



## John Francis Reilly III

January 1, 1947 - February 24, 2023

John Francis Reilly III, passed away on Friday February 24th, 2023. He was a successful recipient of a lung transplant at New York Presbyterian, but ultimately succumbed to metastatic melanoma after a courageous battle.

John was born on January 1st, 1947 to John(Jack) F. Reilly II and Evelyn Reilly. He was raised in West Haven along the shore which inspired his love for the sea. As a youngman, John became a master of all tools, building a small boat and assisting his father in building their first home. He also enjoyed many days hunting and fishing with great friends.

John graduated from West Haven High School where he played football for the Blue Devils. Continuing a family tradition of Naval service, John joined the Navy and served as a quartermaster navigator on the USS Arcadia, a destroyer tender. The day after he was honorably discharged from the Navy, he met the love of his life, Linda Ann Formaggioni, at his friend's wedding. Together they began their great love story filled with adventure and laughter. They enjoyed 54 years together skiing, sailing, golfing and traveling extensively. John had a tremendous love for his family. The "Dear" Camp in Vermont and several of their sailboats, most recently the Shenanigans, were special places that created many fond family memories. As an avid skier, John was also famous for teaching everyone in the family how to ski!

John was a graduate of the University of New Haven with a degree in Marketing and Business and a member of their Alumni Association. John worked for a brief period of time at the United Illuminating Company as a lineman. Later in life, he was the proud owner of Commercial Furniture Service Corporation for 35 years and was President of the Hamden Business Network International.

He led a very service directed life. John was the President of Wallingford Rod and Gun Club, the Connecticut representative to the National Wildlife Federation, Past Commodore of Duck Island Yacht Club, a member of the Men's Association at St. John Vianney Church of West Haven, and a participating member of Our Lady of Assumption parish, where he served as a member of the Social Action Committee and was chairman of their many food drives. John received the honors of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, Council #5467, where he served as Chairman of the "Men in the Kitchen." He was awarded "Knight of the Year," in recognition of that work. He was a recipient of The Saint Joseph Medal of Appreciation, from the Archdiocese of Hartford.

John is survived by his loving wife, Linda Reilly, his son John F. Reilly IV and wife, Aimee Bergey Reilly, and their children, Aidan and Gavin, his daughter Christina Sagnella and husband, John A. Sagnella, and their children, Jackson and Hannah. John is also survived by his sisters Maureen Longley (Luzerne) and Sharon DiBisceglie (Frank); along with three nieces and nephews: Melissa (Mike), Michelle, and Kevin (Danielle), and several great nieces and nephews.

The family would like to give a very special thanks to NY Presbyterian Hospital, Smilow, Connecticut Hospice and all the teams of medical professionals that cared for John throughout his journey. In addition, the family would like to thank their many friends and neighbors for their prayers and loving support.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, March 4th, 2023, at 10:30am in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 81 Center Rd., Woodbridge. Burial with military honors will follow in East Side Cemetery. Calling hours at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden will be Friday, March 3rd from 4:00-7:00pm. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## East Side Cemetery

S. Pease Rd.  
Woodbridge, CT 06525

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

## Funeral service

MAR 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
81 Center Rd  
Woodbridge, CT 06525-1632  
(203) 387-7119

# Tribute Wall



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.* ”



March 03, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.* ”



March 03, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.* ”



March 03, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.* ”



March 03, 2023 at 09:00 AM

SH

“ *Dear Linda and Family,  
I am very sad to learn of your loss - that John has passed on. He was always so friendly and pleasant a man. John and I swam together on the West Haven High School Swimming team, Class of 1964. It is good to learn of the many positive contributions that John made in his lifetime. Though our paths crossed only a few time in later life, every time we met it was always such a pleasure to talk with him. You have wonderful memories of a life well-spent, even though you would have wanted many more years. You can certainly have faith that John is with the Lord. You have my sincere condolences. God bless you all.*  
*Sincerely,  
Steve and Andrea Hildrich*

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**Stephen R. Hildrich** - March 02, 2023 at 08:40 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.*



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March 02, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.*



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March 02, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.*

