



## John Anthony Forlivio

November 13, 1948 - June 27, 2025

John Anthony Forlivio, Sr. passed away on June 27, 2025. Mr. Forlivio was born on November 13, 1948 in Norwalk, CT. He was the son of the late James J. Forlivio of New Canaan and Frances I. Nicastro of Norwalk.

Mr. Forlivio grew up in Norwalk and moved to New Canaan where he graduated from New Canaan High School in 1967. Following high school Mr. Forlivio enlisted in the United States Marine Corps for two years. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 and was decorated for his actions having taken part in numerous major combat operations.

After the service, Mr. Forlivio joined the Stamford Police Department, a career that spanned nearly 37 years from 1972 until his retirement in 2008. He spent the vast majority of those years in the Major Crime Unit, which was his passion. In 1998 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned as Commander of the Major Crime Unit, a position he held for ten years until his retirement. Lt. Forlivio held an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Norwalk Community College, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from UCONN, Stamford and was a graduate of the FBI National Academy. During his career with the Stamford Police Department, he received many awards and commendations, including the coveted Police Officer of the Year Award in 1984. He served as Treasurer for the Stamford Police Association and as a Board Member and Founder of the first Haitian Community Center in

Stamford. Lt. Forlivio was a member of the first Honor Guard, Instructor in Criminal Investigations Stamford Police Academy and the Community Policing Entertainment Group, "Cops on the Beat". After a brief retirement period, Mr. Forlivio returned to law enforcement in 2011 as an Investigator with the State's Attorney's Office in Stamford and then as an Inspector for the Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District until his retirement in 2021.

As a young Stamford Police Officer, Mr. Forlivio met the love of his life, Diane "Chicatell" Forlivio. "Chickie" was from a wonderful Stamford family and the two were married in Stamford on October 8, 1977. They have two sons, John A. Forlivio, Jr. of Norwalk and Michael J. Forlivio of Stamford. Mr. Forlivio loved spending time with his family. He coached Little League Baseball in Stamford and Bambino Baseball in New Canaan and was an avid Yankee fan. He enjoyed playing golf, though he admittedly felt, he was not very good at it. He also loved music, singing and playing guitar.

Mr. Forlivio is survived by his wife, Diane, his two sons John, Jr. and Michael, his sister, Carmae Cossuto of Norwalk, his brother, James O. Forlivio of Phoenix and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Jean Iazzi Black of Wilton.

Visitation hours will be held from 2:00pm to 8:00pm on Tuesday, July 8th, at Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am on Wednesday, July 9th at The Church of St. Cecilia, 1184 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT. Burial will follow at Fairfield Memorial Park, 230 Oaklawn Avenue, Stamford, CT.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Stamford Police Association, Stamford Hospital, Tunnel To Towers Foundation or Folds of Honor.

If you wish to make an online remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairfield Memorial Park

230 Oaklawn Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06905

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation  
453 Shippan Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902

## Funeral Mass

JUL 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Cecilia  
1184 Newfield Ave  
Stamford, CT 06905

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ John and I went through the FBI Academy together. He was well liked and respected. My condolences to the family.  
*Bob Fracolli*

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**Bob Fracolli** - August 27, 2025 at 08:17 PM

EJ

“ Dear Forlivio family. I met John when I was a very small child. He was always a great person, a man my father respected & liked very much. I grew up with all the guys & they are all like uncles to me. I was there the day John passed. It was a horrible day, surrounded by sadness. My heart dropped. Me saying sorry for your loss, just isn't enough. John was one of a kind.  
*Eddie Melfi JR.*

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**Eddie Melfi JR.** - August 19, 2025 at 05:25 AM

FB

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Forlivio family. May God bring you great comfort and peace.

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**Fola Bamgboye** - July 17, 2025 at 03:04 PM

MG

“ We at Parkway Assembly of God are so very sorry for your loss.. We pray Gods comfort for the family.

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**madeline Grenier** - July 11, 2025 at 10:18 AM

MP

“ Dear Diane, John, Jr. and Michael

*I was heartbroken to hear about your loss. Please accept my deepest condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this incredibly difficult time.*

*John was a wonderful person, and his memory will always be a blessing to everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.*

*May you find strength in the love that surrounds you and comfort in the many beautiful memories you shared.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,*

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**Michael Pellicci** - July 09, 2025 at 07:51 AM

MM

“ Dear Mrs. Forlivio, John Jr. and Michael. I'm so sorry for your loss, it was such a shock to learn of his passing. John was always a gentleman and pleasant whenever we crossed paths. John will always be one that will be missed and never forgotten. I pray that God will ease your sorrow very soon.

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**Michele Murtagh** - July 07, 2025 at 06:43 PM

WW

“ May the joy and happiness shared be everlasting, and may your circle which has no beginning and no end be Eternal.

