



Mr. John J. Grico

May 19, 1946 - December 31, 2016

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 2016, Mr. John J. Grico went to play poker with the Lord when he passed away in the dignity of his home at the age of 70.

Born in Utica on May 19, 1946, John was the son of the late Peter J. and Rose M. (Villelo) Grico. His family moved to Brooklyn when he was very young, but in his later childhood years, they relocated back to Utica where he was raised and educated. A proud veteran of the United States Army, John honorably served his country from 1966-1969 during the Vietnam War. He was joined in marriage with the former Cindy Wheeler, a union that was blessed with two children.. John entered a second union with the former Janet Meyers which was also blessed with two children.

John's primary career was at the Bank of Utica where he worked as a Loan Officer, but his dream job was to be a door attendant at a New York City Hotel where he would meet multitudes of people every day and say, "Thank you, and have a nice day!"

John loved his family. He had a big heart and was beyond loyal to his own blood. He raised and loved his children, step-children, and grandchildren and was a father-figure to many. He took pleasure in his pastime of Friday Night Poker with his pals, and in his healthy years, he enjoyed nature, camping, and outdoor sports including fishing. He was known to partake in pushing his luck with games of chance, even at the track. At one time, John was a member of the Disabled American Veterans/Leo B. Wheeler Stars & Stripes Chapter #82.

John is survived by his daughters and their loves, Deani Johnson, Casey Grico, Kelly Rae and Anthony Valeriano, and Janelle and Justin Beaulieu; his grandchildren, Anthony, Tamrah, Cheyenne, Taylor; Jonathan, Vivian, Kody, Milano; Carter, and Phoebe; and several great-grandchildren. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and brother-in-law, James Cooper of Texas. He was predeceased by his infant son, Dean Peter Grico; his great-granddaughter, Makiah Renee Johnson; and his sister, Janet M. Grico-Cooper.

The family will honor and commemorate John's life privately. Inurnment will take place in Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

Saratoga, NY

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Terri Stanistreet lit a candle in memory of Mr. John J. Grico*



Terri Stanistreet - January 05, 2017 at 09:32 AM

TS

Rest in peace my friend. Thank you for the many years of laughter, kindness and friendship you've blessed my life with. Always in my heart, you'll live on. God bless always, dear John.

Terri Stanistreet - January 05, 2017 at 09:35 AM

LY

“ *John thank you for always being kind, caring, and full of life, I remember the time we bumped into each other at the county building and you took the stairs with me, because I did not like elevators. So many memories, thank you, mostly of laughing, you had a great spirit. Thank you.*

Lynda - January 05, 2017 at 07:55 AM

RB

“ *Rosemary Bonacci lit a candle in memory of Mr. John J. Grico*



Rosemary Bonacci - January 04, 2017 at 12:58 PM

RE

“ Renea lit a candle in memory of Mr. John J. Grico



Renea - January 04, 2017 at 11:32 AM

RD

“ Renee Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John J. Grico



Renee Davis - January 04, 2017 at 09:07 AM

CG

“ CHERIE GRAZIANO lit a candle in memory of Mr. John J. Grico



CHERIE GRAZIANO - January 04, 2017 at 08:13 AM



“ My condolences to the family. RIP Mr. Grico.



Julieen Deeb - January 03, 2017 at 01:05 PM



My condolences to the whole family so sorry for your loss blessing from us the hernandez family

Sherry Hernandez - January 03, 2017 at 03:53 PM



I worked with John at Oneida National Bank for several years and we would run into each other every now and then. I'll always remember him as a humble and caring man who served our country. He also had a great sense of humor. My sympathies to John's family.

Rosemary Bonacci - January 04, 2017 at 01:02 PM



“ Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mr. John J. Grico



Don Marino - January 03, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. John J. Grico.

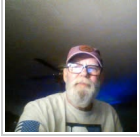


January 03, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ A great man. Rest in peace John.

Cindy Davis - January 03, 2017 at 09:08 AM



“ Mike Obenchain sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John J. Grico



Mike Obenchain - January 03, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ John My Dear friend You saved my Life in 1991. Go with God My Friend.

Mike Obenchain - January 03, 2017 at 08:46 AM



“ Thomas J Saladino lit a candle in memory of Mr. John J. Grico



Thomas J Saladino - January 03, 2017 at 05:00 AM

PD

“ I'm Lost of Words. Coming from my Dad, and my Children and their Children and Me. you will be Always be Remembered. You are Truly a Friend that had meaning n Substance. May God Bless you for All you've done for so many. Till we go Fishing on the other side. Please go in Peace my Brother Rest. You have Served us Well. Your a Brother like no other!! I will never forget the talks we had and how proud I was how you made me feel for being a good grandpa. I needed to hear that coming from such a wonderful man. I will be lost At Byrne Dairy without seeing you there my friend. But I will always treasure the monumental conversations we had and for You I will always continue to love our little grandson Matthew. As you leave us we are grateful that you left your mark! You will always live on in my world. peace be with you my brother!! Amen!!

Peter Dubyna - January 02, 2017 at 10:26 PM

VR

John was the best, he loved his family dearly and was a kind and caring man. He will be missed by many.

Vicke Ryan - January 03, 2017 at 06:59 AM

AC

We are So Sorry for Your Loss! John was such a Great Person, We grew up together thru high school! R I P My Friend! Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Andy & Linda Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - January 03, 2017 at 08:28 AM

JU

Rest in Peace Cousin Johnny. I miss you already. I always wished I lived closer so we could spend more time together, but our phone calls always made me feel closer to you. And I will miss that time with you dearly. Cousin Julie

julie - January 03, 2017 at 10:03 AM

ED

*Our thoughts and prayers to John and his family.
Ed and Karen Kempf*

Ed - January 03, 2017 at 12:31 PM

GE

John left me with great memories. He truly loved his family

George - January 04, 2017 at 07:41 PM