



John Frances Grassi

May 4, 1945 - June 10, 2024

John Frances Grassi, 79, of Mooresville, NC, and formerly of Plains, Pa. passed away on June 10, 2024. He was born in Old Forge, Pa, on May 4, 1945.

John was preceded in death by parents John P., Theresa Grassi, and sister Mary Jane Sheperis. He is survived by his wife Marlene A. and children John Kolessar (Kim), and Robert Kolessar (Stacey), grandchildren Jacob (Caraline), Ryne, Ethan, Nicholas, Rook, and Kai, siblings Susan George, Dana Grassi, and Patricia Gavigan, and many nieces and nephews.

John was a 1964 graduate of Northeast High School, Luzerne County, Pa. He retired from a career with the Painters Local 41, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He then had a 30-year career as a maintenance custodian at St. Therese's Parrish in Shavertown, Pa. After moving to North Carolina, he worked part-time at BJ's Warehouse in Mooresville, where he loved to strike up conversations with customers and co-workers.

John was known for his tremendous work ethic and love of family. His quick wit and sense of humor were very apparent to all who encountered him. A lover of dogs, he had many hobbies, including reading, listening to music, gardening, and rooting for the Phillies and Eagles. He loved spending time with his family and going on vacations.

Most important to John was his family. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, Pop-Pop, brother, uncle, and friend.

A prayer service be held to celebrate and remember John's life at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home on Thursday, June 13 at 6 pm.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Grassi family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Other

JUN 13. 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

RN

“ *Marlene, I just heard. I'm very sad for you. I miss you and stay well. Many prayers.
Love you.. Rose Ann Novakoski*

Rose Ann Novakoski - September 18, 2024 at 07:46 PM

LO

“ *Marlene, My deepest condolences on the loss of your husband. You are in my thoughts and prayers. With love, your cousin Louise.*

Louise - June 28, 2024 at 10:40 AM

RW

“ *We will miss his endearing smile, sense of humor and kindness. We were blessed to have him as a member of our family. John & Rose Anne Wincek*

Rose Anne M WINCEK - June 20, 2024 at 07:59 AM

KA

“ *John's dedication and work ethic were second to none. I will never forget how he helped keep things in order at St. Therese's. Quiet and efficient, he was always humbly working behind the scenes in the background at St. Therese's Church all the years he worked there. He never hesitated to help us with any problem we had, from carrying heavy loads, to taking care of the occasional stray snakes that wandered a little too close to the houses! He always had a smile for us, and was quick to chat about his family.
John, you'll be sorely missed, but never forgotten.
Karen Attanasio*

Karen ATtanasio - June 17, 2024 at 06:55 PM

DW

“ *Marlene,
I am so sorry to hear about John’s passing over. I have so many good memories of John from my time working alongside him at St. Therese’s. He was always so helpful to everyone. He has a special place on “the other side” and I know he will be watching over you. You had and will continue to have a very special guardian angel!*

Denise Williams

denise Williams - June 14, 2024 at 06:50 PM

FP

“ *Dear Marlene and family,
I am so sorry to hear of John's passing, but am certain that he now finds a home in the loving arms of the God he loved and served so well. A good and holy man, John will long be remembered for his loyalty to family, friends, and work. Rest in peace, dear friend.*
Father Jim Paisley

Fr Jim Paisley - June 14, 2024 at 08:11 AM

PC

“ *Dear Marlene and family,
Grateful for the gift of John in my life and that of St. Therese’s. His faithful commitment to his responsibilities will always be remembered. His commitment to reading and learning were an inspiration.
May God bless you and your whole family.*
Peter Crynes

Peter Crynes - June 14, 2024 at 12:47 AM

LA

“ Love, Ron, Stephanie, Zachary & Alexander purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Frances Grassi.



Love, Ron, Stephanie, Zachary & Alexander - June 13, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Frances Grassi.



June 13, 2024 at 09:03 AM

YF

“ Your Dentsply Sirona Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Frances Grassi.

Your Dentsply Sirona Family - June 13, 2024 at 09:03 AM

LA

“ Love, Joe, Theresa, Gianna, and Anthony purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Frances Grassi.



Love, Joe, Theresa, Gianna, and Anthony - June 12, 2024 at 07:47 PM

LG

“ *SO sorry to hear about John,he was a great guy,and Growing up he was Larry's best friend,,Larry and,Celeste Grassi*

Larry Grassi - June 12, 2024 at 05:39 PM

WF

“ *Wasilewski Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Frances Grassi.*



Wasilewski Family - June 12, 2024 at 04:09 PM

WF

“ *Wasilewski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Frances Grassi.*

Wasilewski Family - June 12, 2024 at 04:09 PM