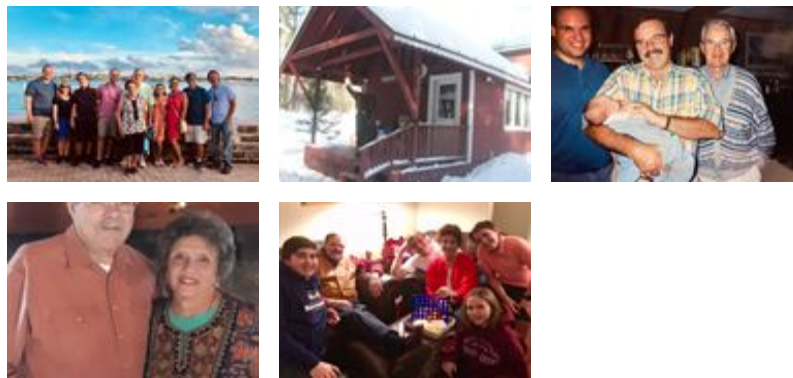


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March 01, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *197 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Sisk Brothers Funeral Home** - March 01, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Linda, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband.. I lost mine 3 years ago and I found this saying helpful.. My mind still talks to you, my heart still looks for you but my soul knows you're at peace. We had great fun at Grace New Haven nursing school and I remember your nick name for me "pity" cause you said I was the epitome of my name. Take care. Joy Baratta*



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**Joy Baratta Saunders** - March 01, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.



February 28, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ *Dennis and Mary Kovar purchased the Enchanted Cottage* for the family of John Francis Reilly III.



**Dennis and Mary Kovar** - February 28, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.



February 28, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ *Bill and Vicki purchased the Love's Journey* for the family of John Francis Reilly III.



**Bill and Vicki** - February 28, 2023 at 01:15 PM

DS

“ My husband, Burke, and I first met John and Linda On a yacht club cruise. They had just come from Nantucket to The Vineyard; John had taken a shortcut passage. I thought they were the most knowledgeable sailors and certainly much braver than me. Immediately we invited them to join Duck Island Yacht Club and they did. This was the start of having fun with the Reillys on Shenanigans. Getting to know Linda and John showed us how wonderful they are as a family; John was always considerate, helpful, gentlemanly And fun. He will be missed. Our prayers are with John and the Reilly family. Donna and Burke Schlott

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**donna schlott** - February 28, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.



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February 28, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ Sorry very sorry to hear of John's passing! As one of the hunters we shared many years, stories and deep loss over the years. He will forever be in my heart. Wishing the family and Linda prayers for your loss.

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**John Braziel** - February 28, 2023 at 07:44 AM

SB

“ I remember Mr. Reilly visiting Christina at Salve Regina University. Her parents were so much fun and always treated Christina’s friends like family. Thank you for the ride in the sailboat, skiing and all the fun. Mr. Reilly was an amazing man.

Sarah Burkwit - February 27, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.



February 27, 2023 at 07:24 PM

TF

“ The Poulmas Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of John Francis Reilly III.



The Poulmas Family - February 27, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.



February 27, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.*



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February 27, 2023 at 05:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.*



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February 27, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ *Betsy, Lynn, Deb purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Francis Reilly III.*



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**Betsy, Lynn, Deb** - February 27, 2023 at 05:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.*



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February 27, 2023 at 04:38 PM

JM

“ John will always have a special place in my heart. Golfing with him and sailing was such fun. May you rest in peace John. God’s blessings to your family. Dom and Judy Mastrony 🙏

Judy Mastrony - February 27, 2023 at 04:18 PM

BS

“ I will never forget John Sr, he welcomed me with open arms the first day I joined his company. He never stopped and showed me nothing but sincerity and love. He was truly a good hearted man and I will miss him. My deepest condolences to the whole family.

Brian Semenuk - February 27, 2023 at 04:00 PM

BS

“ Brian Semenuk lit a candle in memory of John Francis Reilly III



Brian Semenuk - February 27, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Francis Reilly III.



February 27, 2023 at 02:03 PM

CA

“ *Chris Atwood lit a candle in memory of John Reilly*



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**Chris Atwood** - February 27, 2023 at 01:33 PM