



John Robert Gigliotti

June 27, 1939 - January 9, 2008

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Utica

Mr. John Robert Gigliotti, age 68, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 while peacefully asleep in the comfort of his home. His family and friends were at his side at the time of his passing. Born in Utica on June 27, 1939, John is the son of Florence M. (Marchesino) Gigliotti and the late Louis Gigliotti, Sr. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. He furthered his studies at New York University in N.Y. City where he majored in Art & Fashion Design. He continued his training at the Traphagen School of Fashion in N.Y. City. An international fashion artist and celebrity fashion designer by trade, John returned to Utica to pursue his appointment as a window and fashion designer for Munger's Department Store. During these years he performed as a local disc jockey serving various clubs, a suitable profession because he loved dancing and was dynamic on the dance floor. He also enjoyed his vocation as teacher in the Utica City School District where he taught art and assisted special needs students. John lived his life to its fullest, always cultivating his creative skills as a brilliant artist and a gourmet cook. An avid traveler, he loved antiquing and spending summers in Cape Cod. He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. John is survived by his mother, Florence M. Gigliotti, who shared his home;

his adopted son, John Stroup of Utica; his best friend, Dale DeStefanis; his cousin, Vinzenia "Chancey" Militano of NJ; and his godmother and aunt, Betty Marchesino Bovi of Sherrill, NY. Also surviving are his brothers and sisters-in-law, Louis J. and Laurice (Dowe) Gigliotti, Thomas and Phyliss (Conte) Gigliotti, and Ronald L. Gigliotti, Sr., all of Utica; his nieces and nephews, including Doreen Balls of Deerfield, Thomas, Jr. and Lauri Gigliotti of PA, Elizabeth and John Aliasso of Fayetteville, Lisa and Michael Giaramita of Long Island, Jackie Gigliotti of FL, and Ronald Gigliotti, Jr. of Utica. In addition, he leaves his great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and many special friends.

The family extends sincere appreciation to Linda Colangelo and Elle Normat for their care and friendship throughout the years.

In keeping with John's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Memorial Mass which will be celebrated on Saturday morning, January 19th at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Johnny,

It's been 9 years since you left us and sometimes it feels like yesterday and other times it seems like a 100 years. Not a moment, day, year goes by that I don't think about you or miss you. You brought so much to the world and to mine and everyone else's life by your presence, friendship and wonderful Soul.

I know you are still out there somewhere smiling on us and still shining.

R.I.P my dearest friend.

John Paul

John Paul - January 09, 2017 at 01:46 PM

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Just thinking of you today because i had 70s music playing and remembered how much i enjoyed dancing with you in those days. RIP

Barbara Saccal - January 08, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ o.k. John it's me again...call it meloncholy, butI want to thank you for all the times I said "I had nothin to wear" and you took my drapes down, pinned them around my body,, and said lets go.. Thanks for the every day jokes like my dilgiently peeling apples for my home made apple pies, that I would put on my window still to cool, only to find them empty with a "HA-HA" notice in place..Thanks for all my empty potato salad disappearing while I was upstairs bathing "HA-HA.. You sure had a way about you and that smile I just never got mad..But the time I got ready for my husband your buddy..I had my wigglets on false eye lashes my Fredricks specials on and all, and you came in grabbed me by my wigs ever so gently not to mess me dragged upstairs tossed little me in the shower and turned the water on.."HA-HA" just a few laughs we shared..To Flo, Dear sweet lady thank you for giving John life because he enjoyed every minute of it..To his family my deepest sympathies...You gave so many people so many memories we will never forget you...Till we meet againLove Gracie Talerico###imported-begin###grace talerico###imported-end###

