



John J. Rosso Sr.

June 16, 1934 - July 30, 2020

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 <http://www.memorialparkfuneralhome.com>.

Cemetery

Events

Memorial Park Cemetery 5750 49th Street North St. Petersburg, FL, 33709	AUG 10	Visitation	04:00PM - 06:00PM
		Memorial Park Funeral Home & Crematory 5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL, US, 33709	
	AUG 11	Funeral Service	11:00AM
		Memorial Park Funeral Home & Crematory 5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL, US, 33709	
	AUG 11	Graveside Service	12:00PM
		Memorial Park Cemetery 5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL, US, 33709	

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Memorial Park Funeral Home - August 11, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Memorial Park Funeral Home - August 04, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ 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.

Mike Leach - August 22 at 12:27 AM



“ 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

Niki Adler - August 10, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John J. Rosso Sr..



August 10, 2020 at 01:46 PM



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George - August 10, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ We met 17 years ago and became instant friends. I have so many memories of the great times 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

George Kapsambelis - August 10, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ The Cedeno-Perez Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John J. Rosso Sr..



The Cedeno-Perez Family - August 10, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ Michael John purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John J. Rosso Sr..



Michael John - August 10, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ George purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of John J. Rosso Sr..



George - August 09, 2020 at 12:14 PM



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Charlie Fawcett - August 08, 2020 at 09:12 PM



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Charlie Fawcett - August 08, 2020 at 09:06 PM



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

Charlie - August 09, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ 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

paul innis - August 08, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ 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

Michael John - August 07, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of John J. Rosso Sr..



August 06, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John J. Rosso Sr..



August 06, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ Infinite Love was purchased for the family of John J. Rosso Sr..



August 06, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ Love, Lori purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of John J. Rosso Sr..



Love, Lori - August 05, 2020 at 12:29 PM