



John Leroy Leggero

January 21, 1950 - August 19, 2022

John Leroy Leggero (Johnny Legg's) passed away in his home in Venice, Florida on 08/19/2022 after a brief battle with cancer. Born January 21, 1950 in Rockford, IL., the son of Peter F. and Rosalie (Canezaro) Leggero. Self-employed most of his life, he partnered in several ventures including Top of the Rock and Off Broadway, as well as several Auto related businesses. A proud Vietnam Nam Veteran, he served his country from 1969-1971. He married Theresa Sanches Wahl and lived the dream with her for the past 8 years on the Gulf Coast of Florida.

He is survived by Wife Theresa, daughter Natasha Leggero (Moshe Kasher) and "Peanut" Frida Coco. Sons, Louis and Nick (Melanie), and daughter, Tara. Theresa's children, Melissa (Jason) Rager, Brian (Jen) Wahl, brother Pete Jr., sisters Diane

Licausi, Bunny Hoglund, Kathy Keegan, Janet Leeson, and Donna Quam, Uncle John (Eileen) Leggero, Aunt JoAnn Jenkins, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by Mother Rosalie, Father Peter, and nephew's Jeff Hoglund and Mason Balsman.

A very special thank you is extended to John's special nurse, June "Ann" Venezio and to the all of the wonderful staff from Tidewell Hospice.

An announcement will take place at a later date for a memorial service to take place in Rockford, IL.

His final resting place will be in the Eternal Reefs off the coast of Sarasota, Florida at a later date. <https://www.eternalreefs.com/sarasota/>

Video brochure: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_4jU1psvLI

Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at www.MFHcare.com

Tribute Wall

SU

“ Dear Theresa,

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to you and the whole family on the passing of John. We were such good friends with John, for such a long time, he was in our wedding 55 years ago. We will always remember that wonderful dinner we all had at Lino's a couple of years ago. John had us all laughing the entire night!

Love,

Phil & Sue Vecchio

Sue - August 25, 2022 at 05:21 PM

ML

“ Theresa and all Johnny's family, I was sorry to hear this news. I talked with Johnny a few weeks ago and we said our good-byes. The conversation was filled with many adventures we had over the years: 5 Points Hollywood, boating on the Rock River, Top of the Rock, parties galore and weddings. We entered the Army together in '69, both ending up in Vietnam and talking about the fun times we had over there. I will miss the dinners we shared when he came into town. My love to you and the family. Mike Long

Mike Long - August 25, 2022 at 07:21 AM

PM

“ Dear Theresa and the whole Leggero family, my deepest condolences to you on the loss of such a memorable man. The news on FB came as a shock and left me with tears and a heavy heart. The Leggero and Marsili families were good friends back in Rockford. My dad was even Johnny's godfather. Johnny and I reconnected on FB years ago and I always enjoyed his posts, seeing his new car choices, and his humor. He will be missed by so many people in Venice, FL, Rockford, IL and on FB. May the many loving memories you all share comfort and sustain you during this difficult time. RIP Johnny.

Paula E Marsili - August 22, 2022 at 05:04 PM

RG

“ we are heartsick in our family for the Leggero Family. We grew up with the Leggero Kids and our family shared a bond. I am so sorry about Johnny. We love you and send our prayers to you.

Rosalie Giacomazzo - August 22, 2022 at 04:23 PM

CB

“ My father considered him his closest friend here in Florida. Our entire family is saddened by the loss. He was always so warm and happy, and put a smile on all our faces when he was around. With deepest sympathy, Chanta Clay

Chanta Bussell - August 22, 2022 at 07:58 AM

JF

“ Theresa, Nick and family. Heaven has its newest angel and he’s probably already in the chariot business. Always loved being around Johnny in grade school and enjoyed talking to him over the years. I think Florida agreed with him and the Eternal Rest repose idea describes him totally. Rest In Peace my brother. The world will miss your smile!

John Sparacino Family - August 21, 2022 at 07:07 PM

GR

“ To Theresa and the family, my prayers and thought will be with you all in the days to come! 🙏
Lots of memories , what a great guy!

Gloria Richardson - August 21, 2022 at 04:50 PM

AT

“ Johnny and I met when we were 4 years old (September of 1954) when we were in Kindergarten at St. Anthony School. He was one of my very first friends. He had a bit of a swagger: a real style about him and eyes that smiled when he did. But most of all he had a big heart belied his stature. For his Vietnam service he has my utmost respect and admiration. I will miss his Facebook posts in which he chronicled his exploits and shared his family. I will miss Johnny. My prayers are with all of his family.

