



John M. De Angelis

February 9, 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved father, John M. De Angelis on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. John was born in Lancaster, PA, the son of the late Stanislao A. De Angelis and Maria P. (Nervegna) De Angelis.

Dad was often misunderstood due to his gruff demeanor, but beneath that exterior was a caring heart. He was always willing to help someone in need, championed the underdog, and was fiercely loyal to his family and friends.

A true do-it-yourselfer, John enjoyed fishing, camping, and tinkering with cars or various things around house, but his greatest joy was being with his family. He was active in his grandchildren's lives, never missing a school event and always proud of their accomplishments. John cared about all living creatures, especially finding comfort and companionship with his pet cats Tiger and Claude. During his later years, John enjoyed sitting outside watching the birds and rabbits frolic in his yard and conversing with neighbors. He never passed up a good meal with family and regularly met acquaintances for a morning cup of coffee at local restaurants.

John served the Lancaster County community as a mailman for 45 years. During his career with the US Postal Service, he was honored to earn the Million Mile Club Safe Driver Award. He also proudly served his country in the US Army, during which time he traveled extensively across the United States. He enjoyed recalling stories of those journeys for those around him. John continued his service in the Army Reserves until retirement in the 1990s.

The family would like to thank the staff at Oak Leaf Manor North for their kind and committed care in his final months and express their gratitude for the friends he met there, including Jose, Dot, and Joseph.

John is survived by his two children, Maria C. De Angelis (whose life partner, Orlando "Gill" Timmonds, was like a second son to him) and Nicholas J. De Angelis, both of

Lancaster; his two grandchildren; and his four great-grandchildren, Maizi, Javion, A'mora, and Ziyon. Also surviving him are his nephew, Rick Madonna of Chambersburg, PA, and his former spouse, Linda L. De Angelis. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Angelo De Angelis and Anita Madonna.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. Masks are required. Friends are welcome to greet the family at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be private at St. Anthony's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Humane League of Lancaster County, 2195 Lincoln Hwy East, Lancaster, PA 17602 and/or The Salvation Army 1244 Manheim Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.
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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John M. De Angelis*



The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - February 16 at 04:41 PM

DR

“ *Dear Maria, Nick, and loving family,*

Please accept my humble condolences at the passing of John.

Thank you for posting the pictures! How delightful to see John and his family through the years! I know how much he loved you all, and that you were a blessing to him.

I was privileged to work with John at the post office for 20 years, and it was a pleasure for me! I will miss his friendship and the stories he shared with me over many a good meal.

*Yours truly,
Dana Riccio*

Dana Riccio - February 18 at 10:05 PM



Thank you Dana. I know he cherished and enjoyed your friendship over the decades. Did you see a little Peter in some of the pictures? I remember the playdates with my son and yours. Missed seeing you at the service.

Maria DeAngelis - February 24 at 12:33 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - February 16 at 04:36 PM



“ 79 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - February 15 at 04:54 PM

JP

“ I knew John De Angelis back when his father and my father made wine together.
Joe Pozza

Joe Pozza - February 15 at 03:29 PM



Thanks for sharing. Dad often spoke of stomping grapes with his feet for wine.

Maria DeAngelis - February 16 at 10:01 AM

PB

“ Dear Maria and Nicholas,
I offer my deepest sympathy on your dad's passing.

He was our dedicated mailman for many years. He did his utmost to ensure accurate deliveries, despite the inaccurate USPS sorting. It was always a pleasure to chat with him.

I crossed paths with him twice after retirement and enjoyed our encounter.

I commend you on the obituary and the great photos.

May John's memory be eternal.

Paul Benos

Paul Benos - February 13 at 07:57 AM



Thank you. It's stories like yours that bring us comfort during our struggle with grief.
~Maria

Maria DeAngelis - February 13 at 08:55 AM

MB

“ *Him and his first great grandson* ❤️



mariah bowman - February 12 at 07:45 AM

LI

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



lisa - February 11 at 04:00 PM

RH

“ *Robert A. Heckman purchased the Divine Light for the family of John M. De Angelis.*



Robert A. Heckman - February 11 at 03:16 PM