



# John S. Zolfo

OCT 20, 1946 - MAR 14, 2018



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### **J**ohn Stephen Zolfo (October 20, 1946-March 14,2018)

Our beloved John died unexpectedly on March 14, 2018. John was 71 and he lived a full life. He was born in New York City, the youngest of three, to John Zolfo, and Ida (nee' DiNapoli) Zolfo. John grew up in New York and after graduating high school from St. Helena, he attended Hunter College and received a Masters of Education. John, thereafter, became a grammar school teacher for the Montville, New Jersey School District to which he committed his effort and energy for six fulfilling years. Under the banner of "Zolfo's Zoomers", John's students went on to win most intramural sports contests within the school.

John valued family over all else, and after marrying his sweetheart Mary in 1970, John and Mary lived a quiet, and lovely life with their two sons Michael, and William. Tragically however, and after an extended and courageous battle, William succumbed to acute leukemia at the age of 8. With difficulty, John, was able to move onward with life, which included a vibrant career at Verizon from which he eventually retired in 2001.

In 2003, John sadly again faced a profound loss, losing his wife of 33 years. Hope and faith, with love of family supported him, as John decided to move to Florida to begin life anew in 2004. In Florida, John was able to find joy and happiness again, with new friends, new relationships and many new interests, including dance, which he so enjoyed with his loving partner Evie Bremer. "Evie" and John shared many interests, attended concerts, and were regulars at the Largo Elk's "spaghetti dinner and dance" Tuesday nights and Friday Dance nights where he danced a fast-east coast swing with ease and joy. John had many friends, and not only was he loved; he was love. He exemplified love and modeled it as a wise teacher would in the way he lived: kindly, humbly, and with a generosity of spirit. This was especially true when it came to family. John especially cherished his "family men", including his son, nephews, and brother, who bi-annually went on an adventure trip filled with story-telling and sharing of life. Not only were these trips special to John, so too were the annual Zolfo family re-unions of 20 years, of which



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he never missed. John lives on through memories of these wonderful family gatherings in which he shall continue to be present in spirit. A tribute to John would not be complete without acknowledging his love of sports and his loyalty to the New York sports teams, especially the Jets.

John is survived by his son, Michael and daughter-in-law, Kierstyn, sister Julia and brother Frank. Given the size of his beautiful and very Italian family, John had many nieces, nephews, cousins, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews, as well as friends, too numerous to name, all of whom already miss him.

Mass services will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 24th at the Light of Christ Church, 2176 Marilyn Street, Clearwater, Florida.

After the Mass the family invites all family and friends to an open house celebration of John's life to be held from 12:00-4:00 at Moss Feaster Funeral Home, 693 Belcher Road, in Clearwater, Florida.

Should you desire to make a gift in tribute to John's life, the family extends its appreciation and requests donations be made to either:

- The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 3507 Interstate 275, Frontage Rd. E #300, Tampa, Florida 33607.
- The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 120 Wall Street, 29th floor, New York, NY 10005.



# Events


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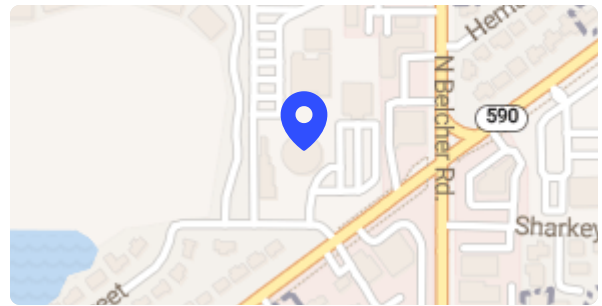
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## Memorial Mass

 **Saturday**, March 24, 2018


 10:00 AM ET


 **Light of Christ Catholic Church**  
2176 Marilyn St, Clearwater FL 33765-2532

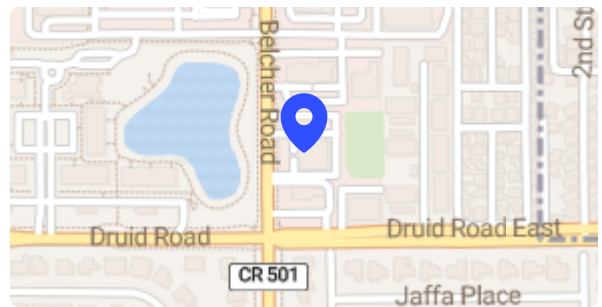


## Gathering of Friends

 **Saturday**, March 24, 2018

 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation Services - Clearwater**  
693 South Belcher Road, Clearwater FL 33764





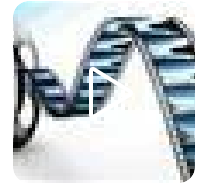
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**Moss Feaster Funeral Home & Cremation Services** shared a **Video**.