March 01, 2008 at 05:33 PM



“ To Flo and Johnny's Family & friends,
I grew up in Utica on Jay Street where John was a very close friend of my parents. I remember as a little girl always seeing John's zest for life with his non stop laughter, endless smiles, and consistent practical jokes. As an adult I credit him for giving me my first impression of creativity with his "art". He had done a mural on my parents wall and when I was about 8 yrs old he drew me a picture of a castle in the sky surrounded by rainbows and unicorns. Those early memories are things that I will never forget. Then of course his sense of humor that was contagious, that remained in my mind till this very day. Moments Johnny would get me as a child went something like this: My mom would ask me to go to Johns (two doors down) and borrow sugar or something, I would do so knowing that when he opened that door, it would be with a bucket of water splashing in my face! I got wise and would knock and back up a few feet ~~~Then there was the time I was about 6, and there were snakes in my room, my parents had Johnny and some friends over, music going, laughing, and of course no body believed what I said, until Johnny came to check it out and "calm" me down, Well-he was standing on the bed with me screamin at the top of his lungs about the actual snakes!!! HaHa boy that was hysterical. Recently, back in September of 07, I found myself visiting Utica after 23 years, and my intention was to get Johnny back for all the little tricks he used to pull, but once I saw his face I became that little girl hearing his happy voice, and embracing that wonderful smile...I am so thankful that I got to meet his ever so sweet mom Flo, and his family and friends. I felt like I was at home in Johnnys eccentric castle, and I let him know how it was his influences that I found art and became an artist...because of his love of life, I learned how to laugh during adversity, and expressed my love to him. My deepest sympathies to his family and all that knew and Loved him. I know he is dancing and laughing up in the heavens and playing pratical jokes on the angels! Johnny you are loved and will be greatly missed, I am glad we were able to have many phonecall conversations since our seeing eachother after all these years I have posted a photo of my recent visit with you. With love, Michele (missy) xoxo##imported-

begin##Michele (Talerico) Renaud##imported-end##

March 01, 2008 at 04:18 PM



“ dear John, So sorry mike and I never made the trip to see you sooner. My dear friend, so many good memories, the laughs the tears, tearing up the dance floors together the good old disco days....Michael, and you shared your teen years as close friends and you made my days in utica comforting and made me fit in like a glove.. you are missed and Im sure you are dancing with the angels...you woke up utica and all that had the pleasure to know you personally...It is a comfort to know you left here, with all that love and are at peace..Rest in peace our dear friend.. love Gracie and Mike Talerico##imported-begin##gracie and michael talerico##imported-end##

March 01, 2008 at 03:45 PM



“ Ronnie, Tommy & Louie, & Mrs. Gigliotti,
We are deeply sorry for your loss. Johnny was a fun-loving person to be around. You are all in our thoughts & prayers.
Sincerely,
Charleen & Jerry Sangiacomo##imported-begin##Charleen & Jerry Sangiacomo##imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 04:38 PM



“ sorry I didn't make the church service-Terry and I didn't get together on it-anyway, Johnny was a great guy, always with a smile on his fce and a kind word for everyone. They say the good die young-I guess it's true. My deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Donnamarie Sprague##imported-end##

January 30, 2008 at 09:12 AM



“ To Ronnie, Flo and family,

Johnny was a legend in his own time. He could light up a room when he walked in. There was always a buzz around the area where he would be "holding court".

I actually had him as an Art teacher a few times when I went to Columbus School! I will always remember him with a smile.

Thinking of all of you at this time, Elaine##imported-begin##Elaine (Geruntino) Pennachio##imported-end##

January 27, 2008 at 06:25 PM



“ John Gigliotti... what a guy. I hadn't seen him in years. But I remember him well from the "Lansing Street days." His brother Ron and cousin Joe Gotti were among my closest friends growing up. And they still are, even though we see each other only occasionally.

I remember well one of John's parties. James Brown playing on the stereo. People laughing and having a great time. And John grooving to the music, putting on a bit of a show for everyone. Good fun.

At that party, I remember some stupid, drunk young man actually jumped off the roof of John's home! Hardly anyone knew the guy, but all of us were horrified when he hit the pavement in John's driveway. Luckily, the guy wasn't hurt, and he was too drunk to actually comprehend what had happened. John, angry but always a kind soul, made sure the young man wasn't hurt and allowed him to sober up on the sofa. That memory of John's gentle manner has stuck with me over these many years.

My heart does out to Ron, Joe and to John's mom, Flo. I'm really sorry I couldn't make it to the services. Michael Della Gala actually was the one who informed me about John's passing just a couple nights ago.

God bless John Robert Gigliotti.##imported-begin##John LaBella##imported-end##

January 19, 2008 at 10:27 AM



“ Dear Tommy, Ronnie, Junie and Mrs. Gigliotti:
So very sorry about Johnnie. He was a wonderful, fun loving guy who we shared many a laughs with. He also was a master on the dance floor. I know he is dancing with the stars up above now.##imported-begin##Michael & Tony Filipelli##imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 09:55 AM



“ *My dearest Johnny,
You were and will always be my pillar of knowledge, my mentor, the one with all the important answers and the best recipes..... I have so much to say because of your abundant life and the joy that you always shared with others, your inspiration and encouragement that you always found time to give, but never without a good laugh!! Well who's bra will you undo now? Until we meet again, I Love You and Miss you Always KZ##imported-begin##Kathy Zito##imported-end##*

