



John Panzetta

February 22, 1941 - February 12, 2014

Obituary of John Panzetta

John Cosmo Panzetta, Sr., 72, of Bushnell, FL, died Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at Sumterville, FL. He was born February 22, 1941 in Pulsano, Italy. He was an Ordained Minister with the Assemblies of God and a member of Bushnell Assembly of God. Mr. Panzetta was the prison chaplain at Sumter Correctional Institution from 1979-2012, and during his 33 years there, multiplied thousands of men experienced the love of Jesus through his ministry. He was a graduate of Yale Divinity School (MDIV) and awarded a Doctorate of Divinity from Trinity Christian College in 2011. He was a scholar who always had a book in his hand and was always ready to talk to people about the greatness of our God and the saving power of Jesus.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Joanne Panzetta of Bushnell, FL: son, Johnny Cosmo (Rivkah) Panzetta of Surprise, AZ; daughter, Maria Panzetta of Bushnell, FL; grandchildren, Dina, Douglas, Rhiannon, Giovanni, Antonio, Kassiani, Rivkahle, and Raphael; brothers, Angelo (Maria) Panzetta of Pulsano, Italy, Cataldo (Grazie) Panzetta of Pulsano, Italy, and Antonio (Anna) Panzetta of Pulsano, Italy; sisters, Teresa (Giovanni) Pantaleo of Pulsano, Italy, and Epifania Panzetta of Pulsano, Italy.

Visitation

A Visitation will be held at the Bushnell Assembly of God on Monday, February 17, 2014 from 11 - 1 pm.

Services

Services will follow at 1:00 pm with Rev. Dan Mariano and Pastor Clarence Crane presiding.

Interment

Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Bushnell.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Your Messianic Jewish Friends of Greater Phoenix, Arizona, salute you John Panzetta. You have been an inspiration toward godliness for multiplied thousands. We will greatly miss your kind presence and keen scholarly mind. Our untimely loss is heaven's eternal gain. Your memory will always be cherished.*

Dr. Ray Gannon - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *When you meet a true man of God, you feel the honor and the majesty of our Messiah in his spirit. So it was with meeting and speaking with John Panzetta. He was all that God intended him to be, and now he is being rewarded! Shalom Shabbat my brother in Christ our Messiah! My love and prayers for God's peace to be and do what only he can do to all of the Panzetta family.*

Julia Friedner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Wonderful friend and true man of God.*

Jerry and Carol - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *Arrivederci Zio!*

Alex - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ It's a wonderful thing to have known the Panzetta Patriarch and to know his lovely wife Joanne. The time spent with them was quality and was like spending time with family that we've known of our lives. It was the joy of our Lord that was a shared commonality between us, especially radiating from Joanne...our wives always make us look & feel great! Mr. Panzetta's prayers were as if they were scripted by Heaven itself, very beautiful. He was a harbor for wisdom, which profited me much to sit still and listen to him (to the best of my ability to understand him with his REALLY COOL accent, LOL). He will truly be missed! As we send our condolences, we celebrate his life, and his life again. Cosmo, a perfect successor to the late Panzetta Patriarch. Shalom & Blessings to Mr. Panzetta's Family, Gonzales'

Gonzales Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Rejoice in his life and love that he showed you all. We welcome Joann to Phoenix and will support you with our love and echad. Sending hugs across the miles as you celebrate him and prepare to come back to AZ! Shabbat shalom to you all. May you be united in strength. Love Lisa

Lisa Greenspon - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Deepest sympathy to Joanne and family, the only peace is knowing John is rejoicing with all of our family enjoying the final reward for his faithfulness. Wish I could hug you but know you are being thought of thru this sad time

Janet Mariano - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Wha a life! What a testimony and a legacy of the love of the Lord!
My condolences, love and joy, knowing he is with the almighty!
Remember him always.....*

Lori Gilmour - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *So sorry to learn of John's passing, but we know he is with the Lord
in Heaven. We'll never forget his friendliness and commitment to
Jesus. Joanne, Johnny and Maria and families, we will always love
yall.*

David & Janice Carpenter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Mr. Panzetta left behind a wonderful legacy.*

Ashlee Strickland - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My love and sympathy goes out to a family I've known a very long
time. I love you all, and wish I could be there to wrap my arms
around each one of you, Maria, Johnny and Mama Panzetta. May
the Holy Spirit bring you peace and understanding in this time of
need.*

Sonya Spears - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Dear Panzetta Family, Our hearts mourn with you during this recent loss of your beloved Husband, Father, and Brother. Soon you will meet him on the other side, never to be separated again. He is with his beloved Yeshua. Oh what beautiful sites and sounds he is seeing right now! His life work will not return void, and one day you will see all that the Lord did through him. We will be praying for all of you! May the Lord comfort you and give you His peace! Love in Christ, Steve and Kari Nerness Springfield, MO Formerly of Bethel AG

Steve and Kari Nerness - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Our hearts both weep at your loss and rejoice that this faithful soldier of the cross has finished his course here and has received his crown from the King of Kings.

Brad and Kathy Lombardi - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Joanne and family...I know the grace of God will carry you in the days ahead. You had a precious gift in your evryday life with Pastor John and I was also blessed to have met him.

Cheryl Walsh - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ My deepest condolence for your loss and my love and prayers are with you all. God Bless you all.

Gina Vateil - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My deepest condolences Johnny on the death of your daddy. It is evident you have great love and admiration for him. Praying Jesus upholds you at this time.