March 22 at 11:18 AM



**Mary & George Mcqueen** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Zolfo family.



March 24 at 4:10 AM



**Nicholas Di Napoli** lit a candle in honor of John.

I'm so sorry about cousin John. Sending our love from New York. Cousin Nicky Di Napoli (Roseann's son) and family. God Bless



March 21 at 12:21 PM



**From The Bauer And Yaffee Families** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Zolfo family.



March 21 at 8:02 AM



**Judy Stearns** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Zolfo Family in this especially hard time. Our hearts are broken as we have lost a really true friend. Rest in peace John, we will never forget you and the great times we were fortunate to have with you. We will always love you. Phil and Judy

March 20 at 10:25 AM



**Dan & Laura Goldberg** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Zolfo family.



March 20 at 10:10 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Zolfo family.

March 20 at 6:52 AM



**Sherri Rose** lit a candle in honor of John.

March 20 at 6:23 AM



**Mae Riley** posted:

John was a caring and compassionate man....a true gentleman. He was loved by all who knew him. I hope he has found peace in his new world..My prayers and condolences to the Zolfo Family especially Julia.Sincerely,Mae Riley

March 19 at 3:20 PM



**Caroline** lit a candle in honor of John.

To all of John's family, John was the kindest most gentle man I knew. I spent manydays and evenings laughing and dancing with him. My prayers for his peacewill be daily. God rest his soul and may you all find comfort knowing he is reunited with the people he loves. Caroline Anzalone

March 19 at 4:34 AM



**John And Karen** posted:

To Julia and all of Johns family. We were saddened to hear about a John. May he be at peace. We were always very glad to see John and will miss him. Please accept our deepest sympathy. John and Karen Vella

March 18 at 9:12 PM



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JU

**Julia** lit a candle in honor of John.

Praying that John now be peaceful. He will never be forgotten.

March 18 at 6:10 PM



JS

**Jack Sears** posted:

John was a good friend in the short time that we had fun together. He was one of a kind, very generous, friendly and accommodating. He will surely be missed by me and everyone who knew him. May he now be peaceful . My heart goes out to the family. Jack sears (Julia's best friend)

March 18 at 5:06 PM

RB

**Regina (Gina) Burke** lit a candle in honor of John.

March 18 at 10:52 AM



DV

**Debbie And Chuck Venedam** posted:

My heart goes out to your family John. You were a great guy and was so much fun to be around when we all lived in the Bronx. I hope that you are at peace with Mary and William and our Lord keeps you safe in his arms. God Bless you and God Bless your family. RIP John.

March 18 at 10:18 AM

DO

**Dan Oconnell** lit a candle in honor of John.

March 18 at 9:27 AM



MR

**Mae Riley** lit a candle in honor of John.

March 18 at 9:11 AM





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MB

**Marilyn Bock** posted:

Marilyn Bock, To the family my prayers go out to You.I am so sad to hear about the loss of such a good person. I will always have fond memories of John. God Bless you all. You are all in my thoughts and prayers

March 17 at 2:44 PM

MF

**Maria Ferrantino** posted:

Dear Julia and family so sorry for your loss you are in my prayers John will always be remembered.

March 17 at 10:35 AM

CZ

**Carol Zolfo** sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Zolfo family.



March 17 at 10:05 AM

DN

**Diane Nasco** lit a candle in honor of John.



March 17 at 5:49 AM

EC

**Ed Cabana** posted:

John, Your smile and dancing feet will be missed. Your presence at the Elks will be missed. Please safe a space on your new dance floor above for me.Ed Cabana

March 17 at 5:40 AM

PT

**Paul Tremper** posted:

My deepest sympathies to the Zolfo family. My family and I lived across the street from them in Lake Hiawatha, and remember John as a most kind, friendly man, who was a source of comfort to others during his own most painful experiences. Our sorrow for his loss should be eased by the joy of knowing he is again with Mary and William. God bless him.Paul Tremper

March 16 at 9:51 AM



## Media

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March 22 at 11:18 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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