



Mr. John T. Giuliano

May 20, 1947 - September 16, 2025

UTICA – Mr. John T. Giuliano, age 78, passed away and was reunited with the love of his life on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Born in San Pietro a Maida, Calabria, Italy on May 20, 1947, John was the son of the late Francesco and Caterina (Manduca) Giuliano. When he was 11 years old, he joined his family in relocating to Utica, where he thereafter resided. He attended St. Mary of Mt. Carmel grammar school, and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School, Class of 1967.

On August 10, 1969, John married the former Marlene M. Hiffa. Together, they shared a beautiful and devoted marriage, marked by deep love and mutual respect—John always treated Marlene like a queen. They built a wonderful family life, filled with cherished memories. The couple were blessed with 54 loving years together before Marlene’s passing on October 23, 2023.

John was a familiar and friendly face to many students as they walked the halls of Proctor High School. He was a beloved figure during his long tenure with the Utica City School District, where he served with dedication as an Athletic Caretaker until his retirement after 35 years of service. In addition to his work in the school district, John was the proud owner and operator of JT’s Landscaping, where he provided his customers with reliable, top-quality service for many years.

Rather than having hobbies, John was always productive – constantly tinkering, doing carpentry, making repairs, or working around the house. He centered his life around the needs of his family, always putting them first. If you had asked him, he would have said that was his hobby.

He is survived by his daughter, Marisa Aiello and her fiancé Steve Siriano; son and daughter-in-law, Francesco “Frank” and Melissa Giuliano; grandchildren, Antonio Aiello and his fiancée Francesca Laufer; Giovanni “G” Giuliano, and Francesco “Frankie” Giuliano; siblings and their spouses, Nicola and Angela Giuliano in Italy, the late Rosa and Francesco Mazza, Teresa Becker, and Anthony and Jackie Giuliano. He is further survived by his nieces and nephews, the late Louisa Giulano, Giuliana and Franco Ferraiolo, Italy, Daniela and Diego Cimino, Italy, Francesco and Rita Giulano, Switzerland, MariaRosa and Gianfranco Tassone, Italy, Gino and Silvana Mazza, Italy, Antonella and Pietro Verzellotti, Italy, Keith and Louisa Becker, MD, Jordan Giulano, TN, and Katrina and Dave Hausmann, TN; Roger and Meghan Loran, Michael and Jennifer Loran; Bernie and Andrea Coffay, Marlaina and Jason Kanclerz, Joseph and Melissa Coffay; Amanda Hiffa-Dondero and her husband, Erik, Dr.’s Anthony and Kate Hiffa, and Austin and Sarah Hiffa; great-nieces and great-nephews, including Lucas Becker; Axton, and Giuliana Hausmann; Michael “Mikey” Loran; Sydney, and Carter Kanclerz; Karina, and Kellan Coffay; Noelle, Roman, and Giuliana Dondero; and Chase, and Tanner; in-laws, Joanne and Roger Loran, Donna and Bernard Coffay, and Michael and Charlene (Moses) Hiffa; his “second son” and his wife, Hahn and Thuy Ha; and Pauline and Ralph Giovinazzo, whom he adored. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Anthony and Emily (Casab) Hiffa.

Throughout the challenges that John and Marlene faced, the love, guidance, and companionship of his brother-in-law, Roger Loran, made those times

easier to bear. Thank you to his sister-in-law, Donna Coffay, who always made sure that John looked handsome. The family also wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of the Sitrin Healthcare Center—especially the caregivers in the Cypress House, whom John dearly loved—for their compassion and attentive care. Special thanks are also extended to his devoted personal aides, Jen and Lorraine.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in John's memory may be made to St. Louis Gonzaga Church by mail to 520 Rutger St., Utica, NY 13501. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend John's funeral service and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, 520 Rutger St., where the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Father Boutros El Hachem. Entombment will follow in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-6019

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Dear family,
I am so sorry for your loss. May you be comforted in knowing he is
with his beautiful Marlene. Prayers for strength.

Cheryl Mondri - September 30, 2025 at 08:07 AM

DT

“ Sorry about the passing of John a great guy and true friend. May he
RIP.

David Taurisano - September 28, 2025 at 01:00 PM

LB

“ Lonnie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr.
John T. Giuliano



Lonnie Brown - September 25, 2025 at 07:35 PM

LF

“ Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Mr.
John T. Giuliano



Lynette Franco - September 24, 2025 at 09:43 PM

RB

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss.*

Rosemary Brown



Rosemary Brown - September 24, 2025 at 06:48 PM

TG

“ *4 files added to the album Family Album*



Tony Giuliano - September 23, 2025 at 02:23 PM

DA

“ *Dan Amado purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Mr. John T. Giuliano.*



Dan Amado - September 23, 2025 at 12:16 PM

DA

“ Dan Amado planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John T. Giuliano.

Dan Amado - September 23, 2025 at 12:16 PM

RD

“ Joanne ,Roger, Donna, Bernie, and the Giuliano family. I convey my deepest Condolences to you all for your loss. John and Marlene were friends from when we were young. I remember John arriving from Calabria we stayed friends all those years.i think he fell in love with Marlene the 1st time he saw her, they are now united again. Girls,I can't write all I'd like, but, I've lost a dear friend, I shall miss them. Please accept my deepest sympathy, I pray for you all and I pray for John. Rest in Peace Paisan'.....Rocco

Rocco DiPierro - September 22, 2025 at 09:23 PM

JM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. John was a truly wonderful man.

