



JOHN F. BRUSA SR.

January 17, 1934 - October 29, 2019

John Francis Brusa, 85, of Syracuse NY passed away on Tuesday. He was born on January 17, 1934 in Syracuse NY to Giuseppe and Theresa Brusa. A native of Solvay, John graduated from Morrisville College. He was a US Army Veteran and served in Korea. In 1960, he co-founded J&T Automotive, Inc. in Syracuse, NY where he worked for over 39 years as co-owner. John lived life to the fullest and enjoyed fishing, boating, sports and most of all, spending time with his family.

John was a devout Catholic and a leader in the Charismatic Renewal whose passion was bringing others to a personal relationship with Christ. He helped lead numerous Life in the Spirit Seminars in the Diocese of Syracuse and beyond. On September 28, 2019, even in poor health, he led the Life in the Spirit Seminar at the CNY Marian Center. John's success in business allowed him to help others through generous financial support of various charities, institutions and the Church, both locally and globally.

John is predeceased by his first wife of 34 years, Theresa A. (Lattanzio) Brusa and his stepdaughter, Laura McCarthy-Fried, sister, Rose League and nephew, Rusty League.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Teresa (McCarthy), 7 children, Rose (Thomas) Morgan, of Adams Center, NY, Maria (Richard) Lee, of Marcellus, NY, Joseph (Jacqueline) Brusa, of Huntersville, NC, Patrick (Cheryl) Brusa, of Syracuse, NY, Elizabeth Brusa, of Syracuse, NY, John (Joanne) Brusa Jr., of Solvay, NY, Elena (Michael) Sewall, of Camillus, NY; 4 stepchildren, John

(Doreen) McCarthy, of Manlius, NY, Kitty (Robert) Cowan, of Cazenovia, NY, James McCarthy, of Syracuse, NY, Maureen (Richard) Colson, of Syracuse, NY; stepson-in-law; Scott Fried, 25 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren; also survived by his cousin, Norma (Plotti) Malecki of Crestview Hills, KY, brother-in-law, Anthony (Sophie) Lattanzio, of Apex, NC, several nieces and nephews, and several relatives in Italy.

Family and friends may call from 4:00 to 7:00 pm Friday at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Avenue.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 9:00 am Saturday at Holy Family Church, Fairmount. The Rite of Committal and burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery, Syracuse.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Joseph's House for Women (www.jhfw.org).

Please share online tributes and memories at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Cemetery Details

Assumption Cemetery

2401 Court St.
Syracuse, NY 13208
(315) 454-3841

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home, Inc.
2601 Milton Ave.
Solvay, NY 13209
(315) 468-2431
steve@bagozzitwinsfh.com
<https://www.bagozzitwins.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 2. 9:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Church
127 Chapel Dr.
Syracuse, NY 13219
(315) 488-3139

Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of JOHN F. BRUSA SR.*



BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - October 30, 2019 at 01:51 PM

RS

*Heaven is happy today to accept a very faithful servant. He was truly Christ like in everything he did. Love and Jesus grace to all his family.
Bob Shea*

Robert Shea - November 01, 2019 at 09:37 AM

MG

Such a beautiful tribute to a man who is loved by the Lord, his family, his faith family and many many friends. His memory will live on in all of us who knew him and loved him

Margaret Ganey - November 01, 2019 at 01:03 PM



“ *JOHN F. BRUSA SR.*

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM

PE

“ *John Jr and family, I'm sad to hear that your father passed away. I'm sending heartfelt condolences. You are in my thoughts. Patti Ewanski*

Patricia Ewanski - September 26, 2022 at 08:50 PM

SP

“ Teresa my deepest sympathies to you and your blended family. God bless you and I hope you find solace knowing John is now in heaven. You are both such devoted servants of God. My love and condolences to you.
Susann Panek

Susann Panek - November 01, 2019 at 11:28 AM

MC

“ My deepest condolences to the Brusa family. My dad, Nathan Roberti worked with John & Tom @ J&T for many years. May God bless and keep you. May He shine His face upon you and grant you His peace! Sincerely, Mary(Roberti Donnelly)Cutler from Albany, NY

