



Peter John Ragusa

July 7, 1944 - January 16, 2025

With extremely heavy hearts we announce the unexpected passing of Peter John Ragusa, 80, who left us on January 16, 2025.

Born on July 7, 1944, he grew up in Riverside, CT and spent his entire adult life in Stamford, CT where he was foremost a family man. He spent nearly 40 years at Pitney Bowes before briefly retiring and then spent over 20 years building out Gofer Ice Cream with his wife and sons.

John's family was the foundation of his life and though his love was often unspoken it was always felt in the ways he showed he cared. He was always very active and hands on with loving projects, from building championship soap box derby cars with each of his sons, to building out his house additions, to putting in a backyard pool, to restoring classic cars, to his Christmas lights which were the talk of the neighborhood every year. He could fix anything, although fixing his golf swing remained a lifelong project.

John is survived by and will be forever loved by his wife of 56 years, Joyce; his three sons, Jay (Pauline), Jeff, and Justin, and his brother, George (Pam). His spirit and light will live on in all of us, especially his new grandson, Jack. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jimmy, and sisters Marge, Marie, and Pauline.

John was beloved by all who knew him and he'll be remembered for his enduring sense of humor and joy for life. He will be dearly missed, and we will cherish him for the rest of our lives.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, January 24th at 11am at St. Leo Church, 24 Roxbury Road, Stamford CT. Burial will follow at St John Cemetery, 25 Camp Avenue, Darien, CT.

John regularly donated to various veteran' organizations including Wounded Warrior Project, Disabled American Veterans, and Paralyzed Veterans of America. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your favorite in John's name.

If you wish to make an online remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome .

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery (Darien)

25 Camp Avenue
Darien, CT 06820

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo Church
24 Roxbury Road
Stamford, CT 06902

Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm sorry for your loss.* ”

Edmund Ryan - February 01, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Peter John Ragusa.* ”



January 23, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *You've been such an amazing dad, from supermaning me into bed at 4 years old, to the baseball catches in little league, to the incredible support through college, to all the advice as I left home, and all of life since... all I've ever wanted was to make you and mom proud. Will hold you forever in my heart.* ”

Jeff Ragusa - January 23, 2025 at 09:35 AM

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Uncle Johnny, we grew up together- only one year apart! You were a baker as a kid- you proudly brought out cakes on our Sunday afternoon family meals. You and your buddies teased me as we sat up in the backyard cherry tree. You and Georgie were always there for my mom - you took me back to UCONN after several vacations. I was in your wedding. I called you to rescue my confused dad and you were right there. You were always kind and dear to me and I hope you are with the family eating Nana's homemade ravioli in heaven. Rest in peace, John, and know that you are loved and missed. I will always remember you with love and a smile. Mary

Mary Petrone Bannon - January 24, 2025 at 05:12 PM



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January 22, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ Dear Joyce and family, I am so saddened and sorry for your loss. Pete was a great guy and will be dearly missed. May special memories help you at this difficult time. My deepest sympathies. Sincerely, Debbie Esposito-Alonzi

Debbie Alonzi - January 22, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Dear Aunt Joyce, Jay, Jeff, and Justin We are so sorry to hear about Uncle John. His smile brighten any room. His gentle ways and kindness will be missed by all. Our deepest sympathy to all of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love Brian, Stacey (Strada) and Brian Victoria



Stacey Victoria (strada) - January 21, 2025 at 06:53 PM