



## John Pioggia Jr

August 1, 1932 - July 23, 2019

Albany - John Pioggia Jr., devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother-in-law, uncle and friend, entered into Eternal Life on July 23, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Albany on August 1, 1932, John was the son of the late John Pioggia, Sr. and Antoinette Lupo Pioggia who immigrated from Bernalda, Italy in the early 1900's. John was a strong, kind and humble man.

John lived his entire life in his beloved city of Albany. His earlier years were spent in the Italian and multi-cultural community of Albany's South End. This rich heritage paved the way for his role in the 2015 film, "ECHOES From The Neighborhood That Disappeared" and also the Bob Paley film, "More than Words."

Upon graduating from Philip Schuyler High School in 1950, John began his 40 year career with the New York Telephone Company and shortly thereafter was drafted into the US Army in November 1952. He served during the Korean War and saw combat at Christmas Hill with the 180th Infantry Regiment of the 45th Thunderbirds Division. John rarely spoke of his time in Korea but felt his experiences created in him a profound sense of gratitude for those in his life. He loved them, unconditionally. He received an honorable discharge in September 1954 and remained in the inactive reserves for 8 years.

After his military service in Korea, John returned to the New York Telephone Company spending 20 years in the field and an additional 20 years in sales and marketing management.

John married the love of his life, Virginia Reardon Pioggia on June 14, 1958. Their 61 years of marriage is a testament to enduring love. They shared a deep love of family,

friends and travel which took them back to John's family in Italy numerous times.

John was a communicant of the Parish of Mater Christi in Albany and during his lifetime was active in the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Italian American Community Center in Albany.

Survivors in addition to his loving wife include his devoted sons Andrew and Michael (Jennifer); his cherished grandchildren Andrew Jr., Isabella and Sophia; sister, Mary Martin and several nieces and nephews. John was the youngest brother of the late Angelina, Frank and Danny of Albany and Tony of Taranto, Italy.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with the family at the McVeigh Funeral Home on North Allen St., Albany, NY on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

Funeral services will be held at the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell St., Albany at 12:00pm on July 27, 2019 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands immediately following the Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Community Hospice, 310 S. Manning Blvd, Albany, NY 12208 in memory of John Pioggia Jr. or to a charity of your choice.

To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery

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## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave

Menands, NY,

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.

208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US, 12206

**JUL** **Service** 12:00PM

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Parish of Mater Christi

40 Hopewell Street, Albany, NY, US

# Comments

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“ We are so sorry to hear of John’s passing. We would certainly have been at the services had we known. Ginny, we wish you the peace of the wonderful memories you will cherish forever. Please accept our warmest sympathy.

**Bill & Dona Marie Munro** - August 04, 2019 at 04:06 PM

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“ To the Pioggia Family, I cannot imagine the loss and void of such an endearing, kind, and above all, the most professional of workers I have ever had the honor to meet and work with. John was the epitome of caring about his customers and making sure work was done the right way. I never heard John ever raise his voice. He was welcoming to everyone and his way of doing business, his work ethic, will be sorely missed. I just learned tonight of John's passing and I know so many "Pioneers" and retirees that John touched over the years, including me, will miss seeing his smile again at The Italian American Center. Much love and thoughts of beautiful memories through the years to sustain your unimaginable loss, Hon. Dr. Carrie A. O'Hare.

**Hon. Dr. Carrie A OHare** - July 27, 2019 at 09:24 PM

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“ My fondest memories of “mr. pioggia” stem from my teen years, at the Pine Haven Motel. He and “Mrs. Pioggia” would visit every summer with their boys and spend a week or so in the same kitchenette #15! We enjoyed their company so much, always looking forward to their repeat visits.  
Such a kind, generous, respectful, and loving family man.  
My heart weighs heavily.  
Much love to each member of his family and Ceil!  
Love, Sue In California

**sue martinez** - July 26, 2019 at 04:33 PM

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“ Ginny, sending you and the family my heartfelt condolences. John was a gentleman and a kind, gentle man. I was glad to have been able to chat with you both recently. As sick as he was and as badly as he was feeling himself, there he was bravely paying his respects at a memorial reception. And there you were, bravely by his side, holding it all together.

I will also always remember and be grateful for how he ran down the street to stay with my cousin Gary until I could get there after a home health aide abandoned him in the middle of a shift.

Sending you my love and prayers that time and good memories will ease the pain of your loss.

Linda Rapaport

Linda Rapaport - July 26, 2019 at 01:57 AM

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“ we send our condolences. A fine example of a dear human being is gone from us. We will always remember our times together. Ceil and Richie

Richard Friedenthal - July 25, 2019 at 07:09 PM

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“ Ginny and family, So sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved John. Prayers are with you at this time. Donna Bolani

Donna Bolani - July 25, 2019 at 12:35 PM

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“ John and I we're Friends and Neighbors. We served in Korea together. John was a fine person . Our sincere condolences to Ginny and Family.

Gene Silvano - July 25, 2019 at 12:13 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Pioggia Jr.



July 25, 2019 at 09:51 AM

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“ I have been blessed to have you as my friend. There was no one better and more considerate than you. You made me feel part of the family when I met you more than fifty years ago. Your specialty gin, tonic and club soda with lime will be greatly missed. You will always be in my heart.

Kathy D.

**KATHY D** - July 24, 2019 at 10:07 PM

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“ To YOU, my friend and pal, JOHN:  
I will always remember all those wonderful evenings the four of us had together.  
I will keep you close to me remembering YOU.  
Safe trip and we'll meet again.  
Your friend, Teddy K.

**Ted Kondoprias** - July 24, 2019 at 03:53 PM