



John Alden Parmelee

May 16, 2026

John Alden Parmelee, 83, of North Scituate, passed away peacefully at home on May 16, 2026. He was the beloved husband of Susan M. Parmelee (Wahl), with whom he shared a life filled with faith, family, and dedication to others.

Born in Providence, John was the son of the late Lyman “Mal” Parmelee Jr. and Dorothy (Baird) Parmelee.

In addition to his wife, John is survived by his children: Aimee Parmelee-Bova of Sterling Heights, MI; Anna Parmelee of Savannah, GA; Kara Parmelee of Washington, D.C.; Jonas Parmelee of Johnston, RI; and Jason Parmelee of North Scituate, RI. He was a proud grandfather to Aidan, Esmé, Elizabeth, and Jonathan.

John was the brother of William Parmelee and his wife, LuAnn, of West Palm Beach, Florida and the late Jane Baird Parmelee.

John graduated from Cranston High School East on June 13, 1961. He later served for one year at the United States Coast Guard Academy aboard the USCGC Eagle, known as “Americas tall ship”, where he especially enjoyed climbing the mast. He went on to graduate from Boston University with a degree in accounting.

John began his professional career with Ernst & Ernst, where he worked for five years before establishing his own business, Parmelee Services. Throughout his career, he founded several accounting firms and became known for his dedication to helping others through his work. In addition, he did consulting and auditing work for cities and towns throughout the state of Rhode Island. In 1999, John was knighted in Hungary as part of the Freedom Movement. He also served as controller of Atlantic Research & Publications and was a longtime friend of General Béla K. Király, Commander-in-Chief of the Revolutionary Forces during the Hungarian uprising.

In addition to accounting, John co-owned two restaurants: Monte Green in Middletown, Connecticut and Geo's Pasta & Grill in Coventry, Rhode Island.

John loved accounting, helping others, and meeting new people. He also loved to travel and had a deep appreciation for music, especially classical music. He sang with the Rhode Island Civic Chorale Orchestra and once performed a solo, an experience he greatly cherished. John also had a deep appreciation for flowers and nature and was a devoted fan of the Atlanta Braves Baseball Team.

John was a deeply spiritual man who devoted much of his life to studying the Bible, reading it in its entirety more than eight times. He was always seeking ways to strengthen his relationship with God, and in 2022 he was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. His strong Bible-based faith gave him deep confidence in the hope of the resurrection, and his family looks forward to seeing him again soon.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1742 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, Rhode Island 02919.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
1742 Atwood Avenue
Johnston, RI

Tribute Wall

CP

“ *Ruth Parmelee and my mom were 1st cousins. My grandfather was Percy Parmelee. Ruth Butler purchased our home in 1961 on Netherlands Ave.
I was in Jane's class at CHS.
Missed being able to talk to John. Carolyn(Little) Payne cbpbeach@cox.net*

Carolyn Payne - May 31 at 08:34 PM

WP

“ *Condolences to Susan & entire Family. We knew John for several years and had the utmost respect for this very kind gentleman with such kindness & integrity. So much respect for him and will keep him in our thoughts & prayers.*

*Sincerely,
William & Linda Perry
Greenville, RI*

William & Linda Perry - May 30 at 02:09 PM

TS

“ *Few people in my life have showed the level of care and concern that John did. For the several years that we knew each other, weekly lunches, deep conversations, and laughter were cherished, and remain cherished memories. It was with sadness that we heard of John's passing and our thoughts and prayers are with Susan and family. May the Lord Jesus be your comfort and may He wrap His loving arms around you as you grieve.*

Todd Stricklin - May 27 at 04:23 PM

SR

“ My husband and I were talking about John just yesterday. We did not know that he had passed. We were recalling what a trustworthy and kind man he was. Our sympathies to his family.

Susan and Steve Round - May 27 at 01:46 PM



“ John was a kind, loving and giving person. He was always a friend to my husband and I and I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. May his family find comfort in how loved he was by so many.

Leslie Cucino - May 23 at 09:08 AM

RG

“ I didn't know John much at all and met him only once on a visit to R.I. to Susan's house along with Debra since thy are both my 1st cousins. John's photo tells me he was a kind and sensitive person. I'm sure he is missed by all who knew him. I offer prayers of peace to him and his family.

ROSEMARY GREEN - May 22 at 07:37 PM

FL

“ Jay sorry for your loss, John was a good man a true gentleman he treated us very well over years his service was always appreciated he will be sorely missed 🙏 FARRELL AND DONNA LAYDEN

FARRELL LAYDEN - May 21 at 09:40 PM

PH

“ Dear Jason and family, although I never met your dad, I heard and saw how well loved he was through your respect for him. Bless you all as you work through this great loss.



Paulette Hamilton - May 21 at 03:26 PM

KE

“ Kregh Shippay ESQ. lit a candle in memory of John Alden Parmelee



Kregh Shippay ESQ. - May 21 at 11:28 AM

CC

“ Johnny, as I called him was my first and best cousin. He was my mom Ruth's nephew and like a son to both my other and father. He often hung out with my family, staying at our house often and we all spent summers in Charlestown back in the day! I remember the story of me having a febrile seizure as a baby and Johnny came to the rescue and hustled my mom, sister Bonnie and I into his car to take me to the hospital! Clearly I lived, my hero. As a child we would always go to Aunt Dot and Uncle Mal's for Christmas Eve and John's birthday celebration! When I was 17 and could drive John let me take his "Lincoln Continental" to the movies with my younger sister Janet and my friends. He was the best, to trust me with his car! As I got older I would always go to John's office to do my taxes every year. Johnny wasn't just my cousin he was aa big part of our family. I loved and will miss him very much!

Carol A Cornell - May 21 at 10:24 AM

DW

“ John was a beloved brother in law. Living life to the fullest with those he loved and befriended. A gentle man who always saw the best in others. He will be missed..

Susan, Jason and Jonas you are in our prayers. Love Deb and Bruce

Deborah Wahl - May 21 at 09:20 AM

CJ

“ John was a dear friend and a kind man and true gentleman. My family and I thought the world of him. Our sympathies go out to Susan , Jason , Jonas. Very Sincerely,,, Cindy , Joe and Scarlett

Cindy Johnson - May 20 at 06:09 PM

MD

“ Jim and I are very thankful we were able to meet John. We both enjoyed his company. He will be missed.

Michele & Jim

Michele Diamond - May 20 at 03:23 PM