



John F. Rafferty Jr.

January 2, 1949 - January 11, 2026

Albany, NY-John F. Rafferty Jr. passed away on January 11, 2026 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany surrounded by his loved ones.

John was born on January 2, 1949 to Mildred M. Rosenberger and John F. Rafferty Sr in Troy, NY. John leaves behind his wife of 51 years, Donna J. Rafferty, his two children Rebecca Rafferty Rupeka and John F Rafferty III. He also leaves behind his brother Arthur Rafferty (North Port, FL) and sister Anne Hynes (Peter, Port Charlotte, FL) He also leaves behind his 3 grandchildren Tayler Rafferty (Jeffrey), Sean Rafferty and Ivan Rafferty as well as a great granddaughter, Delilah Jensen and several nieces and nephews.

John graduated from SUNY Cobleskill in 1970, as well as Pace university in 1972. John opened Creative Pension Consultants Inc in 1989, dedicating most of his life to helping others learn and save for their retirement.

John's greatest passions in life were his family, the Boy Scouts, scuba diving, boating, camping and exploring new places in his RV.

John's family wishes to thank all the Doctor's, Nurses and Staff especially the 4th floor at St. Peter's Hospital for the exceptional care given to John.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with John's family Thursday, January

15, 2026 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Friday, January 16, 2026 at 10:00 am at Christ the King Church, Westmere, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery immediately following the Mass.

In lieu of flowers donations in John's memory may be made to St. Peter's Hospital.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

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Funeral Mass

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ The King Church
20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Tribute Wall



“ *To the best brother anyone could wish for. I will miss watching him wolf down those ghastly mussels, oysters, and raw clams, the rides through the Adirondacks, the pontoon boat rides on Sacandaga Lake, the stories of his time with the boy scouts, and racing up and down the Myakka River in the little speed boat, He cared deeply for his family and would do anything for anybody. He was an endless sea of strength and skills. God took him way too soon. I'll miss 'ya buddy.*

Arthur Rafferty - January 17 at 07:44 AM



“ *Paula L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Rafferty Jr..*

Paula L. - January 16 at 11:32 AM



“ *Condolences to the family from Greg and Sheila Wotzak. Greg enjoyed working with John in Scouts over the years.*

Greg and Sheila Wotzak - January 15 at 08:42 PM



“ *Becky we are thinking of you & your family .Cherish those beautiful memories Steven LouAnn Green & Family*

Louann Green - January 15 at 03:53 PM

MP

“ My sincere condolences to John's family and colleagues. John and I worked together for several years at Urbach, Kahn and Werlin, before he started his own firm. He was always an advocate for his clients and devoted to his family. A life well lived. May your faith and memories bring you comfort during this difficult days ahead.

Sincerely

Marilyn Pendergast

Marilyn Pendergast - January 14 at 06:58 PM

MT

“ John was my next door neighbor for many years. Always friendly and willing to help if I needed it. I'll miss the chats "over the fence" as we both did our yard work. Condolences to Donna, the children & grandchildren. May he rest in peace.

Margaret Tarpinian - January 14 at 12:28 PM

DR

“ To the Rafferty Family,
I worked with John for many years in the area of retirement plans. He was a true professional and wonderful to work with. He was instrumental in helping me establish a practice which has a large concentration in retirement plans. I always enjoyed my many interactions with John and considered him a friend. My sincere sympathies to you at this sad time.

Don Reutemann, NPA Financial

Donald Reutemann - January 14 at 10:53 AM

AM

“ I worked with John on some clients on their retirement plans, he was a consummate professional and a pleasure to work with. My condolences to the family on their loss.

Allen Maikels - January 14 at 10:31 AM

TH

“ We always enjoyed our annual Christmas dinner get togethers. The best part of our Super Bowl parties were John’s Buffalo wings We will remember the smile he always had on his face.

Tom & Lois Heiple - January 13 at 11:20 AM

SS

“ Steve and Shawn purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John F. Rafferty Jr..



Steve and Shawn - January 13 at 10:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John F. Rafferty Jr..



January 13 at 10:27 AM

CF

“ Creative Pension Consultants family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Rafferty Jr..

Creative Pension Consultants family - January 13 at 10:27 AM

SC

“ Condolences to the family, and especially Rebecca whom I work with at Bates - I am truly sorry for your loss. Even in these times of grief, we can still hold on to hope (1 Peter 5:10). All of us are called to find Christ, because in him we will be restored and made strong, firm and steadfast.

Scott - January 13 at 09:22 AM

PP

“ Our Ski Club retiree annual get together gatherings are my fondest memory. The closeness of our small group brought joy. It is with great sadness that I hear of his passing. The world lost a wonderful person.

Paula Purcell - January 13 at 08:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John F. Rafferty Jr..



January 12 at 07:33 PM

LB

“ Lisa, Jessica, Angela, Will, Jen and boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Rafferty Jr..

Lisa, Jessica, Angela, Will, Jen and boys - January 12 at 07:33 PM

AH

“ Anne and Peter Hynes purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of John F. Rafferty Jr..



Anne and Peter Hynes - January 12 at 07:03 PM

AH

“ Anne and Peter Hynes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Rafferty Jr..

Anne and Peter Hynes - January 12 at 07:03 PM

KH

“ Kevin Hynes purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John F. Rafferty Jr..



Kevin Hynes - January 12 at 06:54 PM

KH

“ Kevin Hynes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John F. Rafferty Jr..

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