



Giovanni (John) Carollo Sr.

June 26, 1936 - January 14, 2023

Giovanni (John) Carollo Sr, 86, of Leesburg, FL, passed away on January 14th at Harbor Chase of Wildwood.

John was born on June 26, 1936 to Giacomo and Francesca (Polizzano) Carollo on Staten Island, NY. At the age of 17, John enlisted and served in the Air Force focusing on ATC. He met the love of his life, Rita Arruda and was married on January 17, 1957.

After leaving the Air Force, John began his career as an Air Traffic Controller in Danville, VA then moving his career to Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, CT. John and Rita went on to have 4 children and raised the family in Enfield, CT for 40+ years.

In retirement, John and Rita moved to Leesburg, FL in 2001. Over the years they loved to travel together. John enjoyed singing to Frank Sinatra songs, flying model planes, loved fishing, horses and always enjoyed watching a Classic movie (as there is "nothing like an old movie"). Also, John has been known to call any animal, cat, dog or horse Twinksie!

John was predeceased by his wife, Rita, his parents and his sister Rosalie. He is survived by his children John Carollo Jr (wife Cheryl) of Melbourne, FL, Joseph Carollo of South Glastonbury, CT, Jamie Carollo (wife Patricia) of

Lehigh Acres, FL and Frances Carollo Bizier (husband Steve) of Summerville, SC. He is also survived by a sister Jodi Garda of Staten Island, NY, and several nieces and nephews. He leaves behind 6 grandchildren (Stephanie Gilbert, Kelly Carollo, Jennifer Carollo, Cassie Carollo, Thomas G Lang and Marissa Lang), 4 step-grandchildren (Jason Amato, Stephen Amato, Brandon Bizier and Rebecca Bizier), 1 great grandchild (Lacie Mae Baker) and step-great grandchildren (Alex and Emily Gilbert).

A visitation will be held Friday, January 27, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM at Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, Florida followed by a graveside service at 11:00 AM at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida the same day. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory
1123 W Main St
Leesburg, FL 34748
(352) 787-4343

Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Giovanni (John) Carollo Sr.*



Beyers Funeral Home - January 16, 2023 at 11:08 AM

MS

Having grown up across the street from John, there are just so many memories that I have of time spent with him. He always had the ability to make me laugh(even through hard times) that is how I'll always remember him. He had his own approach to life and lived that way. I know he was so proud of all his children(and surely his grandchildren). He's left a legacy second to none. Glad I was able to know him. 🙏

Mark Sullivan - January 22, 2023 at 04:24 PM

KI

“ *The harborchase family is going to miss his so much. He kept all of us laughing and on our toes. I think I will miss him the most after all he became my family to me. Love you dad*



Kimberly - January 18, 2023 at 08:21 PM



Thank you for such kind words Kim..... For sure you were the other daughter in the family. He absolutely loved you. I appreciate all that you did for him.

Fran Bizier - January 19, 2023 at 02:32 PM

CG

“ Sorry for your loss my old friends from Carriage Drive in Enfield. Loved living across the street from your Dad. He was always so passionate about life and his laughter was infectious!💙

Cynthia Gavin - January 17, 2023 at 09:22 PM

GE

Just came across this obituary. Ahh Johnny I knew you well. We were friends at BDL for years. Lotts fun Johnny. Rest in peace my friend

Gene - July 01, 2025 at 11:00 PM

NM

“ Nancy Mathieu lit a candle in memory of Giovanni (John) Carollo Sr.



Nancy Mathieu - January 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM

NM

“ I was grateful and blessed to have both your parents in my life especially after having lost mine at such a young age with a 4 year old - they help me keep my sanity. I was happy I got to spend time with them after I moved to Florida and will miss them both so much. My condolences to you all.
Nancy Mathieu

Nancy Mathieu - January 17, 2023 at 10:59 AM

DM

“ I will always remember the best pool party's at the house during our high school years and your Dad was so fun and excited to have us teens at the house, he was like one of us!! Sending my condolences and Sympathy to you all!

Darlene DeRagon McHale - January 17, 2023 at 10:09 AM

MW

“ John and my father worked together at Bradley Airport for years. They were out neighbors. Rita and my mother were friends and John was such a funny hyper guy! I remember the time he accidentally dropped a whole platter of spaghetti over my father's head! Everyone was hysterical except ..guess who! I have fond memories of John and will never forget him. My sincere sympathies to all four of you 💕💕

Marie wiers - January 16, 2023 at 07:22 PM