



Mr. John J. Reilly Jr.

August 17, 1968 - September 15, 2017

Mr. John J. Reilly, Jr., 49, of Brooklyn, NY and formerly of New Lebanon, NY passed away on Friday, September 15, 2017 at home of chronic respiratory disease due to exposure following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Born in the Bronx, NY on August 17, 1968 the son of John Reilly and the late Eileen Buquet Reilly, he attended school in New York, New Lebanon and later moved to California where he graduated High School.

Mr. Reilly was currently employed by the New York City Fire Department in the Explosives Unit, as well as working as an Explosives Consultant for many state and federal agencies. He began his career with the FDNY in 2002 as a Supervising Blasting Inspector. Prior to working with the Fire Dept., John had worked in special effects and on the set of many television shows and movies. He was also a licensed Pyro Technician and High Explosives Blaster. He worked on many Construction jobs throughout NYC. John was a member of the Blasters Union and of the Teamsters Local 237.

John was a great friend to many and he loved spending time with family and friends. He had an infectious laugh and a great sense of humor. He volunteered for many organizations and was always ready to help anyone in need. He was proud of his work with the FDNY and was especially close with his extended family in the Explosives Unit. John will forever be loved, never forgotten, and deeply missed.

Besides his father of New Lebanon John Reilly Sr., NY he is survived by his aunt Maria Reilly, cousins John and Eddie Jacobucci and many additional

extended family.

Funeral Notice:

Calling hours for John J. Reilly, Jr., will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201. The Funeral services will take place on Thursday, September 21, 2017, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 am at St. Jude Church, 1677 Canarsie Rd., Brooklyn, NY celebrated by FDNY Chaplain, Msgr. John Delendick. The Burial will be on Friday, September 22, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, New Lebanon, NY. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to FDNY Foundation, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, in his memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

732 State Rt. 20
New Lebanon, NY 12125

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
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<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Jude Church
1677 Carnarsie Rd.
Brooklyn, NY

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Rest In Peace, my good friend.* ”



SC - January 29, 2021 at 11:44 AM

JA

“ *We had many a great time at the wagon, John was a great friend, one of the nicest people I was blessed to know , god bless John and prayers to his family* ”

Julian Aenlle - February 24, 2019 at 04:16 PM

KB

“ *Karen Pratt Belland lit a candle in memory of Mr. John J. Reilly Jr.* ”



Karen Pratt Belland - September 24, 2017 at 08:43 PM

TP

“ *Terrie Pratt lit a candle in memory of Mr. John J. Reilly Jr.* ”



Terrie Pratt - September 24, 2017 at 08:27 PM

NJ

“ *John Sr., Family, and friends. So sorry for your loss. Great guy!*

Neil Jensen

Neil Jensen - September 24, 2017 at 01:08 PM

SC

“ *Shelley Crespo lit a candle in memory of Mr. John J. Reilly Jr.*



Shelley Crespo - September 22, 2017 at 10:28 AM

SC

“ *We were out of touch for years, but now that I reminisce, I will remember John mostly for his boisterous and loud and contagious laugh and his love for music. Many years ago, a group of us once went to Webster Hall (Circus Theme that night, awesome!) and he brought me back stage to see the "life behind the stage curtain" and meet the entertainers. It is a memory I have that will always make me smile. ~ Mr. Reilly, my condolences for the loss of your son; to all of John's dear friends, I am deeply sorry for your loss.*

Shells

Shelley Crespo - September 22, 2017 at 10:11 AM

BR

“ Most will remember John for his Pink Floyd love affair. I too share that love and I am sure everyone that knew John's musical taste would relate. Well, when I think of John I think of Zappa. Today I am listening to *The Man from Utopia*.

1987 or 88, John and I took a ride to Central Compact Disc in Scarsdale. It had import CD's and the like. Well that day, Zappa had just been released on cd and we bought it. We popped it in the car and played it on the way home. We laughed soooo hard while listening to this album we both had tears in our eyes, well eye for Popeye, and John was almost falling under the dashboard. We had to pull over just to keep ourselves on the road. *The Dangerous Kitchen* is especially the track that killed us. I can hear that laughter every time I play that track.

We all move on and we have been out of touch for so many years but I am so happy to have that memory. I am sorry for John's loss. Looks like he had a great crowd.

Brian - September 21, 2017 at 02:18 PM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - September 20, 2017 at 04:07 PM

MI

“ My deepest condolences to his family. I knew John forever, we went to kindergarten together and hung out for many years in our late teens and early 20's. We had a great time together and would get a kick out of telling anyone who would listen how long we knew each other. We reconnected through face book and the minute we connected on face book we were on the phone talking to each other. I'm sorry we never got to see each other again, I sure wish we did. rest easy my friend. I have tons of memories of you.

Michelle

Michelle - September 19, 2017 at 07:08 PM