



John J. Passarella, Jr.

May 28, 1960 - January 21, 2015

John J. Passarella

John J. Passarella age 54, of Estero, Florida passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at his residence. John was born May 28, 1960 in Philadelphia, PA to the late John and Juliet (nee Lelii) Passarella. John was self-employed through the years. He will forever be remembered and loved for his entertaining personality. John loved entertaining people not only through cooking and baking but just making people laugh; he enjoyed his time with family and friends. Along with his parents John was preceded in death by his son Albert Livecchi in (2009).

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife of 28 years Denise; his daughter Rachel Passarella of Estero, FL; three sisters, Karen (Jay) Giannantonio of Boca Raton, FL, Linda Passarella of Penn Valley, PA and Cristine (Richard) Martello of Boca Raton, FL; five nieces and nephews and one great nephew.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 9 AM, Saturday, January 24, 2015 at our Lady of Light Catholic Community, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Ft. Myers, FL 33967. Interment will follow at the Memorial Garden at Our Lady of Light.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the PSP

(Progressive Supranuclear Palsy) Foundation, www.psp.org

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 24. 9:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Tribute Wall



“ *John J. Passarella, Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Passarella Family,*

I may not have been a really close friend to John and Denise, but when we were together, we all had a good time! I don't know of anyone who could say they didn't have fun when John was around. John was always there with a helping hand (and food) for our many Bella Terra events.



Denise, I will be there whenever you need me. I feel your pain and will try and help as best I can to guide you through these difficult days.

*Sincerely,
Connie Minton*

Connie Minton - January 28, 2015 at 10:51 AM

TA

“ Dear Passarella Family -

Our family is deeply saddened by the passing of your husband/father/brother/uncle. We'll always remember John fondly and feel lucky that we had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be very missed. He had a rare and special gift of making everyone feel comfortable and laugh even during difficult times. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

He had a beautiful spirit and it will live on ... The Amendolia Family

Toni Amendolia - January 28, 2015 at 09:20 AM



“ Maryann Cianfrani Gaudio lit a candle in memory of John J. Passarella, Jr.



Maryann Cianfrani Gaudio - January 27, 2015 at 10:46 AM

BD

“ John my heart is so heavy since you left us and yet i still have a smile on my face remembering all the times we had together as kids. Even though we went different ways you were always on my mind. You were a real friend and i will never forget you. Your smile was real and you always said what was on your mind. Growing up with you made me a better man, I will miss you with all my heart for the rest of my life. May you rest in peace and i know you will make everyone smile in heaven. My deepest sympathy to Denise and Rachael and all of Johns family.

Bobby A Disco Sr.

BOBBY DISCO - January 26, 2015 at 06:04 PM

BD

“ I met John in 1980 when we started working together at Harrah's Casino and we became fast, close friends. I have countless wonderful memories of fun and laughter with him and his family in Venter. Even as life took us our separate ways, we spoke every few years and it always seemed like we had spoken yesterday. There was, and always be, a special place in my heart for this unique, caring, funny, life loving man. I am shocked and heartbroken to learn of his passing. My deepest sympathy to Denise and Rachael and all of John's family.

Bernadette DiRenzo

Bernadette DiRenzo - January 25, 2015 at 10:00 AM

CZ

“ I had the pleasure of meeting John 4 years ago on a professional level- I had just bought a condo for my son to live in while he attended FGCU...and wanted to ensure that the condo would have a good cleaning at least once a month by his company workers. When I first met him he spent an hour with me giving me an estimate but more importantly he was mainly interested in getting to know me and my family. I would often get an email at home in NJ saying "the condo is in great shape, and Matt is doing fine.....I had the pleasure of watching Matt grow up in the last 4 years and cant believe he is graduating this May already" or, "the bathroom was a mess as usual and it looks like there might have been a recent party or 2 but all in all, Matts a great kid and everything is fine at the condo". Etc Etc Etc. Always had an upbeat attitude, looked on the positive side. I immediately felt comfortable with John, as if I had known him for years. He was very open about his life and the cards that had been dealt him. My husband had the opportunity to meet John just a week ago, as well as my best friend Peggy who is from the same area of south Jersey as John and Denise. My husband introduced himself to John saying, "Hi, Im Mike, CHeryls husband" and John said laughing " yes I know who you are, there are several pictures of you around the condo, I feel like I know you already". Denise, all I can say is everything happens for a reason, and now your son has his dad. Nothing you have and are going through is ever easy but somehow God sees us through it. May John rest in Peace and may you and your daughter have peace from knowing that all those that knew and loved him are praying for you both.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Zarillo
Mike O'Connor
Matt Zarillo

cheryl zarillo - January 24, 2015 at 10:16 PM

ST

“ *Your Spirit will remain with me always John.*



Stephen - January 24, 2015 at 02:19 PM

AE

“ *Tange lit a candle in memory of John J Passarella. My prayers and thoughts are with John's family.*



adeline eyanson - January 24, 2015 at 08:59 AM

KW

“ *The first time I met Mr. Passarella was when I went to a baseball game with Eli, Rachel, and him. We had never met before yet he bought my ticket to the game. He also has invited me to their home on different occasions. Such a generous and caring ma. My thoughts and prayers are with The Passarella Family. I am here for you if you need anything*

Kevin Weigand - January 24, 2015 at 05:25 AM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Milideo - January 23, 2015 at 08:59 PM

EC

“ Elizabeth Clark lit a candle in memory of John J. Passarella, Jr.



elizabeth clark - January 23, 2015 at 08:44 PM

EC

*John was one of the nicest men we knew. Always happy, always friendly.....our love and prayers go to you and Rachel. With much love,
Lee & Chuck Clark*

elizabeth clark - January 23, 2015 at 08:48 PM

WW

“ Nobody could make me laugh like John Passarella did...,his eccentric personality and wit and his bizarre antics delighted All of us! John made every occasion a comedy....and reminded me of Jim Carrey in so many ways! I will always remember the New Year's Eve when John rode a bicycle across the dance floor in our clubhouse! everybody was ecstatic! There will never, ever, be another John Passarella and I will miss him more than I can say! We ❤️ you John...may you rest in peace.....

wendy winston - January 23, 2015 at 08:35 PM



“ Jennifer Zak lit a candle in memory of John J. Passarella, Jr.



Jennifer Zak - January 23, 2015 at 08:28 PM

EC

“ We were devastated by the news of John's passing. He had such a magnetic personality. He was always so happy and had great stories to tell....and great food to eat. What a great and nice man. Our sincerest sympathy. Our love and prayers to you and Rachel.
Lee and Chuck Clark



elizabeth clark - January 23, 2015 at 08:01 PM



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Lisa Milideo - January 23, 2015 at 06:17 PM



“ *Jenene Perri lit a candle in memory of John J. Passarella, Jr.*



Jenene perri - January 23, 2015 at 06:05 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers to your family at this difficult time.*



Patty DiRenzo - January 23, 2015 at 03:40 PM

AC

“ *Alyssa Alda Clements lit a candle in memory of John J. Passarella, Jr.*



Alyssa Alda Clements - January 23, 2015 at 02:38 PM

AC

“ *John was as a part of our family, even if we shared no blood relations. He was the comedian, the baker, the life of the party, and the most genuine man we have ever known. I will never forget his finger/nose prank, his crazy jokes, his pound cake, and especially his pizza. My heart breaks in many ways over this tragedy, but mostly for my best friend and her mother who have been through so much. My prayers and thoughts are with John's family always and forever. John is now with his son, at peace forever in God's loving arms. I love you all so much, you are truly my family.*

Alyssa Alda Clements - January 23, 2015 at 02:38 PM