John Joseph Jacavone

January 15, 2024

John Joseph Jacavone, 70, of Grantville, PA, formerly of Johnston, RI passed away on January 15, 2024.

John had a love for animals and devoted his life to racing horses. He took over his fathers legacy and was the youngest person at the age of 19 to obtain his trainers license. John raced horses all along the East Coast making many friends along the way. His passion for animals was passed down to his three daughters. When John wasn't at the race track you could find him fishing by the river, hunting, or smoking meats. He will forever be remembered for his signature pony tail and impressive mustache.

He is survived by his three children, Theresa Jacavone, Angela Jacavone, DO (Jay Coutu), and Laura (Jacavone) Parrillo, RN BSN (Anthony); his grandchildren, Zelano Jacavone Parrillo and Melania Rose Jacavone Parrillo; his former spouse, Celeste Jacavone; his sisters, Linda Hawkins and Jackie Brodeur and his aunts Nora and Maureen. He also leaves countless other family members including cousins, who were like brothers, and friends from all over especially at Penn National Race Course. He was predeceased by his parents Carmine and Anna Jacavone.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 25th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. with a Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West

Greenville Road, Scituate, RI. Burial will follow in St. Ann Cemetery, Cranston.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in John's memory to: PAWS in Camp Hill, PA Home (pawsofpa.org) or Scituate Animal Shelter in Scituate, RI, fsasri.org

Cemetery Details

St. Ann Cemetery

73 Church Street
Cranston, RI 02920

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

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Tribute Wall

BQ

My family will never forget how good John was to my late husband Paul when he was going through his cancer. R.I.P. John you will be missed and long remembered!! The Paul Quirk Family!

Beatrice M Quirk - January 25, 2024 at 10:18 PM

HH

So very sorry for your loss. I will always remember the good times we had working together on the farm.

Harvey Hawkins - January 22, 2024 at 08:30 AM

NA

The Jacavone Family, I am sorry for your loss of John. He and his father were friends of mine for many many years. John was always there to help when needed: take a horse to the fairs, borrow equipment, or tend to my horses.A good man that will be missed by many. RIP

Norman Albanese - January 21, 2024 at 11:23 AM

BK

So sorry to hear about John's passing and my thoughts and prayers to his family.John was a longtime racetrack good friend that was there for me anytime i needed to send him a horse or 2 0r 3 from Parx or Charles Town. And even to the old farm in Johnston.When he was at the barn and I was in Pa id Go to his barn just to hang out with him and talk about the good old days RIP My friend

Bobby Knych - January 20, 2024 at 06:14 PM

FP

Linda & Jackie,

So sorry to hear about John's Passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Fran Dilazzaro Piscione

Fran Dilazzaro Piscione - January 20, 2024 at 06:00 PM

MA

Jackie & Linda,
I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts & prayers are with you & the family 😘

maria albanese - January 20, 2024 at 04:39 PM

MC

Sorry about loosening such a good friend as John. He was a great man ,& friend. He trained our horses the last couple of years. Could not have asked for a better trainer. He did this for Andy for many years & just got better each year Our hearts are broken & will miss him dearly. Andy knows he is up there looking at the horses to claim one for him. Mary & Andrew Calcione Sr

mary calcione - January 20, 2024 at 04:11 PM

PL

Sorry to hear about John passing was a good friend I grew up with so sending prayers to the family Paul lichtenberger and Dorothy Santos

Paul lichtenberger - January 20, 2024 at 09:18 AM

TH

With the exception of my sisters and brothers Johnny Jac was my first friend. His mom and my mom were best friends, so we grew up together. Johnny has many cousins that lived nearby, so our circle of friends grew quickly even before our school time years enlarged that circle. We learned to ride bicycles and horses together, we also explored the woods together, where we camped, hunted, fished, and learned to swim together. Weather it was flying kites, or playing baseball, it was Johnny, his cousins, the Hawkins boy's and other local boy's, growing-up together, learning and living life together. This circle of friends grew thru our teen and adult years, our first cars, where we learned break'em and fix'em, as needed, together. Then as life moves forward weddings, children, family functions, and yes many shared losses together. And so here we are, all these years afterwards a very, very large circle of friends (family) who grew and loved each other together. John has now stepped up to that next stage where in time we too will join him once more together.
Good Luck on your journey our friend.
Tom Hawkins & family

Tom Hawkins - January 20, 2024 at 06:15 AM