



Mr. John Jedlan

April 25, 1951 - February 3, 2026

LITTLE FALLS – John Jedlan, age 74, went home to the Lord on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, due to congestive heart failure.

He leaves behind a loving family including his wife, Lauren; sister-in-law, Linda; niece, Juanita; along with many dear friends and relatives. In addition, he leaves his two beloved dogs, Rosie and Molly, who were always by his side during his long illness.

John will be remembered for his love of music and his humor. Having experienced a challenging childhood and youth, he realized that everyone carries a cross of some kind. If he could help them carry it with a song or a joke, he was very happy.

Amidst the years of his military service with the U.S. Army, during the Vietnam War, he taught himself to play the piano in the recreation room. He had a natural ear; he only had to hear a piece of music to play it. His kind soul expressed itself in his light, lilting touch on the keys and charming arrangements. Though he could and did play dixie-land songs at Mohogany Hall for a short time, he preferred the classic, standard songs such as “As time goes by.” He played for many years in New Orleans in five-star restaurants such as L’Escale, Louis the Sixteenth, and Begue’s. After seventeen years at Begue’s, the restaurant closed due to the ravages of

Hurricane Katrina.

It was around that time, however, that John's heart began to fail. He couldn't keep up with the heavy schedule of a professional musician. Missing the rapport he'd enjoyed with audiences, he decided to volunteer. He played for Ochsner Hospital in New Orleans and the Masonic Care Community where he played during Friday's happy hour, entertaining many.

His last performance as a volunteer was at the very nursing home where he was soon to be on Hospice, the Alpine in Little Falls. He was happy when the Activities Director there asked him to play Christmas carols for the other residents. Then, he made an unexpected request: he asked his wife, to whom he was devoted, to bring her violin and join him. Practically a novice, she felt unable to play more than one song with him in public, the Christmas carol "Joy to the World." John played a host of carols from memory. The audience enjoyed his playing immensely. It was a blessed last Christmas for John, who loved Jesus and always kept Christmas in his heart.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend John's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday, February 25, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of the service.

This poem was written by his wife in moments of her love for him, expressing her devotion...

You were and are
and always will be
my North Star.
If I am lost –

not knowing where
to go or where
I am -
I will look to heaven
and find you gleaming,
and I will follow you.

Love always... Until we meet again...

This tribute was affectionately composed by John's beloved wife, Lauren.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus

2222 Genesee St.

Utica, NY 13502

<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ You are in my thoughts, my prayers, my heart every moment of the day.



Lauren Jedlan - March 06 at 10:08 AM

ST

“ Steph sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Jedlan



Steph - February 24 at 08:27 AM

ST

“ Steph lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Jedlan



Steph - February 24 at 08:23 AM

KD

“ Kim Dobson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Jedlan



Kim dobson - February 16 at 09:49 PM

KD

Dear Lauren you are one of my oldest childhood friends, whom I happy we've reconnected. Tho I didn't know John I know you and I'm sure part of your LOVE STORY was LAUGHTER. May his soul rest in ETERNAL PEACE

Kim dobson - February 16 at 09:53 PM

HW

“ Heather Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Jedlan



Heather ward - February 12 at 12:36 PM

HW

“ Always your Jokes John. Thank you for a million happy days of laughing.
All my love,
Heather ☐

Heather ward - February 12 at 12:36 PM

HW

“ Heather Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Jedlan



Heather ward - February 12 at 12:34 PM

GJ

“ Gail and James purchased the I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket for the family of Mr. John Jedlan.



Gail and James - February 12 at 11:57 AM

ST

“ Steph lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Jedlan



Steph - February 11 at 09:10 PM

ST

*John, you were man with a strong mind and such a witty sense of humor...God bless you that you did what you wanted to do in your life and thats play the piano,not many get to do what they desired or dreamed to do ,but you DID!! And good for you , and your wife stayed right by your side!!! now your playing the piano with the angels above...love you John...See you one day again on the other side
Stephanie*

Steph - February 12 at 06:22 PM

ST

“ Steph sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Jedlan



Steph - February 11 at 09:09 PM

LJ

“ *Lauren Jedlan. lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Jedlan*



Lauren Jedlan. - February 11 at 06:20 PM

TR

You will always be in my heart John and I love you and we always shared laughed. Gonna miss them moments

Trish - February 11 at 08:31 PM

ST

*John, you were man with a strong mind and such a witty sense of humor...God bless you that you did what you wanted to do in your life and thats play the piano,not many get to do what they desired or dreamed to do ,but you DID!! And good for you , and your wife stayed right by your side!!! now your playing the piano with the angels above...love you John...See you one day again on the other side
Stephanie*

Steph - February 11 at 09:06 PM

LJ

It is a consoling thought that even though I cannot see you, I know that you are my husband watching over me. I love even more each day, sweetheart.

Lauren Jedlan - March 17 at 01:07 PM