



John A Russo

July 7, 1944 - December 18, 2025

John Russo passed away peacefully on December 18, 2025. He was born on July 7, 1944, to the late John and Angelina Russo.

John was the beloved husband of Carol (Daly) Russo, with whom he shared 59 wonderful years of marriage. He was a devoted father to his sons, Mark Russo of Woburn, Massachusetts, and his partner Christine Smith; Jason and Kyra Russo of Nantucket, Massachusetts; and Jonathan and Daniela Russo of Viera, Florida. He was a proud and loving grandfather to Alexander (AJ), Gabriella, Ariana, and Gia, whom he adored deeply. John is also survived by his sisters, Joanne Di Giovanni, and Cathy Derany,

For more than 30 years, John owned and operated Awards Unlimited, Inc. of Somerville, Massachusetts. During that time, he generously supported and sponsored numerous youth teams and organizations throughout the greater Boston area and beyond, leaving a lasting impact on many lives.

Upon his retirement in 2006, John and Carol moved to Bonita Springs, Florida, where they spent 20 years enjoying retirement. John treasured time with his family and friends and took great joy in his dog, his Corvette, and the life he built with those he loved.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026, at 10:00AM at

Saint Leo the Great Church in Bonita Springs, Florida. Funeral arrangements for the Boston area will be held on January 13, 2026 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Keefe Funeral Home 5 Chestnut St., #1, Arlington,, MA 02474. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on January 14, 2026 at 11:00 AM at St. Agnes Catholic Church 23 Medford St. in Arlington.

John will be remembered for his generosity, loyalty, and deep love for his family. He will be profoundly missed.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to <https://westendhousecamp.org/donate/>

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralhome.com.

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Leo Catholic Church
28290 Beaumont Rd
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-0901

Receiving of Friends

JAN 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Keefe Funeral Home
5 Chestnut St., #1
Arlington, MA 02474

Funeral Mass

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Catholic Church
23 Medford St.
Arlington, MA 02474

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John A Russo.*



January 12 at 08:57 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of John A Russo.*



January 12 at 02:51 PM



“ *The Motorola Healthcare Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A Russo.*

The Motorola Healthcare Family - January 12 at 02:51 PM



“ *I always looked forward to seeing John during my visits to our place in Village Walk. When we first moved in, he was among the first to welcome us to the street, He was kind and helpful as we tried to find our way as snowbirds. I loved our chats, and will miss him always. My sincere condolences to Carol and the family.*

Bill Kilroy - January 05 at 11:52 PM

JA

“ I met him when I was 19 yrs old....He gave me great advice in regards to life....I will never forget him in the golf cart with his dog.....

Jay - January 02 at 09:03 PM

MJ

“ Matt & Debi Jacovelli purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of John A Russo.



Matt & Debi Jacovelli - December 27, 2025 at 09:50 AM

MJ

“ Matt & Debi Jacovelli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A Russo.

Matt & Debi Jacovelli - December 27, 2025 at 09:50 AM

YF

“ Your JLRM Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John A Russo.



Your JLRM Family - December 23, 2025 at 01:30 PM

KF

“ We were so saddened to hear of John's passing. Our sincere sympathies to Carol and family during this difficult time. We will miss him and VillageWalk will not be the same in the mornings at the Post Office. May he Rest In Peace....Kathy & Frank Ruggiero

Kathy & Frank - December 23, 2025 at 12:17 PM

KF

Matthew and I send our love and condolences! We understand your pain and want to send our love. We lived u all

Karen Folk - December 27, 2025 at 09:14 AM

JM

My name is Jim Mosca I met John 30 years ago. I came in to get trophies for senior league baseball team from each Boston two days later he took me to Vinny's for lunch. Four months later he came to my banquet at Lobato's in East Boston like I knew him all my life. It was one of the best guys I had ever met. Definitely top five but I know a lot of people sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man. He loved his family and I just had a lot of laughs with him he was the greatest. Sorry to hear for your loss.

