



John F. Vergare

August 9, 1942 - May 12, 2020

Albany – John F. Vergare, 77, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, after a long illness. He was born in Albany on August 9, 1942, son of the late John and Thelma Webster Vergare.

He graduated from St. Joseph's academy in 1960. As a senior he played All Albany Basketball and pitched in the Hersch Sandlot All-Star Classic at Yankee Stadium.

John served his country in the Air National Guard for 6 years. He worked for the US Postal service for 38 years. After retirement he worked for Colonie Senior Service Center.

John was kind, generous, and hard-working. He enjoyed hunting and taking his children and grandchildren fishing. John loved animals especially his dog Brita. He enjoyed watching and playing sports including golf, basketball, and baseball. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years Janet Vergare; his brother Tony

Vergare; his children Christopher (Christine) Vergare, Lauren Shpigler, and John D. Vergare; his 9 grandchildren Amanda Shpigler, Daniel Shpigler, Hannah Shpigler, Andrew Vergare, Evan Vergare, Marissa Vergare, Laila Shpigler, Greer Shpigler, and Piper Shpigler, and his great grand-daughter Aria Vergare. He was pre-deceased by his in-laws Daniel J. Fitzpatrick and Anne M. Murphy Fitzpatrick, and his grandson Samuel Shpigler.

Special thanks to the caring doctors and nurses at St. Peter's Hospital.

A private funeral service will be at the McVeigh Funeral Home with Father Kenneth Doyle presiding. Inurnment will be in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions in John's memory may be made to Mohawk Hudson Humane Society at 3 Oakland Ave. Menands, NY 12204 or the Capital City Rescue Mission at 259 S. Pearl St. Albany, NY 12202.

If you would like to send a message to the family, please visit www.McVeighFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *John F. Vergare*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Janet and Family. I am sorry to hear of John's passing. My memories of John are fond ones. I remember John as being quite pleasant and very engaging... simply said, a real nice guy. I am sorry that we lost touch over the years. My sympathies to all.*

Bob Witkop

Robert Witkop - May 20, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ *We were so sorry to learn that John had passed away. He and Janet have been good friends and neighbors for over three decades. John was such a kind and gentle person and always had a warm smile and a friendly word. He will be missed by all of us who had the privilege of knowing him. We extend our deepest condolences to Janet, their children, grandchildren and great grandchild. May John rest in peace, for his was a life well-lived.*

John and Bernadette Williamson

John Williamson - May 18, 2020 at 03:43 PM

JE

“ My condolence to the John Vergare family on John's passing.... Tony he was a brother your best friend....remember playing ball on the old Vanwoert St. ball diamond.... outstanding athlete....nice person.
Joe Early

joe early - May 17, 2020 at 01:56 PM

MK

“ John and I attended St. Joseph's from kindergarten through 12th grade graduation.
John was one of the nicest people I have ever known. My prayers go out to the family from my heart. John, your kindness will be missed by so many. God Bless.

Marianne Spulnick Koslowski - May 17, 2020 at 12:39 PM

MK

“ Janet and family, sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers.
Maureen F Kelly

Maureen F Kelly - May 17, 2020 at 11:49 AM

CH

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. John was a great guy as you already know, I worked with him at the GMF for many years. We talked about SJA Redmen and the good ole days at St Joe's. There were quite a few of use from St Joe's and we always had some thing to talk about. Blessings to all
Carole Hatfield
East Greenbush NY 12061

Carole Hatfield - May 17, 2020 at 12:02 AM

JK

“ Janet and family—we are so sorry to hear about John’s passing. We always enjoyed our fun times with he and Janet.

Susan and Jon Knott

Jon Knott - May 16, 2020 at 04:47 PM

AM

“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathies on your loss. John was a wonderful man and we know he will be missed.

Tim & Anne Marie Miller

anne marie miller - May 16, 2020 at 03:35 PM

SB

“ Vergare family,

I'm sorry to read about John's passing. I also worked for the P.O. for 36 years. I played baseball against John on a number of occasions. John was a really nice guy who will be missed by all. I will keep John in my prayers and may he rest in peace.

Sandy Brousseau Englewood, Co. 80112

Sandy Brousseau - May 16, 2020 at 01:11 PM

BH

“ I worked with John at the Albany Plant till his retirement. He was a sharp.funny ,caring man who loves to talk about his family. My condolences to the family and rip John 🌹

brian hassett - May 16, 2020 at 11:47 AM

MH

“ John and I attended St. Joseph's from kindergarten through 12th grade. He was such a nice guy, always the gentleman. My condolences to the entire Vergare family. Rest in peace John.

Martina Evans Hulett

Martina Evans Hulett - May 16, 2020 at 09:50 AM

JH

“ I remember him well from St. Joseph's and then seeing him driving the senior bus. He was a super basketball player and also a humble person. John was one of the popular kids for sure and everyone loved him. RIP John

Judy Mosall Houck - May 16, 2020 at 07:40 AM

GO

“ condolences to the Vergare family. i remember john from the hardwoods. he and tony were beautiful people. Jerry O'Neil Rensselaer, N Y

GERALD O'NEIL - May 16, 2020 at 06:55 AM