Mary Cutler - October 31, 2019 at 10:01 PM

DW

“ thank you John for all you have done for our parish God Bless You the Walto Family

Donna Walto - October 31, 2019 at 04:05 PM



“ John was a dedicated servant of the Lord. He will hear, "Well done, good & faithful servant." My condolences to Teresa and the family.
Chris Arabik

Christine Arabik - October 31, 2019 at 02:45 PM

SW

“ To John's family all the pain and suffering are gone, May he rest in Peace. John you are Safely Home, God Bless. Sharon Williams

sharon williams - October 31, 2019 at 02:26 PM

JR

“ ..so sorry for your loss, I remember work with John at J & T Automotive many moons ago, the good old days, our deepest sympathy for the Bruza family....Jim and Sandy Rommes



James Rommes - October 31, 2019 at 12:45 PM

RT

“ Our sincere sympathy to Teresa and all the family on the loss of John. Holy Family will truly miss him. He touched so many lives. Rose Marie & Mary Jane Train

Rose Marie Train - October 31, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of JOHN F. BRUSA SR..



October 30, 2019 at 09:16 PM



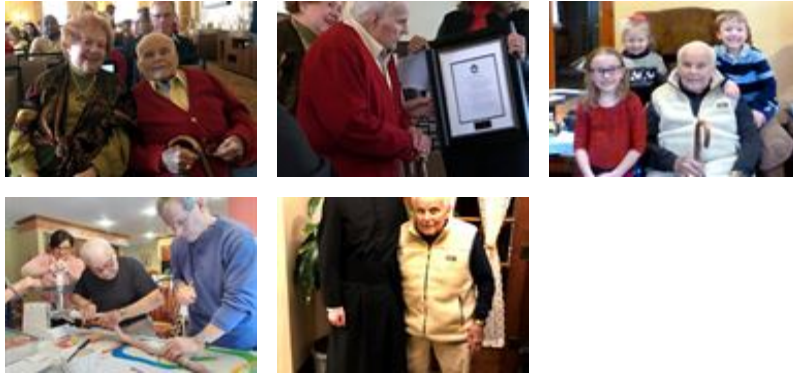
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October 30, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ 63 files added to the album LifeTributes



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DF

“ He was an inspiration to so many. Our sympathy to you all. Dominic & Joyce Farrell

Dominic & Joyce Farrell - October 30, 2019 at 11:04 AM

YL

“ Your Friends at High Acres Landfill purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of JOHN F. BRUSA SR..



Your Friends at High Acres Landfill - October 30, 2019 at 09:41 AM

CS

“ Much love and prayers going out to the family of John. This man was special to many, and loved and admired by me and my husband. He was more than a family friend, and employer to us. He was also a spiritual mentor and personal friend. <3

cheryl ann schmelling - October 30, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ *Rest in Peace John. You did your job here on earth for Jesus well.
Prayers to your family*

Ralph Courchaine - October 30, 2019 at 07:44 AM

CB

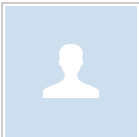
“ *Maria and family. Thinking of you during this difficult time.*

Cathy Baratta - October 30, 2019 at 07:29 AM

FT

“ *It is with a lot of sorrow that I learn of John's death. He was a great friend, a kind man, a family man, and a God loving christian. Personally, he helped me in a very big way. I will miss you John. John we loved you but God loved you more. To John's family, be assured of my prayers as you mourn. May your soul rest in peace. Fr. Tuka (Kenya).*

Fr. Tuka - October 30, 2019 at 12:39 AM



“ *J lit a candle in memory of JOHN F. BRUSA SR.*



j - October 29, 2019 at 11:47 PM

BW

“ *Dearest Teresa and Family,
How totally exquisite for John to behold Jesus Christ, face to face!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I cannot imagine in earthly terms..... "Well done, good and faithful servant"... He was a prize in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I consider it a great and glorious honor to have known and prayed with him.*
Beverly Wirth

Beverly Wirth - October 29, 2019 at 09:50 PM