



## John Anthony Paeno

March 16, 1957 - June 26, 2022

John Anthony Paeno, 65, passed away at home on June 26th after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on March 16, 1957 in Oswego, New York and has resided in Florida since 2003.

A loving and devoted father and husband, John is survived by his two children, John Nicholas Paeno and Anthony Bartholomew Paeno, as well as his wife of 44 years, Lynne (Cronk) Paeno, his sister Joanne Teifke, his sister-in-law, Jackie Paeno, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Joseph Paeno, and his parents, Mayme Paeno and John Paeno.

John was a graduate of Oswego High School Class of 1975 and he attended Cayuga County Community College earning his Associate Degree in 1977. He is a graduate of Leadership Oswego County, class of 1996. His career included more than 10 years in the Housing Department at SUNY Oswego as the Head of Maintenance at Historic Fort Ontario before moving to Florida and building his own company, CGT Kayaks and Calusa Ghost Tours, with his son, John Nicholas. Through his business he turned his love of local history into walking and paddling history tours for the community.

John loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was an avid fisherman, kayaker, biker, and gardener. He fought throughout his career for worker's rights, clean

water, and the betterment of his community of Bonita Springs that he loved. He served as a delegate for the 1993 Clinton Presidential election, where he and his wife attended one of the Inaugural Balls. He was instrumental in founding the Bonita Springs Downtown Alliance where he served as President.

A celebration of life for John will take place in the coming weeks in Bonita Springs, FL for his family, friends, and colleagues.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to Hope Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

To sign John's guest register or to leave online condolences or share a memory, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Anthony Paeno*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *It has been six loooonng months. Is my heart better? No. But I tell John every day how much I miss him and love him.*

**Lynne Paeno** - January 06, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ *Lynne and family, please accept our condolences for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers; may God comfort you. Please feel free to reach out anytime. Rest in peace, John.*

*Sincerely,  
Dan & Katrina Eason and family  
Scriba, NY*

**Daniel Eason** - July 08, 2022 at 10:37 PM



“ *Lynn sending my deepest condolences to you, and your family. Sincerely, Lori Regan Riley, Wellington, FL*

**Lori Regan Riley** - July 07, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ *Lynne and family, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May your many memories and good friends and family help you during this difficult time. Will always remember the fun times in Oswego!!*

**Beth Vincent Balduzzi** - July 05, 2022 at 09:46 PM



“ *Rest in Peace John. Bonita lost a a dear friend. I was so sad to hear the news and send comfort and prayers of peace to the family, especially Nick and Aaron. - Peggy & Scott Douglas*

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**Peggy Douglas** - July 02, 2022 at 12:12 PM

CS

“ *3 files added to the album History Walks*



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**Charlie Strader** - July 01, 2022 at 03:41 PM

CS

“ *So sorry for your family's loss! I will greatly miss the laughs and deep discussions. This community lost a good one.*

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**Charlie Strader** - July 01, 2022 at 02:28 PM

JW

*So sorry for your family's loss. John's passion for All he has been involved with will be missed . He has left a lasting impression on the community and so many of us that was fortunate to have spent time with him. John you will be missed but never forgotten.*

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**Jim Weeks** - July 04, 2022 at 07:09 PM

CS

“ 2 files added to the album History Walks



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**Charlie Strader** - July 01, 2022 at 02:24 PM

AC

*My condolences to the family. Bonita Springs has lost its natural environment biggest champion . And I have lost a dear friend. Thank you for all the life and joy you brought to all of us. We shall never forget you dear John.*

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**Antonio Correia** - July 01, 2022 at 09:37 PM

AC

*<https://youtu.be/HSTcHi7VSq8>  
John's last film for the 2022 Bonita Springs short film festival*

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**Antonio Correia** - July 01, 2022 at 09:42 PM

TL

*The BSDA would not be where it is today without your founding. I will miss our talks and your passion for our downtown area. Rest in Peace.*

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**Trish Leonard** - July 09, 2022 at 09:37 AM

MH

“ *What a big loss for Bonita Springs. John was a wonderful longtime tenant for BER and always went above and beyond to support our leadership academy. We will miss him dearly!*

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**Meighan Harris** - July 01, 2022 at 02:22 PM

BB

“ Lynne - My sincere sympathy to you and yours. I remember John as such a nice guy in high school (and so cute). Hugs to you.

Barb "Puff" DeCastro Berry - June 30, 2022 at 08:31 PM

NB

“ Lynne, Sincerest sympathies to you and the boys. Nancy and Beeps

Nancy Bellow - June 30, 2022 at 03:32 PM

MC

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your husband, Lynne. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sorrowful time. May John rest peacefully now in the loving arms of our Lord.



Mary Cahill Comerford - June 30, 2022 at 01:34 AM

JM

“ Lynne, Kathy & I are so sorry for your loss. John was my mentor in the union. I will be forever grateful for his help when I needed it most. I will miss him forever. Please accept our condolences.

Joe miceli - June 29, 2022 at 09:39 PM

JE

“ Such fond memories of John and Lynn from our high school days. Sending hugs and prayers to your beautiful family.

judy Tusso Enwright - June 29, 2022 at 07:53 PM

PC

“ *Lynne, my warmest condolences to you and your sons. I'm thinking of you all. —Pam Caraccioli*

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**Pamela Caraccioli** - June 28, 2022 at 10:50 PM

CG

“ *John was always there for me when I needed him. Looking out for me, taking me in when I needed it, and rescuing me when I was in trouble. He was like a dad to me, and I will miss him greatly.*  
*Cherie*

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**Cheryl Garcia** - June 28, 2022 at 04:37 PM