Al Tarara - August 21, 2022 at 10:37 AM

TA

I enjoyed reading this. I loved that he made such an impression on you at just 4 years old.
-Tara Leggero

tara - August 21, 2022 at 11:30 PM

PP

“ A good friend, I wish his family well....

phil priola - August 21, 2022 at 10:10 AM

SF

“ Theresa ~ Leo and I are so sorry to hear about John. You and the whole family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Leo and Sue Flosi

Sue Flosi - August 21, 2022 at 08:09 AM

JS

“ Johnny was one of kind awesome person! He would always be the first one to post on an obituary. Very sad news! Thoughts and prayers to Diane and the entire Leggero family Theresa, and all the many friends he had❤️❤️



Judy Serio - August 21, 2022 at 01:40 AM

JH

I am in shock to hear this!!!! Like many, I didn't know he was ill. We were exactly one month apart in age. He was a wonderful friend, and a great human being. My heart goes out to Theresa, his family, and to all his many friends that will mourn his passing. See you on the other side, my dear friend 🥲

Jimi Holsinger - August 21, 2022 at 03:23 AM

VD

“ Oh this is such sad news and it all came way too fast. I didn't even know he was sick until I talked to his siblings in Rockford at the Lombardi club this summer. When he and I spoke last spring he didn't mention it. This is devastating news and my heart hurt for the whole family. He's certainly had great years with his beloved Theresa who he was so in love with. Special condolences to her and to his siblings who I know from Rockford. May he rest in peace. He was a force to reckon with and will be so missed. So glad we got together last year in Florida! Thank you for your service in Vietnam

Valeri DeCastris - August 21, 2022 at 12:46 AM

DS

“ I grew up with Johnny Legs in South Rockford, we both attended and graduated from St Anthony's Catholic School. Johnny was a ladies man, he always was dress to the 9's, I will miss him deeply, Theresa our prayers and condolences are with you and family. Dan and Merlene Scalise

Dan and Merlene Scalise - August 21, 2022 at 12:19 AM

RS

“ Theresa and family I am so sorry to just read on FB that my friend has already passed to the next realm. Johnny was always a happy and funny guy that made everyone happy. I would always smile when reading his posts. I will miss him and I will pray for the progress of his soul in the next realm. With fond memories,
Ron Salbego

Ron Salbego - August 20, 2022 at 10:15 PM



“ So sorry to learn of this just now. I always enjoyed keeping up with my Rockford fbook friend. My condolences to you Theresa and the entire Leggaro family.

Gary Elliott - August 20, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ Theresa and family. Nick and I are so sorry for your loss. May all the good memories of John help during this sad time. Our thoughts and prayer ar with you. Sharon Mattis

Sharon Mattis - August 20, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ Theresa
I was so sorry to hear this today God must have needed a big smile and a kind heart with him in heaven. I have known Johnny since 1st grade at Saint Anthony's School. He was still the same fun person when we were young. My heart goes out to you and his family. He will always be remembered with that Big smile and happiness you both shared in all your photos. The good ones may leave us but their memories remain.
Barbara Murphy

Barbara Murphy - August 20, 2022 at 08:53 PM



Johnny was one of a kind ! Ended up being a best friend. He and Theresa would always invite me to join them in almost everything They became family to me. Johnny was such a comedian and always made me laugh! I could go on and on but the most important thing I can say is Thank you God for bringing him into my life !! God will definitely open the gates of heaven for him to see his loved ones again. So loved from so many but the most important is he will have no more pain.!! Rip Johnny Leggs. Great memories.

Shirley Spades - August 21, 2022 at 01:56 AM

TC

“ Mary and I were notified today by mutual friends of John and Theresa. John was in best spirits last time we visited. His warm smile and uplifting conversation was so good and he was in a great place. I am sure that carried on and will continue to carry on meeting and greeting our Lord. We all try hard in this life to do good. Sometimes just sharing yourself, sharing your caring and best wishes is everything. I will remember John for that! My best Theresa! And you John! Tom-Mary Costello

Tom Costello - August 20, 2022 at 08:25 PM

KM

*“ Always looked forward to our cousins visit to the farm in Maringouin Louisiana where we shared lots of laughs and great food
Prayers from Aunt Rita's family*

Karen Miller - August 20, 2022 at 07:59 PM

LB

“ My deepest sympathy Theresa to you and the Leggero family. I knew Johnny from high school and he was a great guy! So very sorry, Lucille Arbisi Barthelman

Lucille Arbisi Barthelman - August 20, 2022 at 07:38 PM

RP

“ Theresa, I am so sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. I was in shock when I read this today. He was a great guy and my heart goes out to you and his family.

Robin Prentice - August 20, 2022 at 06:52 PM

ER

“ *John always had a joke for me and kept me laughing. I will miss him very much and he will always be in my heart. R.I.P. my brother, E. Nelson Richards.*

Ernie (Nelson) Richy - August 20, 2022 at 05:56 PM