Jeanna Marraffa - September 22, 2025 at 07:08 PM

SR

“ To the Giuliano Family: Wow how can I express my sincere condolences for your loss! I had the out most respect and must say love for John! I had a great working experience working with my friend & Brother. John was a great mentor, to me when I became a Light Equipment Operator at the UCSD Shop. Always a gentleman and hard worker side by side with me! We became more than just workers! We share many personal stories together! He had a love for his family and many of his friends! I will always keep in my heart my experience with your Dad! One of my saddest regrets that I didn't get to see him. We had fun at work as well always completed our assignments. John you we be greatly missed my friend & brother by me! Till we meet again! Love you! SSRusso

Steven S Russo - September 22, 2025 at 12:26 PM

JJ

“ To the family of John,

I'm so sorry for your loss. John was a beautiful man, part of a time and place you just don't find anymore. He and the custodial crew at Proctor High School were a vital part of East Utica, part of that village that raised kids. They were just as important as our teachers, and in some ways, taught us even more.

Unlike my friends, who might skip class to go to Proctor Park, Belvedere Dairy, or the Campus Inn, I would find my way to the boiler room or any other nook or cranny where the custodians gathered, drinking coffee, smoking cigarettes, and telling the most fantastic stories. They worked hard, but they played just as hard, constantly pulling practical jokes on each other.

Sam Scotellaro once put me up to calling John "Tractor Ass," a nickname they reserved just for him. Every time I saw John, I would shout it across the halls or across the fields while he worked. He'd point his finger at me and warn, "I'll get you one of these days." One day, while I was eating lunch, John grabbed the loop of my blue jeans and, with one hand, lifted me by my pants like I was a toy, smiling wide. "I got you! Now you're gonna stop breaking my chops, right?"

John worked hard every day and had the most wonderful disposition. Strong as a bull, he was probably the strongest among all the custodial and maintenance crew. But what I remember most is his warmth, his humor, and the way he made everyone around him feel. He was a truly great human being, and I feel lucky to have known him. May he rest in peace.

John Piazza Jr - September 21, 2025 at 07:24 PM

DC

“ A wonderful and helpful neighbor. He will be missed. Sending our heartfelt sympathy to all the family. Doreen Camerona and Marcus Robinson (my grandson)



DOREEN CAMERONA - September 21, 2025 at 03:12 PM

 Patty Guarnieri

“ Teresa and family-I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a kind beautiful person.

Patty Guarnieri - September 21, 2025 at 10:53 AM

DK

“ Dear Giuliano Family,
We are so very sorry for your loss of +John.
We have known one another for many years.
My brother Bobby worked for Jim cutting lawns. +John is a true gentleman. We had so many good times together. May we express our prayers, condolences, sympathy and love to all of you. May His Memory Be Eternal
Deacon Dan and Cindy Klockowski
and Family

Deacon Dan Klockowski - September 20, 2025 at 01:32 PM

PD

“ Marissa & Steve , Franky, & Melissa. The entire Giuliano Family I Am very Saddened to hear of Johns passing ,I had the pleasure of knowing and working ,with Your Dad, at Proctor High School, A friendship of over 32 years, He was a true gentleman, a friend a mentor, the saying that guy would give you the shirt off his back, Truly fit your father. We all tried to make work fun and that we did, John could break balls with the best of them. we had alot of good times together . The nights out at Vernon downs , with friends from work, the clam bakes weddings. Etc, I truly had a deep love for your father, he was a very Special man, may god rest his soul. He always spoke highly of you guys ,you all were the sunshine in his eyes. Truly Paul Devins.

Paul Devins - September 20, 2025 at 11:44 AM

JD

I don't know how to spell it in Italian, so I'll say it phonetically, Ju-Wan, that's what you always called me.

You called me that well over 50 years ago when we became buddies. We go back a long way.

I'll tell ya, we all loved those "Dan Dee Donuts" days.

*It was good times.
Salute my friend.*

John Doti

John R Doti - September 21, 2025 at 01:55 PM



*To John & Marlene's children
I was very sad to read of John;s passing. I knew John And Marlene
many years and they were a perfect couple,,always with smiles on their
faces and laughing.
Spent many times with them in good ole EAST UTICA.
We were both from Calabria which made us Paesans.
May they rest in peace in heaven together.
Tony Domanico
Tucson,AZ*

Tony Domanico - September 21, 2025 at 09:59 PM

LS

“ Love - Charley, Susie, Charlie & Sadie purchased
the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr.
John T. Giuliano.



Love - Charley, Susie, Charlie & Sadie - September 19, 2025
at 08:05 PM

LS

“ Love - Charley, Susie, Charlie & Sadie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Mr. John T. Giuliano.

Love - Charley, Susie, Charlie & Sadie - September 19, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of Mr. John T. Giuliano.



September 19, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. John T. Giuliano.

September 19, 2025 at 06:41 PM