

John A. Scappatura

December 11, 1941- September 21, 2022

Musical Prelude ~ Kathy Jaskulski

Welcome ~ Pastor Dwight Dolby

Call to Worship ~ from Isaiah 25

L: He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,

P. And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

L. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for him, that he might save us.

P. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn "Speak O Lord" (see insert)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Psalm 4:1-8 Owen Van Dusen (Grandson)

New Testament: Romans 8:18-25 Tyler James (Grandson)

Scenes from John's Life (Video presentation)

Reminisces of Family and Friends

Homily: "For the Lamb Will Be Their Shepherd"
~ Pastor Dolby

Prayer

Hymn "Before the Throne of God Above" (see insert)

Concluding Prayer

Benediction
Postlude

"How Firm a Foundation"

Following the Service: John's family invites all attendees to stay and enjoy some fellowship and food. The food will be served in the fellowship hall and there are tables set up on the church portico.

John was born in Stamford, CT, the son of Nino and Rose Scappatura. In addition to Susan, he is survived by daughter Lisa James and her husband Darrell; son John Scappatura Jr. and his wife Pamela; daughter Kristin Van Dusen and her husband Doug; and daughter Leslie Scappatura. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren: Tyler and Bryan James, Nicole Spector, and John and Owen Van Dusen.

John grew up in an Italian neighborhood on Stamford's west side where everyone was known and closely connected. He was preceded in death by his dearly loved older brother, Rocco (d. 1998). They were motorcycle enthusiasts. Rocco raced and John was his mechanic. John's dad and uncle helped him get set-up in owning a local gas station when he was only 17. He enjoyed everything about his work there, including his role as a volunteer fireman with the Belltown Fire Department. But then after about 6 years, he started his sales career with Hilti through a providential connection with Shelly Kuppersmith at his gas station. John enjoyed travel and he particularly enjoyed golf. He married Susan in October of 1983. Brought up a Roman Catholic, his relationship with Jesus Christ developed over time and his faith was an essential part of his life. When John and Susan retired to Florida in 2017, they became members of Auburn Road Presbyterian Church where John's smile and gentle good humor continued to make him a favorite in the church hallway. His love for Susan only deepened through his last days, a love which continues to inspire those who knew him.

Remembrances of Friends and Business Associates:

“His laugh was contagious.” ~ Ralph Bianco

“I shall always remember John as a true gentleman, good / excellent with people. And he was “da best” salesman I ever knew.”

~ Bob Kelsey

“Over many years he was my boss, my mentor, and most importantly, my friend. He and I went through a lot together and he will be missed.”

~ Bob Zdravecky

“I remember meeting him at his gas station and telling him he was a great salesman and that he should come to work at Hilti. And he did. He was a great friend and I miss his smile.”

~ Shelly Koppersmith

“To us, John was always the big strong guy in the ‘white hat,’ doing the right thing in such a personally generous way. We will miss him.”

~ Jeanne and Larry Tullar

“John was a wonderful guy that brought energy to everyone around him.”

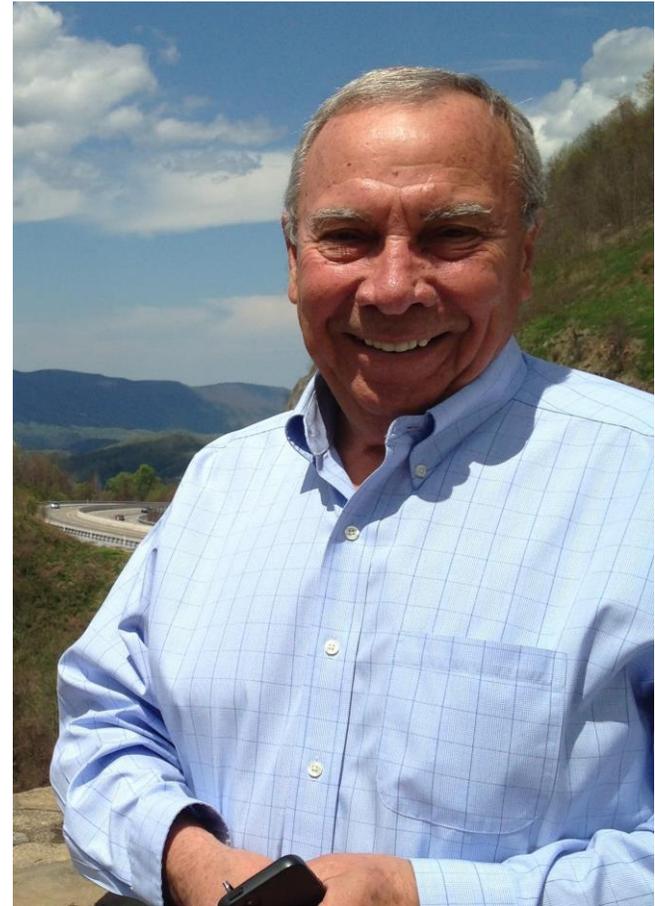
~ Andy Arena

“John had an amazing personality that he could talk and connect with anyone and get to know them on a personal scale as opposed to just business. The one thing that always came through when talking to John was his deep love for you and all his children and grandchildren.”

~ Michael Dwyer

“I worked with John at Hilti and the one word I always used to describe him was, “Gentleman.” He was unquestionably the best manager I ever worked with.”

~ Barry Sanders



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FOR THE LIFE OF
JOHN ANTHONY SCAPPATURA

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VENICE, FL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023
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