



## John Thomas Caramanica

November 5, 1959 - March 4, 2021

John Thomas Caramanica, 61, passed away on Thursday, March 4, 2021, in Roswell, New Mexico. "You go home, my brother; I will always keep you in my heart. Love Frances." Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with John's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

**SERVICES:** There will be a Memorial Service for John at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 2:00 PM.

On November 5, 1959, John was born to Andrew R. and Frances Caramanica in Brooklyn, New York. The family moved from Long Island, New York, in June of 1971. John graduated from Roswell High School in 1977. John went to college and received a degree in auto bodywork and welding and parts counter men. His nickname was "Metal" because he loved heavy metal music and was also called "Big Kipper." Throughout John's life, he went to see seventy bands.

On Sundays, he and his fiancé, Jean, would go to church. Every year, John and his brother Jerry liked to travel together. They went to North Carolina to see our sisters and family, the beach, and New York to see sports games and site seeing. John lived in Roswell for fifty years. He liked to keep up with college basketball. John's favorite teams were the 49ers, Chicago Bulls, and the Yankees. He loved to go out with his fiancé, Jean, they went to flea

markets and traveled around New Mexico. They had a church home and loved to play tennis and horseshoes. Most of all, they enjoyed being together. John found the love of his life late in life, but he said, "I finally found my cowgirl." Prior to retirement, John worked at Peter Piper Pizza for thirty years.

**SURVIVORS:** Those left to cherish memories of John are his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews: William, Eric, Elizabeth and Alex, Jodi and Paul, Eric Penelope, William, Joseph, Sabrina, Sophia, Mia, and Payton, Joshua, Raiden, and Brean of Roswell; siblings: Margaret Puotinen of North Carolina, Julia Barboza and husband Bill of North Carolina, Andrew Caramanica of Roswell, Gerald Caramanica of Germany, Frances Hairston and husband Todd of Roswell.

**PRECEDED:** John is preceded in death by his grandparents: Gerardo and Michelina Caramanica, John and Cecilia Butler; and his brother-in-law, William Puotinen, also known as "Putt."

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS:** Those blessed to serve as Honorary Pallbearers are his friend, Richard Sandoval, and all his co-workers and friends from Peter Piper Pizza.

**PALLBEARERS:** Those honored to serve as Pallbearers are his boss and very best friend, Daniel Sedillo; brothers: Andrew Caramanica and Gerald Caramanica; nephew, Paul Corrie; and his great-nephews: Joshua and Raiden Snow.

John's family would give a special "Thanks" to his team of doctors, Dr. Carrie Flurry, Dr. Minhas, all of his siblings and family near or far, his best Kindred Hospice friends, Daniel Sedillo and family, fiancé Jean, American Cancer Society, Harvest Ministry, and St. Peter's Catholic Church.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society, St. Peters Catholic Church, Harvest Ministry, or a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
2609 South Main  
Roswell, NM 88203  
(575) 622-5888  
[abfh@andersonbethany.com](mailto:abfh@andersonbethany.com)

# Tribute Wall

PG

“ *Our families go way back to Centereach. I remember visiting your dad, in Roswell, when I was very young. Rest in peace.*  
*Philip Gorden*

Philip Gorden - March 08, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ *John Thomas Caramanica*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

KB

“ *Rest in Peace young brother thou it has been many years since I have seen you. My heart is with your family.*

Kat Beck - March 17, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. May his family and friends find peace.*

Julie Spangler - March 17, 2021 at 12:04 AM

LS

“ *It is sad that he is gone but believing he's in a better place, a eternal rest with the Lord, we went to school together we always got in trouble for talking and not doing our work ,lol , it was still a joy to talk to him whether he was at work doing pizza or on the bike or in his bug, he did love his VW and his work , he will be missed, may the Lord embrace the family and friends with peace that passes all understanding*

Lawrence Sanchez - March 16, 2021 at 01:09 PM

JB

“ For All those who knew and loved my Brother John Thomas I will not say Do Not Weep For Not all Tears Are An Evil RIP Brother xoxo always Jerry.



julia caramanica barboza - March 13, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ The world definitely gained a great angel! Fly high John!



Wendy Aragon - March 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Fred Rivera lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Caramanica



Fred Rivera - March 10, 2021 at 10:25 AM

EB

“ RIP Uncle John I will always cherish the time we spent. Rest easy now that the pain is gone. Until we meet again in the other side.  
❤️ Your nephew Eric



Eric Barboza - March 09, 2021 at 05:20 PM

LM

“ *John was such a kind & gentle soul with a huge heart! RIP John!*  
*From Joe & Linda*

Linda Madrid - March 08, 2021 at 07:47 PM

LM

“ *Linda Madrid lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Caramanica*



Linda Madrid - March 08, 2021 at 07:45 PM

JT

“ *Jesus & Vanessa Talamantes lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Caramanica*



Jesus & Vanessa Talamantes - March 08, 2021 at 07:15 PM

WJ

“ *It is with deep regret and sorrow I say goodbye to a sweet man. With so many miles between us for so many years, I didn't have the time with uncle john I would have liked. I am grateful I had the privilege to be part of his family story. I will miss the moments we connected and shared and am truly blessed for that time. I pray your sole finds pease and happiness. We will miss you forever.*



William Barboza Jr - March 07, 2021 at 11:06 AM

NI

“ Sending our heartfelt condolences to the Caramanica family. John was one of the most gentle, beautiful people I have ever had the privilege to know. He will be sorely missed. We will treasure our fond memories of John The Kipper.

Nora Ingoglia - March 07, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ To my best friend we lived apart for many year but when I came back we always relieved our good times I will miss you till meet again Ted

Ted Aguilar - March 06, 2021 at 06:43 PM

JB

“ While looking for Heartfelt Words to try and express what Were feeling right now found and Loved this Simple Quote” You Don't get to choose your siblings but they surely are Gods Gift to you as you are to them “ So true in our case Dear Brother we will love you for always xoxo Julia & Bill



julia barboza - March 06, 2021 at 02:53 PM

SR

“ Stella Rivera lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Caramanica



Stella Rivera - March 06, 2021 at 03:40 AM

AN

“ I'll miss him driving by in his beautiful slug bug, such a nice guy and made friends with anyone. He was a great friend to many and will be missed always .



anissa - March 05, 2021 at 10:48 PM

PG

Yes he was. John has definitely earned his Angel wings ❤️

Pat Guajaca-Kuemmerle - March 07, 2021 at 12:30 AM

NI

“ God bless you. Ty my post cards. You went on vacation...lvya ty pleasure of our talks!!



Nicole - March 05, 2021 at 09:41 PM

PC

“ Fly high John Caramanica! May you now rest in the arms of Jesus. As a neighbor and friend... you have touched our lives always with a smile and a handshake. Rest In Peace dear friend. Prayers surround your family.



Pat Coronado-Kuemmerle - March 05, 2021 at 08:25 PM

PA

“ *He was such a nice person. He will be missed* ”



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**Palomino** - March 05, 2021 at 07:41 PM