January 14, 2008 at 11:56 PM



“ *Johnny - you will be missed but never forgotten. You touched so many peoples' lives with your smile, big heart, and wonderful stories. I cherish the times when you had my brother and I over during our summers in Utica and cooked us wonderful meals and told us stories that kept us on the edge of our seats. You were a fantastic man and I will miss you! Love, Jon.##imported-begin##Jon Gotte##imported-end##*

January 13, 2008 at 11:43 AM



“ *My sincere condolences. Johnie is a friend who always smiled when I saw him. He always had time to chat and ask about my family. May God bless him and be with his family and friends.##imported-begin##Dougie Joslin##imported-end##*

January 12, 2008 at 09:33 PM



“ Dear John,
While I was home this week celebrating Christmas with the family, I read the terrible & shocking news in the paper about John's passing. I can only stand there in the kitchen & cry. Thanks for all the years of laughter & good food that you shared with me. You taught me alot about antiques & I thank you for that. You will be greatly missed. May God's eternal peace be with you. I will miss your zest for life! Love Connie###imported-begin##Connie Francsi###imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 08:24 PM



“ John Gigliotti will be greatly missed by all. He was a very caring man to all who knew him. He was a good friend.###imported-begin##Colleen Stroup ###imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 10:54 AM



“ John Gigliotti or Mr. G as I use to call him was a wonderful person with a heart of gold. I have known Mr. G for over 20 years. He wasn't just a friend he was family. I will miss his smile and stories. He always made me laugh. A true friend to everyone who knew him.

Good bye my friend and I will see you again someday.

My thoughts and prayers to his family.###imported-begin##Kellie Burke###imported-end##

January 11, 2008 at 09:51 AM



“ *To the Gigliotti Family:
I have lost my dear friend who I will truly miss. I will always credit him with teaching me how to love life, laugh and be happy, especially during hard times in my life.
See you on the other side, my wonderful friend.##imported-begin##Roseann Miliellie Starsiak##imported-end##*

January 11, 2008 at 08:40 AM



“ *To the family of John my sympathy goes out to you. The Gigliotti family were very close friends throughout the year. Especially remembering going to your home on Lansing Street and enjoying the good times. John's cheerful and friendly manner will always remain. No matter what he was doing and where he was he always took the time to acknowledge you. Rest in peace and may you enjoy your new life with God and your friends who have gone before you.##imported-begin##David (Lee) Lia##imported-end##*

January 11, 2008 at 08:33 AM



“ *I just recently met John but felt like I've known him for ages. My heart and prayers go out to his mother and family. I'm sure he will be missed.
Rest in peace Big John.##imported-begin##Pete Maneen##imported-end##*

January 11, 2008 at 06:07 AM



“ *You will be missed my friend##imported-begin##Dino Capra##imported-end##*

January 10, 2008 at 09:29 PM



“ I have lost a good friend and he will be sorely missed. My heart goes out to his mother and family and will include them in my prayers during this trying time.##imported-begin##Susan Doyle##imported-end##

January 10, 2008 at 08:32 PM



“ Dearest Johnny,
A piece of my heart is still with you. I often retell some of our best stories to Joey and will continue to keep your memory alive. You know I love you and I will miss you terribly. May you rest in peace and live forever in glory until I see you on the other side. We will dance again. You are dearly loved and truly will be missed by the many, many friends whose hearts you touched, laughed with, and the lives you brightened, as only you could, just by being you. I love you, John. With all my heart, Lorraine##imported-begin##Lorraine Joslin Dominick##imported-end##

January 10, 2008 at 07:47 PM



“ They say we should celebrate the life of those who go before us. John was life and if there was ever a celebration of it...Dear Lord ! All of us who knew and loved John,have stories upon stories that bring us all closer together in laughter and unity. Not only did he make me fall on the dance floor at my wedding to take the garter...he came on my honeymoon in Europe! John, You will be missed by millions, but never forgotten. May God grant you peace and when you see my daughter Susan up there give her a kiss from me...no touching!! I love you. Sandra##imported-begin##Sandy Montalbano##imported-end##

January 10, 2008 at 03:48 PM



Dear John....just to let you know I still remember after all these years.....I am not 19 and you are not 26, but I rememberyou are unforgettable.
Lorraine G.

Lorraine - November 19, 2019 at 12:22 PM