



John D. Gioffreda

January 1, 2026

John D. Gioffreda, 80, of North Providence, passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2026, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. John was the devoted husband of Grace (Ruggiero) Gioffreda. Born in Providence, he was a son of the late John and Ida (Ursillo) Gioffreda.

He was a Navy Veteran serving 1965-1967. He was an electrician at Blue Cross and a member of the IBEW local 99 Union.

He enjoyed fixing antique cars, fishing, trips to the beach and time with his grandchildren. John was a loving and devoted father and grandfather. He is survived by his two sons; James Gioffreda and his wife Colleen, Michael Gioffreda and his wife Patti; his sister Concetta "Connie" Paolino; and his grandchildren, Connor, Angelina, Ryan, Megan, Mackenzie, Madison and Gianna. He was predeceased by his brothers Louis Gioffreda and Richard Gioffreda. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association at donorservices.alz.org A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday January 8th at 10am at St. Anthony's Church, Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence. Burial with military honors will follow to the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Anthony Catholic Church
1413 Mineral Spring Avenue
North Providence, RI 02904

Burial with Military Honors

JAN 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery
301 South County Trail (Route 2)
Exeter, RI 02822

Tribute Wall

DG

“ We had some great times when we all lived together on Sumner Avenue in my grandfather and grandmother’s tenement house. Life was very simple, but we were all close. When I was in my teens, he was the one who got me interested in cars. He use to give me stacks of his hot rod magazines. As I got older, I gave them all back to him to give to his kids. I hope his family still has them. He took me and my father on the aircraft carrier which he was stationed on in Boston, when he was in the Navy, the USS WASP. That aircraft carrier was used to pick up the astronauts that were on Gemini space shuttle.

These memories I will always treasure, your Nephew David.

David Gioffreda - January 11 at 07:58 PM

GR

David that was so beautiful thank you

Grace - January 12 at 06:32 AM

CG

“ I have such wonderful memories of Uncle Johnny. We always had a good time when our families were together. Uncle Johnny had a great sense of humor, he was kind and he was always ready to help. I’ll hold these memories close to my heart.

Auntie Grace, Jimmy, Michael and family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Carole and Tom

Carole Gioffreda - January 08 at 07:58 PM

GR

Thank you so much Carol and Tom

Grace - January 09 at 01:14 PM

JP

“ *Uncle Johnny and Auntie Grace were my godparents and second parents to me. Jimmy and Michael are like brothers. I have so many great memories of going to their home and them coming to ours. He was a very special man and someone I admired a great deal. I will always be grateful to how treated me and his sister, my mother. He will be missed but not forgotten.*

John Paolino - January 08 at 11:00 AM

GR

Thank you John!

Grace - January 08 at 07:18 PM

SN

John will always be remembered so fondly by me. He was a kind and genuinely good man, a wonderful brother-in-law, and so much fun to be around. John was always honest and direct—if something was on his mind, he would share it openly and sincerely. He was truly special and will be deeply missed. May he rest in peace. With Love, Sylvia

Sylvia A Natale - January 09 at 12:58 AM

GR

Thank you so much Sylvia

Grace - January 09 at 01:16 PM

GW

“ *Remembering all the good times and sharing wonderful memories with our families. We will miss you. May you rest in peace*

Gavin Walker - January 08 at 10:17 AM

GR

Thank you so much Gavin and Cheryl

Grace - January 09 at 01:17 PM

CI

“ Uncle Johnny, thank you for all the great memories. I remember you pulling up to our home for a visit in your Corvette and I asked you to take me for a ride. I loved that car almost as much as you did! I will cherish that memory for ever.

My sincere condolences to Auntie Grace, Jimmy and Michael and the entire family.

Cheryl Iannetta - January 08 at 08:25 AM

GR

Thank you Cheryl

Grace - January 08 at 07:19 PM

TP

“ Thank You Uncle Johnny for all the great memories we shared. I remember the early days going to your house celebrating birthdays and family events. So sorry for your loss Auntie Grace and family.

Tom Paolino and Patricia Jeffrey

Thomas Paolino - January 08 at 08:09 AM

GR

Thank you Tom and Patricia

Grace - January 10 at 05:07 AM

MA

“ I have known Johnny for a long time, married to my cousin Grace. He loved his wife and was extremely good to his children. He was always a jokester and enjoyed hearing a funny joke. He will be missed.

Marilyn - January 08 at 08:07 AM

GR

Thank you Marilyn

Grace - January 10 at 05:17 AM

Jl

“ *Dad - Thanks for all the laughter and fun. Thanks for fishing/boating trips, little league baseball, a roof over our head, and food on the table every single day. Thank you for showing us the importance of love, family, and friendship. I'll miss you. I hope all of our loved ones that have passed on, have welcomed you home in peace. Love you always. Jimmy.*

Jimmy - January 06 at 09:50 AM

AP

“ *Dear Grace and family....I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. May your special memories help you through this difficult time, and may he rest in peace.*

With sincere sympathy, Arlene Picozzi

arlene picozzi - January 05 at 03:21 PM

GR

Thank you Arlene.

Grace - January 06 at 09:48 AM