



John N. Ritz

June 24, 1940 - July 29, 2025

East Greenbush, NY-John Nicholas Ritz, 85, passed at home peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, July 29, 2025.

Born in Albany, June 24, 1940 to William and Alpha (Rositani) Ritz. John is predeceased by brother, William Ritz Jr. John is survived by wife of 60 years, Mary Louise (Cambareri) Ritz, daughters Laura (Ronald DeWeese) Roe and Lisa (Larry) Lenartz. Affectionately known as Gaggi by grandchildren, Nicholas (Kasey) Roe, Marissa (Evan Sobieszek) Lenartz and Gianna Lenartz, John cherished time spent with his beloved family. John is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends. He will be greatly missed by his faithful dog companion, Vinny.

Attending Phillips Schuyler HS, John joined the US Air Force in 1963 and continued on to the Air National Guard of NY. John's career began as a contractor and he went on to form Iota Construction with his brother; later A. Ritz Inc General Contractors. He co-owned Rick's Lounge in East Greenbush also with his brother in the late 1970s. John owned Ritz's Deli in Albany, where he enjoyed being a chef with the help of Michael Roe. John took pride in entertaining and cooking for friends and family, especially on Christmas Eve featuring the Italian tradition of the seven fishes. Over the years John traveled with his family to Aruba often, treasuring his many vacations in the tropical sun. John had many passions in life such as stamp collecting, cooking, and

gardening. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with John's family Sunday, August 3, 2025 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 Monday, August 4, 2025 at 10:30 am at Holy Spirit Church, East Greenbush, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Mass.

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

Those wishing to remember John Ritz in a special way may send a contribution to American Diabetes Association, 7 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12205.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

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Funeral Mass

AUG 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Spirit Church
667 Columbia turnpike
East Greenbush, NY

Tribute Wall



“ Thank you for your service to our country in the U.S. Air Force and the Air National Guard.

Joy Pratt - August 12, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ Love, the Recuperos, Ferras, & Vergares purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John N. Ritz.



Love, the Recuperos, Ferras, & Vergares - August 04, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ We have been missing you two since we moved away from New Road. We loved all our dinners together and will remember them always. So glad we got to see you when we were in town except for this June. We always had so many laughs. Donna and Mark

Donna and Mark Moran - August 03, 2025 at 12:28 PM



Love you Mark and Donna

mary lou ritz - August 10, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John N. Ritz.

August 03, 2025 at 11:42 AM

AK

“ Well the world lost another great guy. He loved his family and friends so much. I am sure he and my Dad are up there sitting around having coffee and shooting the breeze!



April R Kozlowski - August 03, 2025 at 10:32 AM

LR

“ Laurie Ritz-Roe lit a candle in memory of John N. Ritz



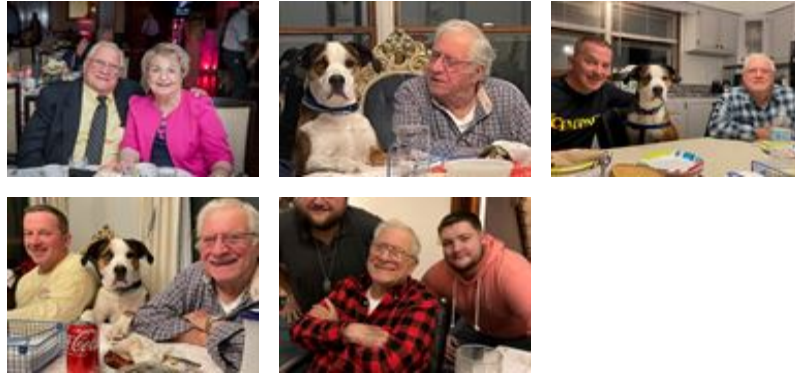
Laurie Ritz-Roe - August 02, 2025 at 11:23 AM

LR

Thank you for being the best dad a girl could ask for. Cant imagine not talking to you every day. I love you daddy..

Laurie Ritz-Roe - August 02, 2025 at 11:23 AM

“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - August 02, 2025 at 09:12 AM

KR

“ *Gaggi was a very special man. I was lucky enough to call him family when I married his grandson. Gaggi always welcomed me into the warmth of his beautiful family and treated me as one of his own. I will never forget his amazing cooking, especially his homemade fettuccine Alfredo! Gaggi was incredibly selfless, caring only for his family's happiness. He was a true Italian patriarch that taught his grandson what being a family man meant. I am forever grateful to have had him in my life. I love you always, Gaggi. Rest easy.*

Kasey Roe - August 01, 2025 at 09:17 PM

LM

“ *It always put a big smile on my face whenever I saw John. Many years ago, I had the pleasure of seeing him fairly regularly at the Fountain Restaurant that was owned by his friends when I would eat lunch there. John clearly loved his family and cherished all his relatives and friends. Lynn Malatesta*

Lynn Malatesta - July 31, 2025 at 12:54 PM

MR

Thank you a Lynn. He loved you and all the family so much

mary lou ritz - August 10, 2025 at 07:43 PM

LL

“ *Lisa Lenartz lit a candle in memory of John N. Ritz*



Lisa Lenartz - July 30, 2025 at 10:58 PM