



John B. Cannito

August 15, 1934 - November 24, 2012

Age 78, passed away in San Jose, California on November 24, 2012. John is preceded in death by his parents John and Maria Cannito, John is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Sonia; cherished daughters Maria Cannito, Angela McDougal and devoted son Jerry McDougal; treasured and adored grandchildren Nicole, Grace and John David McDougal; sister Isabella (John) Notaro, in-laws Marie and Lawrence Catalano; nieces and nephews James (Amber) Notaro, John (Nga) Notaro, Greg (Mary Lou) Notaro, Paul (Diane) Notaro, Jane Burgdoerfer, Lori Catalano and Lawrence (Michelle) Catalano; many great-nieces and nephews; relatives and dearest friends Anwer (Anees) Masood and Samuel P. (Helen) Merlo.

John was born in Cortale, Italy. He graduated from Bishop Timon High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Buffalo, followed by a Masters of Arts degree in Econometrics from Gannon University.

John began his career with Erie Technological Services, worked as VP and General Manager for North American Philips and retired from Singer Educational Systems. He served as a member of the National Guard, was Past President of The Erie Engineering Societies Council and was a Senior Member of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers since 1967. John enjoyed the Arts from painting to opera, sports including soccer and football, and the pursuit of knowledge as a result of lifelong study, interpretation and application. Most of all, John reveled in his family, loved his existence as Papa to his grandchildren and prized his friendships.

Friends may call Sunday, December 2nd, 4-7 PM at the funeral chapel, (2305 Monroe Ave.). John's Funeral Mass will be at 11 AM on Monday, December 3rd, at St. Louis Church, 64 S. Main Street, Pittsford. Memorial donations may be made in John's memory to the American Heart Association. To share a memory of John or send a condolence to the family visit www.anthonychapels.com.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Anthony Funeral Chapels, Brighton
2305 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY, US, 14618

DEC **Service** 11:00AM

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St. Louis Church
64 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY, US, 14534

Comments



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Jeffrey & Sherrie Costa - December 01, 2012 at 07:09 AM



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Jeffrey & Sherrie Costa - December 01, 2012 at 07:08 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of John B. Cannito.



November 30, 2012 at 01:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John B. Cannito.



November 30, 2012 at 11:19 AM



“ So sorry for you loss. But as sad as it is, it's still hard not to smile when I think of him. He was so full of life and laughter. Barbeques on Maria's patio won't be the same without his jokes. Rest in peace.

Roy Trumbo - November 30, 2012 at 07:49 AM



“ Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of John B. Cannito.



November 29, 2012 at 01:01 PM



“ Sonia, words can't express how sorry I am to hear of John's passing. He was such a special person. He was always so glad to see us and such a warm host whenever we visited. It seems I've known him all my life. I will always miss him.

Roz Annunziato - November 30, 2012 at 08:23 AM



“ Sonia, I don't know if you remember me, but I worked with John at North American Phillips (Mepco Electra) in Bloomfield and Canandaigua in the 70s. He was a wonderful boss and a generous person. He will be greatly missed Our deepest sympathy to you and your family Bonnie & Tim Browne

Bonnie & Tim Browne - November 30, 2012 at 03:54 PM



“ Sherrie and I are thinking of you all.

Jeffrey & Sherrie Costa - December 01, 2012 at 07:08 AM



“ Sonia.....John and I are sending our deepest sympathy....John was a wonderful guy and a great story-teller! We shall never forget the laughs we had with you two at Joan and Paul'sand we still tell the "long face horse story" every chance we get - and fondly think of John. Please know he will not be forgotten. Our love to you and the family! John and Rockette Brunetti

Rockette Brunetti - December 03, 2012 at 05:38 PM



“ I just learned of Papa John's passing and I'm truly affected. I look back upon my brief encounters with Papa John and a smile creeps onto my face. He was a truly beautiful person who gave smiles for free and made laughter the main course. I remember, fondly, a visit to Rochester and having drinks and dinner at his favorite Italian Ristorante. I was astonished to see that he had arranged for a menu item to be named in honor of my visit. I had told him once that my favorite dish from my Nona as a child was gnocchi. So, lo and behold, the menu item for gnocchi was named for me! I hope all who read this understand what a profound moment that was for me. Not only did it mean that I was a "star" for the day but it meant that Papa John had listened and had remembered and honored me and my Italian heritage, my Nona, and me while I was a guest in "his" neighborhood. This is how I will remember Papa John. Sonia, I look back fondly at our time and hope you are well. Jerry, thank you so much for allowing me into your life and for giving me the opportunity to be a part of a family again. And, Angela, though I've never met you personally, I send my kindest regards to you and your family and hope you know how much Papa John was loved, adored, and revered.

James Anderson - January 07, 2013 at 06:30 PM