



John J. Rosso Sr.

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John Joseph Rosso, 86, passed on July 30th. A proud first generation American, born to a German mother and Italian Father in Queens, New York he was raised in Mastic Beach, Long Island. Following his military service in the United States Navy, he became an entrepreneur and community leader. He served as a member and Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature and was later appointed by Presidents Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush to positions in the Energy, Housing and Urban Development Department, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, subsequently relocating to Washington, D.C. He retired to St. Petersburg, Florida in 2003. With each move from Long Island to Washington, D.C. to Florida he lent his considerable skills and energy to better his community. He leaves behind his loving wife of 58 years, Joanne (Ennesser), his daughter Lori, his son John and wife Lucinda, and his beloved grandchildren John and Adelina. He was an exceptional man who loved his family deeply. In lieu of flowers contributions in his name would be appreciated to the American Kidney Fund or the American Parkinson Disease Association.

Visitation will be on August 10th from 4-6 p.m. followed by a Service on August 11th from 11-noon at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5750 49th Street N., St. Petersburg. A condolence book and webcast of the service is online at

www.memorialparkfuneralhome.com.



Events

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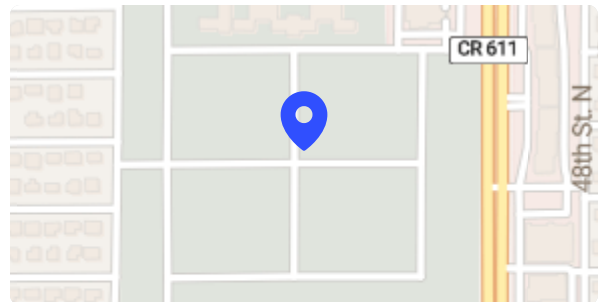
Visitation

- Monday**, August 10, 2020
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET
- Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



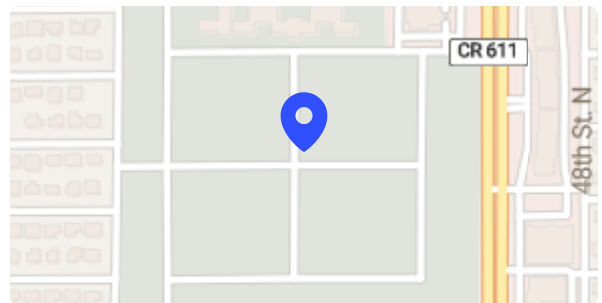
Funeral Service

- Tuesday**, August 11, 2020
- 11:00 AM ET
- Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



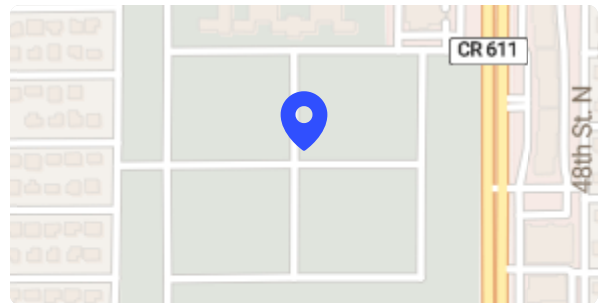
Graveside Service

- Tuesday**, August 11, 2020
- 12:00 PM ET
- Memorial Park Cemetery**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Cemetery Details

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- (727) 369-8228**





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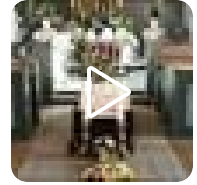
Memorial Park Funeral Home shared a **Video**.

August 11 at 8:06 AM



Memorial Park Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.

August 4 at 9:35 AM



Mike Leach posted:

He was my direct boss at USDA at Rural Development. I loved him very much. He took me under his wing and was a great mentor. I am sorry for his passing. Watching that video was moving and brought me to tears. He used to call me into his office every afternoon and tell me stories about his life. Utterly fascinating.

August 21 at 8:27 PM



Niki Adler posted:

We will never forget John's enduring friendship with our family, nor his indefatigable will. We were so privileged to know and love him. I hope my mom is showing him the ropes up there. Love to you all.-
Niki (Kapsambelis) Adler

August 10 at 4:32 PM



Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Rosso family.

August 10 at 9:46 AM





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George Kapsambelis posted:

We met 17 years ago and became instant friends. I have so many memories of the great times that that the four of us shared besides the weekly club dances and Sunday dinners that the four of us shared, the two that can never be replaced is our fourth of July trip to Washington and your visit to New Hampshire. It was there that I witnessed the unbelievable day when you had your fill of lobster. Now there are two of us left to remember, say hello to Leslie I miss both of you very much. My love to Joanne, Lori, John and your beautiful Family. George

August 10 at 7:12 AM



The Cedeno-Perez Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rosso family.



August 10 at 5:47 AM



Michael John sent an Arrive in Style to the Rosso family.



August 10 at 5:17 AM



George sent a Sweet Solace Spray to the Rosso family.



August 9 at 8:14 AM



Charlie Fawcett shared an album called **Memories Album**.



August 8 at 5:06 PM



Charlie Fawcett August 9 at 8:17 AM

Thank you Uncle John for your love and advice through the years.



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Paul Innis posted:

I first met John Rosso, during Lori's popular years as proprietress of the Sea Breeze Manor. As Lori's dad, John sort of became the "Patriarch" of the Manor always there with a twinkle in his eye for Gulfport celebrations and events. Early on I learned that John served in the US Navy in the late 50's and discovered that we were both stationed on destroyers assigned to the Sixth Fleet cruising in the Mediterranean. For years after John continued to be on the water with boats of his own on the East Coast. John went on to have a most noteworthy lifetime career in public service in several prestigious areas. Knowing John is having a friend. John was intelligent , decisive, easy to converse with, witty, a real gentleman with swagger, and in private , always had his sailors vocabulary to fall back on. He will be, and already is, sadly missed. Peaceful Voyage, John

August 8 at 6:22 AM



Michael John posted:

We will all miss your singular personality. I am glad I was always there when you needed me most. See you on the other side Love, Michael John

August 7 at 6:25 AM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Sentiments Spray to the Rosso family.



August 6 at 8:25 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Rosso family.



August 6 at 8:16 AM



Anonymous sent an Infinite Love to the Rosso family.



August 6 at 8:14 AM



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Love, Lori sent a Blessed Heart to the Rosso family.



August 5 at 8:29 AM



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My Godfather Uncle John with God Mother Aunt Tootie



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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