in John's memory to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306, or any veteran-supporting foundation of your choice.

John's legacy of generosity continues as he gave the gift of life through organ donation.

Arrangements are entrusted to Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John C. Arendes.

April 02, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ John was an amazing doer. He was even greater neighbor and friend. His practicality juxtaposed against my chaotic approach, made it easy to learn from him. What a tragedy, for his family and friends.

Michael J Flanagan - April 02, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with John on a few occasions and always valued our time together. He was such an enthusiastic person with a vibrant and kind personality. John was always available for career advice and his guidance was very valuable. My deepest condolences to his friends and family.

Tera Gillen - April 02, 2025 at 01:10 AM



“ John was a great friend and a mentor to many. He was a natural leader and was greatly admired by everyone who had the pleasure to work with him.

Scott - April 01, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John C. Arendes.

March 31, 2025 at 10:31 AM

DS

“ David S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. Arendes.

David S. - March 30, 2025 at 08:56 AM

SF

“ John, you were a great friend, a visionary leader, and an inspiration to so many. Thank you for everything. You will be dearly missed. -Sage and Christian

Sage Franch - March 29, 2025 at 11:31 PM

MS

“ Maria & Gus Ruben, Vanesa and Sofia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John C. Arendes.



Maria & Gus Ruben, Vanesa and Sofia - March 29, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John C. Arendes.

March 29, 2025 at 03:35 PM

BP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bill Petronzo - March 29, 2025 at 10:51 AM

LR

“ Love, Paul and Lauren Ries planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John C. Arendes.

Love, Paul and Lauren Ries - March 29, 2025 at 10:30 AM

LR

“ Love, Paul and Lauren Ries purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John C. Arendes.



Love, Paul and Lauren Ries - March 29, 2025 at 10:30 AM

PC

“ I worked with John and Skillsoft and I am heartbroken to hear this. John was a great friend, a great leader, a warm and caring colleague who always encouraged others to set their sights high. I love Robbyn McGrath's LinkedIn post because she so beautifully captured how dedicated John was to the development of others. So many owe their careers to John and many more made good moves that paid off because of John's advice and support. When I think of John, I will mostly think of two things: (1) His daughter, Gabby. Every conversation began with an update on Gabby and then went on to whatever other topic we were going to discuss. His voice, his smile, always bursting with pride over her. His wife and his daughter were always his North Star. (2) How his life was a masterclass in the power of having purpose and goals. I remember when he told me he wanted to be the GM of Skillsoft's Compliance business, and he did it. Then he wanted to get an MBA, and he did it. Then he wanted to be a CEO, and he did it. Then he wanted to move to Florida, and he did it (the photos of their place in Bonita Springs were beeeautiful!). He was always dreaming and then taking the next step and in that way, he packed a lot of life into his years. That is a lesson for us all. Thank you, John, for leading by example.

Potoula Chresomales - March 28, 2025 at 06:36 PM

BP

“ I worked with John at multiple companies and am so very sorry for your loss. John was a gem of a human being in all respects both professionally and personally. To Joann, Gabby, and family I want to extend my deepest condolences.

Bill Petronzo

Bill Petronzo - March 28, 2025 at 04:24 PM

RM

“ Robbyn & Tyle McGrath purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of John C. Arendes.



Robbyn & Tyle McGrath - March 28, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John C. Arendes.

March 28, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of John C. Arendes.



March 28, 2025 at 02:27 PM