James Mosca - May 06 at 05:45 PM

JM

John also came to the banquet two years ago and he was my guest speaker. I felt like I knew him all my life he made you feel like you were his best friend and he couldn't wait to take me to Vinny's for lunch. I've been going to Vinny's ever since because of him one of the best gentlemen I've ever met in my life Jim Mosca.

James Mosca - May 06 at 05:48 PM

RM

“ Sorry to hear about John passing away,as teenagers we all hung around the diner on north beacon street we all had hot rods that we drove back then Johnny’s was a souped up 50 Olds we were all suprised how he could drive that fast car with only one leg we had so much fun together back then. Keeping the Russos in my prayers.
Roddy McLane

Roderick McLane - December 22, 2025 at 06:52 PM

KF

Matthew and I want to send you our love and condolences! We understand your pain and wanted to tell you all you are in our prayers

Karen Folk - December 27, 2025 at 09:17 AM

DG

“ He was the best neighbor and friend. Always cheerful, always looking to help you. I will miss him zipping around the neighborhood in his golf cart. All our deepest sympathy to Carol and her family.
Love, Diane and Charles Glasser

Diane Glasser - December 20, 2025 at 05:18 PM

AS

“ My cousin John was always ready to lead a helping hand; after my folks passed he generously supported me, answering my many questions about real estate and construction.
He was an extraordinary person who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My heart and prayers go out to his family at this very sad time.

Peace be with you John,

Angela Sciaraffa

Angela Sciaraffa - December 20, 2025 at 02:31 PM

RM

“ Robin M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A Russo.

Robin M. - December 20, 2025 at 03:38 AM

DW

“ My condolences to the Russo family , I met John over 3 years ago when my wife and I moved here , John was selling the BADA BING golf cart, I ended up buying it , John's a good salesman, he invited me to coffee in the morning by the post office, I went quite a few times and that's where I found out what a great person he was, I was the youngest guy and Denny was the oldest lol , it was always a pleasure talking with John , I will miss him, but never forget him, rest in peace my friend



Danny Woodville - December 19, 2025 at 10:35 PM

EC

“ Erik Costin and W+J Construction purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of John A Russo.



Erik Costin and W+J Construction - December 19, 2025 at 07:40 PM

EC

“ Erik Costin and W+J Construction planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A Russo.

Erik Costin and W+J Construction - December 19, 2025 at 07:40 PM

LC

“ Just the correction on my previous memory. It should have said... I will miss not I won't miss..

Lorraine Crisci - December 19, 2025 at 04:02 PM

LC

“ I remember John being so caring and cheerful. Always made you feel good when you saw him. He would give you a big hug and a kiss and said you look wonderful. I will miss this big smile and its warmth.

Lorraine Crisci - December 19, 2025 at 04:01 PM

RO

“ I heard of John’s passing today and I am crushed. We last texted in July, trying to figure out when we might both be in Boston again. Him in Florida and me in Mexico or wherever made it tough, but we kept trying.

John was a stand up guy and someone you could always trust to have your back. He had mine more times than I can count when I was growing up, especially when I was getting into things I shouldn’t have. He protected me, guided me, and treated me like family. I never forgot that.

He was also always the first to make a joke about his one leg. That sense of humor, that spark, that resilience... it is one of the many things I will miss.

Rest easy, my friend. You made a difference in my life.

From: ROB (we always left last names out for “security”, our little running joke)



Rob - December 19, 2025 at 03:32 PM

GL

“ My condolences to Carol and her family. John was a great guy and I will always remember the wonderful times we had in Aruba.

Gale A Lesser - December 19, 2025 at 01:28 PM



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



December 19, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ *Kacie Bourguignon purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John A Russo.*



Kacie Bourguignon - December 19, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *Kacie Bourguignon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A Russo.*

Kacie Bourguignon - December 19, 2025 at 11:18 AM