



Mr. John P. Rose Jr.

November 2, 1946 - January 6, 2026

LOWELL- John Pliny Rose Jr., 79, of Lowell, MA passed away on January 6, 2026 at The Atrium at Drum Hill surrounded by his family. John was born on November 2, 1946 in North Hampton MA, a son of John P. Sr. and Constance (Cross) Rose. He graduated from Merrimack College in 1970 with a degree in Sociology and went on to have a long career at Lucent Technologies as a Shipping Supervisor. John proudly served in the Army Reserves and was stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. John enjoyed researching family histories, and traced his own family lineage back several generations. He collected records and loved listening to Peter, Paul and Mary. A lover of fantasy and sci-fi John enjoyed the Hobbit, Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter books and movies. He was a pre-Tom Brady Patriots supporter, and a life-long Drew Bledsoe fan. John traveled through Europe extensively retracing his father's WWII tour, and enjoyed many family trips around the US, and summer visits to Wellfleet, MA. He was always ready for a great meal, and a good glass of wine, he had an adventurous palate and loved a spicy addition to his food. John is survived by his loving wife of fifty-one years Kathleen Rose (O'Connor), his children Kimberly LaCedra and her husband Chris of Tyngsboro, Jill Espinola and her husband Derek of Lowell, and Matthew Rose and his wife Yovani Baez-Rose of Lowell. John was a proud Papa to his eight grandchildren Giana, Giacobbe and Giuliana LaCedra, Thomas, Marcus and Stella Espinola, Antonia and Josephine Rose. He is also survived by his siblings Jerry Rose of Groveland, Karen and Robert Zick of Plaistow, NH, Maureen and Richard Julian of

Candia, NH, Elizabeth Rose of Groveland MA, his in-laws Diane and Timothy Winslow of Willard, OH, Daniel and Denise O'Connor of Lowell, MA, and many nieces and nephews.

The Rose Family would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the staff at The Atrium in Drum Hill for the loving care they provided John in his final days. John will be missed by all who knew him.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND JOHN'S CALLING HOURS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026, FROM 3 PM UNTIL 7 PM AT THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL. JOHN'S FUNERAL WILL BEGIN FROM THE FUNERAL HOME AT 9 AM ON MONDAY JANUARY 12, 2026 FOLLOWED BY HIS FUNERAL MASS AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH, ST. MARIE'S CHURCH, CORNER OF CHAMBERLAIN AND GRAFTON STS. LOWELL. BURIAL WILL FOLLOW AT THE LOWELL CEMETERY. AS AN EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY DOANTIONS IN JOHN'S MEMORY MAY BE MADE TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF MASSACHUSETTS AT 512 FOREST STREET, MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752 OR supportspecialolympics.org or to ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION AT 320 NEVADA ST. #201, NEWTON, MA 02460 OR alz.org

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE
FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS
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Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
sean@faymccabe.com
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Funeral Mass

JAN 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Parish – St. Marie's Church
75 Chamberlain Street
at the corner of Grafton Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 453-2134

Burial

JAN 12 (ET)

Lowell Cemetery
77 Knapp Avenue
Lowell, MA 01852

Tribute Wall

GC

“ I’ve known John for most of my life, a great friend to many. I still remember sitting in Mr. Knight’s high school physics class at Pentucket Regional with John and our friend Fred Heald. The three of us would often spend Friday nights shooting pool at a bowling alley in Salsbury, MA, followed by a late-night snack at Laubner’s in Merrimac. He used to visit my wife Kathi and me after work in our first apartment in Nashua, sometimes spending the night on the couch. Later he became godfather to my daughter Amy. Kathi and I both remember the 2007 Alaska cruise with John, Kathy, Diane and Tim. Five of us took a tram up a mountain; John insisted on hiking to the top alone (after recent bypass surgery). It was a tough climb, but he made it. At the time I was not in good enough shape to join him. John will be missed.

George Cheney - January 12 at 08:46 AM

GC

OMISSION FROM MY TRIBUTE: Oops, I forgot to mention that John and Kathy met at Kathi and my wedding where John was an usher and Kathy a bridesmaid.

George Cheney - January 12 at 12:08 PM

MD

“ I enjoyed many summers visiting Springfield. My parents often left me with Connie and Jack so I could play with the boys. We had great times. Sometimes we got into trouble but we never cared! We survived! We rode bikes and played with balls everyday. I usually stayed for about a month. It was really great! - Mary Dergay

Maryrose Dergay - January 09 at 04:41 PM

BR

Sweet memory..thanks for sharing

BETH ROSE - January 10 at 06:52 PM



Kathy, Thinking of you and sending our heartfelt condolences to your entire family during this difficult time. From Pauline and Lew (part of your Atrium family)

Pauline Peters - January 11 at 12:07 PM

DM

“ *Our summer family parties were always a great memory along with Jackie’s help with tracing our family tree. He was a kind and knowledgeable soul. Our condolences to Kathy and the whole family. Donna & Frank*

Donna Montalbano - January 09 at 08:15 AM

GP

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family at this time of deep sadness.*

George Perlotto - January 08 at 04:54 PM

NB

“ *Our deepest condolences to Kathy and the whole family. May he rest in peace 🕊️🕊️*

Manny and Nivia



Nivia Baez - January 08 at 03:34 PM

BR

“ *John aka Jackie to siblings and cousins was a quiet and supportive family leader. The pain of his loss will be felt forever*

BETH ROSE - January 08 at 03:30 PM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of
Mr. John P. Rose Jr.



Sean & Erin Rourke - January 08 at 12:53 PM