*Beatrice and William O Watkins (Butch)*

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**William O, Watkins** - July 06, 2025 at 11:38 AM

LC

“ Dear Diane, John Jr and Michael, we are heartbroken for your loss of a wonderful husband and father. We pray for your finding peace and comfort as each day goes by.  
Love Laura, Lenore, Maryann and Gail (Wanda Forlivio's sisters)

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**Laura Cupo** - July 05, 2025 at 03:12 PM

PJ

“ Dear Diane and family ,very sorry for your loss, always heard wonderful and caring things about John, he will be missed by all who knew him. With deepest sympathy,Paula pia jagodzinski

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**paula jagodzinski** - July 05, 2025 at 09:59 AM

MM

“ My deepest condolences to the Forlivio family. I had the honor of working with John on the SPD. A true professional, one of the departments best investigators and a true gentleman. Rest In Peace.

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**Michael Mann** - July 04, 2025 at 07:31 AM

PG

“ John was a great friend and co- worker. The many years we spent together at the police department will remain a very fond memory. Rest in peace my friend. You were one of the best! - Paul Guzda

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**Paul Guzds** - July 04, 2025 at 06:41 AM

SS

“ Dearest Diane, I am so sorry and shocked to hear of John’s passing. He was such a wonderfully kind person; he will be missed by so many. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers through this most difficult time.  
Much love, Sue and Lou Stradinger

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**Sue Stradinger** - July 02, 2025 at 09:28 PM



Stephen DeVito

“ Diane, John and Michael, sad to hear about John. I had the privilege of working with him for many years at SPD. He was an excellent cop, boss and gentleman. I pray for him and for you as you mourn his passing. May he rest in eternal peace.



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**Stephen DeVito** - July 02, 2025 at 01:34 PM

LT

“ I am so sorry for your loss, John was such a kind person. My deepest condolences to you and your family. My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time.

*Laura Tveter*

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**Laura Tveter** - July 02, 2025 at 10:45 AM

AH

“ Dear Diane, I was so shocked about the news of Johns Passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Such great memories from back in the past. He is with his Dad Uncle Chip now.

Adelina Forlivio Hovius - July 02, 2025 at 05:51 AM

JB

Sending love and good wishes Diane, John and Michael. So many wonderful memories of our kids growing up together . John was the Best !! ❤️

joan burnap - July 15, 2025 at 10:38 AM

MV

“ Rest well Lt ,  
I have fond memories .. Thank you for your friendship.. god bless  
M Vitti

mark vitti - July 01, 2025 at 09:47 PM

PA

“ Dear Diane,  
I was so saddened to hear of John's passing. Having had the pleasure of seeing you both just a few weeks ago was a true gift. My husband and I both just loved John! He was an excellent cop and an extraordinary human being! He was, as you well know, an incredibly well respected person who was loved by all who knew him.  
Please accept my deepest condolences.  
Most sincerely yours,  
Pat Agostino

patricia agostino - July 01, 2025 at 09:11 PM

MF

“ I remember John always wanted to make sure people knew they mattered. I met him when I worked in the criminal clerk's office at the Stamford courthouse. Even when things were really busy, he took time to ask how you were doing and make sure you knew he appreciated the assistance and was always willing to give his time if someone needed help. Praying his family experiences the Lord's peace and strength at this time.

- Monica Flanagan (former Asst. Clerk, Stamford Superior Court)

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Monica Flanagan - July 01, 2025 at 06:48 PM

AC

“ May John rest on peace . Condolences to his family. John was well respected by all that knew him  
Al Chernak. Retired SPD

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al Chernak - July 01, 2025 at 04:06 PM

JB

“ I was very sorry to hear of John’s passing. We first met over ten years ago when I was assigned to the Stamford courthouse as a criminal judge, and John was then working in the State’s Attorney’s Office. We interacted frequently during those years, until his eventual retirement in 2021. John was a true gentleman, with a quiet, understated way and a deep knowledge of criminal investigations. He worked on many major jury trials. In chatting about music one day, I realized that I had once seen John perform with his band back in the early 1970’s, when they were the opening act for Sha Na Na at the Fairfield University Fieldhouse. I also located a YouTube video of a 45 record that John had cut back in the 1960’s with an earlier band that had a real recording contract. John could not believe that I had found it! He was also justly proud of his service in the Marines in Vietnam.

*People call me “Your honor”, but everything you need to know of honor, you could learn from John Forlivio. My sincerest condolences to his family. May your faith in the risen Christ sustain you in this time of sorrow.*

*Hon. John F. Blawie*

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**John F. Blawie** - July 01, 2025 at 03:39 PM

NA

Dear "Your Honor"

Your posted memory of John is touching, heartwarming and uplifting as you knew him well for the past 10 years and also from the 70's !

You recognized his musical talent as well as his long involved Police/FBI/ Investigation career talent!

You described John perfectly

"Quiet, understated with deep knowledge"

John worked day and nite on the horrific "Bloomingdale Murder" case - until it was solved....Just another example of his talent, love and dedication of solving crimes.

Your last paragraph however,

is simply amazing ...Its the highest compliment I've ever read or heard about a person ... WOW, Just WOW !

Thank you for sharing this beautiful, heartfelt memory of John Forlivio



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Nancy - September 07, 2025 at 07:42 PM

PA

“ My condolences and prayers go out to the Forlivio family. I had the pleasure of working with John for many years. I will always remember his professionalism, dedication, and class.

*Pete Altobelli SPD Retired*

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Peter Altobelli - July 01, 2025 at 03:32 PM

PS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers

*Penny Spinola*



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Penny Spinola - July 01, 2025 at 03:15 PM