



John A. Cecilia

November 12, 1935 - January 11, 2008

Mr. John A. Cecilia, age 72, of Utica, passed away on Friday, January 11, 2008 at the Presbyterian Home for CNY, Inc. with the support of his family by his side.

Born in Little Falls on November 12, 1935, John was the son of the late Gino and Rose (DiPietro) Cecilia. He was raised and educated locally. On July 21, 1956 he married the former Virginia Mallozzi. During their 51 years together, they were dedicated to each other and prioritized and embraced their parental roles.

John began his working career affiliated with his wife's family business, the Madison Bowling Garden located on Kossuth Ave. He co-owned and managed the establishment for many years. He was subsequently employed as a custodian for the Utica School District working in several schools and lastly at the Administration Building until his retirement in 2000. A hard-working and selfless man, John was sensitive to others' feelings and equally thoughtful and respectful to all. As a father and "PoPoo", he touched the lives of each of his children and grandchildren with his paternal dedication and kind acts. Sunday dinners were his favorite and most precious time to gather his family to enjoy their company and conversation. As a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, he served on the Board of Deacons and was recognized for his caring concern, a quality he so openly displayed.

John is survived by his wife, Virginia; his daughters and sons-in-law, Joann and Steve Carl of New Hartford, Patricia Cecilia of Whitesboro, and Lori and

Jeff Farrell of Oriskany; and his cherished and adored grandchildren, twins Jenna and Shelby, Mackenzie Carl, and Daniel and Samuel Farrell. Also surviving are his sisters and brother-in-law, Jean A. Green, and Rosemary and David Martin, all of Michigan; his brother, Paul M. Cecilia of Whitesboro; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins. The family also acknowledges Dorothy Buley and Rosann Mino whom he considered and loved as daughters.

The family extends gratitude to Dr. Sheila Lemke, and Dr. Dilip Kachare who have been compassionate and professional; the Oneida Oncology group whose staff shared in the experience of his illness with laughter and family concern; and the Presbyterian Home for CNY, Inc., Birch Unit for their outstanding efforts in providing the love, kindness, and comfort that was so much appreciated. Special thanks also to Jo Grogan who was an inspirational presence during this difficult time, and to John's pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert G. Umidi and his fellow congregation members who shared in a mutually positive fellowship during the duration of his illness.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Please omit floral offerings. John's Funeral Service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday afternoon at 12:00 from the funeral home and at 1:00 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 714 Washington Street, Utica. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
714 Washington Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



RB

“ *My Dear friend ... thought about you today . I remember what a wonderful man you were . All the good times we had at Jones School.*

I miss you so very much and you will always be in my heart .

Love , Rosemary

Rosemary Brown - October 15, 2020 at 04:53 PM



RB

My heart still aches every day that you've been gone . I'd love to return to our days of fun and family at Jones . Remembering when you and my brother won the bowling tournament many years ago. You will always be one of my best people in my life.

Rosemary Brown - March 27, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Dear Patty,*
Our heartfelt condolences to you on the passing your Dad - he was a wonderful human being and you were blessed to have him as your father. We pray that God's peace which surpasses all understanding will give you peace in the difficult hours and days ahead. We are SO glad that many of our visits back to Utica included seeing your Dad at church and catching up with him after worship.

Love, Mary Ann and Don##imported-begin##Mary Ann Emma Swanson and Don Swanson##imported-end##

January 14, 2008 at 11:46 AM



“ *Patty and Joanne, I'm sorry to her about your dad, my most heartfelt condolences go out to you and your mom.*
Chuck McRorie###imported-begin###Chuck McRorie###imported-end##

January 14, 2008 at 09:29 AM



“ *Virginia.....My deepest sympathies to you and your family on Johns passing.I'll always remember the laughs and good times,watching the boilermaker, or chatting with our good friends,especially The McCabes.!!John was a great guy, and a dear friend. May he rest in peace.###imported-begin###Bob Malachowski###imported-end##*

January 14, 2008 at 08:06 AM



“ *Ginny,*
Please accept my sympathy. May God bless you and your family.
Sincerely,
Anna Cafarelli###imported-begin###Anna Cafarelli###imported-end##

January 13, 2008 at 03:01 PM



“ *Virg, Patty, Joann, Lori,*
Our hearts and prayers go out to you in this difficult time. We have such great memories of John. He always made us feel like we were part of the family. We would be there to pay our respect but we moved to Las Vegas, Nevada two years ago. Please know that you are in our thoughts at this difficult time.
George and Debbie Sigbieny###imported-begin###George & Deborah Sigbieny###imported-end##

January 13, 2008 at 01:41 PM



“ Although we are miles away, we'd like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of John and his dedicated and loving wife, Virg.

Thanks John, for all our found memories of our younger days...from Friday nite fish fries,trip to Niagara Falls Casino, local boat rides, picnicing at Spina's camp, fishing and last but not least just chatting over a cup of coffee.

Such wonderful memories.

John was surely a "people person" He loved company and was always ready to offer his assistance to whom ever needed it.

We thank God for being so gracious to us, in that he blessed us with John's presence for so many wonderful years.

John, Rest In Peace!##imported-begin##Carm & Bill McCabe - Largo, Florida##imported-end##

January 12, 2008 at 06:41 PM



“ Nor need we power or splendor,
wide hall or lordly dome;
The good, the true, the tender -- these
form the wealth of home.

~Sarah J Hale

Love,

Joie##imported-begin##Jo Grogan##imported-end##

January 12, 2008 at 11:03 AM



“ *Dear Virg and Family*

We will miss John as a friend and a wonderful neighbor. Steve and I will always be here for you if you need anything. May you and your family find some comfort during this sad time.##imported-begin##Wendy Steve and Family##imported-end##

January 12, 2008 at 09:22 AM



“ *Virg, I am so very sorry to hear of John's passing. He was such a nice, quiet man, and your love for each other showed in all you two did. I know your sorrow is great, but take comfort in knowing that you took exceptional care of him and put him first in your life. He will always be with you and your family.*
Rosetta##imported-begin##Rosetta##imported-end##

January 12, 2008 at 06:55 AM



“ *My only contact with John was my association with him at the Madison Bowling Garden during the early 70's with the Mount Carmel League. He struck me with his gentle and kind demeanor and his ever present smile. He definitely made an impression on me that after all these years I still remember. It didn't matter how busy the lanes were or how many broke down his mood never changed. He was the perfect manager for the business he was in. I have many fond memories of those Madison days with friends and family and John was a big part of that. I will treasure my friendship with him. I know he is in a better place and my sincere sympathies to the Cecelia family.##imported-begin##Don Marino##imported-end##*

January 11, 2008 at 10:00 PM



“ VIRG AND FAMILY

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW SORRY I AM TO HEAR OF JOHN'S PASSING..HE WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL MAN..HE IS AT PEACE NOW, AND EVEN THOUGH HE IS NOT WITH US ANYMORE HE WILL BE LOOKING DOWN AND WATCHING US ALL..HIS FAMILY WAS SO BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL,CARING MAN..VIRG IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW..JOHN I WILL MISS YOU..GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND KNOW THAT JOHN IS IN GOOD HANDS, HIS SPIRIT WILL BE WITH US ALL FOR DAYS TO COME..GOD BE WITH YOU ALL..##imported-begin##DEBBIE WILLIAMS##imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 07:41 PM