Shannon Whittington - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband, Mr Panzetta may God be with you and your family in the coming days and months God bless and keep you in his loving armes

Wanda Galbraith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Laura and I want to convey our heart-felt condolences to Joann and to all of the Panzetta Family in their time of bereavement. Chaplain Panzetta was a great man of God who invested his life in the cause of transforming the lives of the men who reside behind the fences. I continue to reap the fruits of his labors since I was his successor as the Chaplain at the Sumter Correctional Institution. There is not a day that goes that I do not see the great results of his 33 years of dedicated ministry. I know that heaven must have grown quite a bit brighter when Chaplain Panzetta entered into the presence of His Lord. I am sure that the words of Jesus, "Well done thy good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord," must have echoed throughout the heavenly realm as Chaplain Panzetta was welcomed and greeted by His Lord and Savior. My life and ministry has been greatly enriched by having known Chaplain John Panzetta. His presence and ministry will be sorely missed on this side of heaven.

John and Laura Hope - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I'm so sorry for the pain for those left behind that have to learn how to adjust to a life without their beloved, but so excited for your Dad to be out of pain and dancing with Jesus! His life was spent for the Lord on earth and now he is reaping his rewards. Hallelujah!

Janine Joi - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ John will truly be missed here on earth, but Heaven rejoices to have him. John has been an inspiration to us throughout our years of ministry. Always words of encouragement! He would guide us through our progress! We will always hold him and all the family in our hearts. Bye for now but it is certain we will see you later! With all our love Pastor Larry and Sister Jan'

Pastor Larry & Jan Johnson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Words cannot even begin to express our sorrow. Please remember that you are not alone...we are always here for you.

Bonni & Nick Acton - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ We are very sorry to hear of Mr. Panzetta's death. He was a man who truly loved Christ and his fellow man. He will be missed in his job and his community where he was a witness to God's love. We will keep the family in our prayers.

Tom and Jackie Peterson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Our hearts are saddened by John's passing but comforted by his love for the Lord. What a great man, and we were blessed to know him. Love always.

Scott and Lesley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ John was a good friend and a strong man of God. We at Sumter Correctional Institution will miss him.

Roger Smith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ What a wonderful man and a wonderful legacy he is leaving. He is celebrating in heaven with our Savior but he will be greatly missed here on earth by so many. May God's peace and comfort reign in your hearts dear Panzetta family. Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love and blessings

Sherry Turner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Panzetta*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My soul weeps with you and your family. Even though we have that blessed assurance that he is in the arms of his Heavenly Father, and is now dancing around the throne room and worshiping his King, we grieve and weep with the pain of missing them so. Dads (and moms), are the two people that have been there every day of our life and it's so hard to imagine life without them here. Your dad was such a beautiful example of a godly man and how we should all live with kingdom purposes as our priority... You have a priceless inheritance Cosmo. And I continue to lift your heart (as well as the hearts of your family), up to Abba, who is the God of all comfort! There are no words that I can say... But I will lift you up to the one that can comfort you and speak words of Shalom to your heavy heart. I am so thankful that I had the privilege to meet "Papa", during the six weeks he was here the end of 2012. What an honor and a privilege... sitting with him after Shabbat services, and listening to his words of wisdom is he patiently waited for his son to finish shepherding and counseling is sheep. He would put down the book he was reading (he always had a Bible and a book in his hand), and he would so passionately and generously share about his Lord and Savior. He was so strong and full of godly wisdom, that I felt like I just wanted to sit there and listen and soak up everything he said. (I am so thankful for that brief but rich time). May God bless you my dear shepherd, and may our Great Shepherd hold you ever so gently in His arms, against His chest. Love and prayers, your sister in Yeshua, Barb

Barbara Crandall - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Although I've met John only once while he was visiting here in Phoenix for Chanukkah, 2012, I've heard wonderful things about him as a husband, father and faithful servant of Jesus Christ / Yahshua HaMashiach. I wish I had as wonderful of a family to have grown up in as the Panzetta family; you're all very fortunate to have had him as a dad. Just a reminder... this separation is only for a short while. Prayers up for your family.

Anna - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We were so privileged to have known the Panzetta's and both John and Mrs. Panzetta taught us so much. You are loved by many and will never be forgotten. Deepest sympathy to the family.

Doug and Linda McCray - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ My heart is aching at our loss of Chaplain Panzetta, but knowing he is healed and with our Lord eases the pain a little bit. We are praying for God's peace and comfort through the next few days and weeks. So many memories are flooding in, recovering the chairs and dressing changes for Joanne's shoulder, and then he would come home from work. Know that I love you and I am praying and rejoicing with yall.

Sylvia - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ My heart is broken, but my soul rejoices because I know where he is and that he is complete now that he is home with our Lord!

Suzanne Fuller - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Rabbi Cosmo and family, Our prayers are with you and your family during your loss. My ADONIA be with you and bless you.

lorenia cramer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I am so going to miss you John and our chats at Dunkin Donuts and i will remember what you said about reading the Psalms Heaven gained an angel. With prayers for Maria and Joann if you need anything let me know. Stella

Stella - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I miss you, Daddy....every day is a day closer to seeing you again...until then, I will keep my eyes on Jesus! I love you.

Maria Grace - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Eileen and I want to convey our heart-felt condolences to Joann and to all of the Panzetta Family in their time of bereavement. God be with you and your family in the coming days and months God bless and keep you in his loving arms.

Eileen and Abe Koniarsky - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM