



## John James LaRocca

May 31, 1955 - May 15, 2016

Age 60.

Beloved husband of Jacqueline and the late Marisa.

Loving father of Matthew (Luda), Michael, Anthony (Alisa), Elizabeth, Jessica and Philip.

Cherished grandfather of Vivienne.

Dearest son of James and the late Dolores.

Dear brother of William, Thomas and Steve.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests donations to St. Jane de Chantal Catholic Church - Coffee House or Camp Sancta Maria.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd  
Clinton Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Rosary

**MAY 18.** 7:30 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Visitation

**MAY 19.** 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Instate

**MAY 20.** 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church  
38750 Ryan Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI

## Mass of the Christian Burial

**MAY 20.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church  
38750 Ryan Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *John James LaRocca*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *John James LaRocca*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *I knew John from coffee house. He will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful man and I will miss our talks. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. RIP John  
Donna Diem*

Donna Diem - June 01, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ *A Wonderful and Sainly Man and Friend. He served the poor and the imprisoned and walked the walk of a True Christian. I was very Blest to have known him for such a short time as we shared our Faith. I knew I was in the presence of Holiness. We will miss you John.  
Charlie*

Charlie Zammit - May 20, 2016 at 10:00 PM



“ *MY CONDOLANCES TO THE FAMILY IT TRULY WAS A SHOCKER TO ME ."THEY DONT COME ANY BETTER THAN JOHNNY.YOUR COUSIN BOBBY CARRIERE..BE WELL EVERYONE..*

ROBERT CARRIERE - May 20, 2016 at 09:47 AM



“ John epitomized the true meaning of being a Christian and walking in the way of the Lord. He always had a sweet smile on his face when he would greet you. I remember speaking with him when he lost his beloved Marissa, He accepted it as part of God's plan. I was happy to hear that he was able to find another person to love in Jaclyn. John was the example that stature didn't have to be height but how big a person's heart was. John's heart made him a giant. My prayers to the LaRocca family and the Pierce family for the lost of this exceptional person. The world is a little poorer without John in it.

Cheryl Lucero

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Cheryl Woods-Lucero - May 19, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John James LaRocca.



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May 19, 2016 at 12:56 PM



“ Very sad to hear of John's passing! Although we didn't get together often, I have many fond memories of growing up and getting the opportunity to hang out with my cousins. Later in life, whenever we got together, I always felt welcomed home and picked up right where we left off . The LaRocca Family has always been a joy to be with and Charlene and I send our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. He will be missed!!!

Charlene & Mike Gasparetto

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Michael Gasparetto - May 19, 2016 at 07:58 AM

WC

“ With love, Pam & Matt Crittenden purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of John James LaRocca.



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**With love, Pam & Matt Crittenden** - May 18, 2016 at 05:30 PM

CD

“ Claudia & Larry, Laura & Bob, Andrea & David purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John James LaRocca.



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**Claudia & Larry, Laura & Bob, Andrea & David** - May 18, 2016 at 09:54 AM

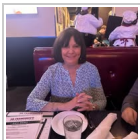
CB

“ I am so sorry to hear for your loss John was a great person and it will be a big loss for someone that tried to make a difference!

*Craig Billadeaux*

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**Craig Billadeaux** - May 18, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ My heart breaks for the whole family. Keeping everyone in my prayers.

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**Cindy Strach Bork** - May 17, 2016 at 09:04 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John James LaRocca.*



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May 17, 2016 at 07:46 PM



“ *The Extended RCC Team purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John James LaRocca.*



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**The Extended RCC Team** - May 17, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ *Today I remember a man who has inspired my Catholicism. A strong Christian man! A man who availed himself to many through his service to God! A man who said "God is good" right up until the end. A man who touched my heart many, many years ago at a family picnic when Greg (my son with Down syndrome) was just a toddler and John took the time to get to know Greg and play with him a good part of that day. He will be missed! John your faith is truly now your sight! RIP cousin John 🙏🙌. Praying for all his family for strength, comfort and peace!*

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**Barbara (Greb) Konrad** - May 17, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ *Dear LaRocca Family,  
I am deeply saddened by Johns passing. He gave so much of himself to people and particularly the less fortunate here on earth that I thought God would keep him here forever. He must need him in Heaven for something special or did not want him to suffer here on Earth. I would always call him when I had clothes,furniture, bikes to donate to see if he had a family that could use it, nine times out of ten he did. It always made me feel better knowing John was giving directly to someone rather than me taking it to Salvation Army. It also gave me a chance to see him and visit. He was truly a servant and evangelist for God. He was the kindest, most genuine, giving man I knew.  
God Bless you and your family.  
With love and sympathy,  
Jerry D'Amico*

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**Jerry D'Amico** - May 17, 2016 at 03:40 PM



“ *My heart is saddened but for this gentle man of the Lord his reward will be great. Prayers sent to those who will miss his presence, but know that the Lord wanted him home to free him from his earthly pain. Fondly, Anne Green*

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**Anne Green** - May 17, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of John James LaRocca.*



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May 17, 2016 at 01:19 PM

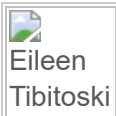
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**Ann LaRocca** - May 17, 2016 at 12:40 PM



Eileen  
Tibitoski

*This is how I remember the Larocca boys running around the streets of Frazho road with my brothers and whomever. Maybe hearing Mr. Larocca yelling for one of the the boys or talking over the fence to my dad.. Will miss them all. Find it hard to believe about John. God Bless The Family Lots of Love and you are in my prayers and thoughts.  
Eileen Tibitoski.*

*A GREAT PHOTO: BILLY, JOHN, TOMMY, STEVE*

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**Eileen Tibitoski** - May 18, 2016 at 04:22 AM

KS

To the family of John LaRocca,

*I had the pleasure of getting to know John thru work in 1997. John was always a warm conversation. He would talk about anything & everything but especially about God, who he always put first; & family & friends. Every time I talked with John he would never forget to ask me; How is my oldest daughter doing who was diagnosed with breast cancer 7 years ago. We talked a lot about our faith in God & how much we both rely on it to get us thru our difficult times. John was a true servant of the Lord, I will miss John & our warm conversations.*

*Good bye my friend Karen Speelman*

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**Karen Speelman** - May 19, 2016 at 12:57 PM

 Ron Millsap

*Wow! I remember these guys well. I'm saddened to hear about "Johnny" passing away. I have MANY fond memories of growing up as neighbors with the LaRocca family on Frazho road.  
Ron "Ronnie" Millsap.*

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**Ron Millsap** - December 30, 2016 at 07:51 PM

AF

“ Annika, Adam, and the Bugge Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John James LaRocca.



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**Annika, Adam, and the Bugge Family** - May 17, 2016 at 08:45 AM




“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John James LaRocca.



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May 17, 2016 at 07:50 AM


  
Darlene  
Ivan

“ *Darlene Ivan lit a candle in memory of John James LaRocca*



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**Darlene Ivan** - May 17, 2016 at 06:39 AM

  
Deborah  
Johnston

“ *I am heartbroken. I naively thought that John would have more time, and am saddened to learn of his passing.  
To Jacqueline and all of my LaRocca cousins, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I loved John, and love you all very much. Love & Blessings,  
Deborah Gasparetto Johnston* 🌹



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**Deborah Johnston** - May 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *Fran and Bert Peterson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John James LaRocca.*



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**Fran and Bert Peterson** - May 16, 2016 at 07:32 PM

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**Darlene Ivan** - May 16, 2016 at 04:27 PM

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“ John showed us how to live as Christ asks us. John lived in such a way that even if you didn't know God, you came to know Him because you knew John. He will be greatly missed by so many. John & Jacqueline touched so many people with their special relationship.

*Marina LaRocca*

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**Marina LaRocca** - May 16, 2016 at 02:56 PM

BB

“ Our hearts go out to the LaRocca Family, Bruce and I still remember the day we went to John's new house, his eldest son was only a few years old. It seems like only yesterday we were still young and then sometimes it feels like a lifetime ago. I guess it was. Our sincerest condolences. Bruce and Mary Jane Bennett



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**Bruce & Jane Bennett** - May 16, 2016 at 02:53 PM

KH

*I had the great pleasure of knowing John through work at Hi-Craft Engineering. Over the 6 years we worked together, I never once heard him speak a negative word towards anyone. A rare quality to find in anyone these days. That is how I will remember John. He was one of the best people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.*

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**Karl Heithecker** - June 13, 2016 at 04:23 PM