



## John Foster

October 21, 1959 - February 20, 2022

John Foster, 62 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at his home in Old Bridge.

Born October 21, 1959, in Canandaigua, New York, John was the son of the late Larry and Jackie Foster.

John was raised in Victor, NY. He graduated from Victor High School where he was a member of the school swim team. John attended S.U.N.Y. Potsdam and was a fraternity brother at Psi Phi Delta. John was active in school government at Potsdam where a losing student government political run would give him the greatest win of his life. John met the love of his life, Kelly Ellis, and the one-time political rivals became soulmates. After graduating from Potsdam, the couple married, living briefly on Cape Cod, before moving to New Jersey in 1986 and settling in Old Bridge in 1998.

Throughout his life John was active in the Boy Scouts, spending his summers on the aquatics staff at Camp Babcock-Hovey on Seneca Lake, NY. When he had a son John became the Cub Master for Pack 129 and then the Boy Scouts Commissioner for Troop 219 in Old Bridge. Active in his children's lives, John was also a parent volunteer with the Old Bridge High School Marching Knights and was a member of the pit crew. Professionally John was the Aquatics Director of the Old Bridge YMCA, mentoring many students in

their first jobs, volunteering and supporting the Old Bridge HS swim team, and making many meaningful and lasting friendships.

John loved being out on the water, boating. He especially loved summers on Caroga Lake in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State boating, wakeboarding, and tubing with family. He was always tinkering with projects around the house and helping friends with anything they needed. John's playlist was filled with Jimmy Buffet, the Grateful Dead and outlaw country. He will be deeply missed by all those that are blessed to have loved him.

John is survived by his life-partner and wife of 35 years, Kelly, by his loving children, Alexander and Caitlin, by his caring siblings, Jody Foster, Carol Ungerer (Rudy), Laura Hainsworth (Mark), and Amy Collins (Bob), by his dear in-laws Frank Lewandusky and Joanne Malecki, Debbie Rensing, Mary and Paul Zordan and Noreen Ellis.. Uncle John made a lasting impact on his many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

A celebration of John's life will take place from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the John Foster YMCA Scholarship at Old Bridge High School. Send Checks payable to Old Bridge High School  
c/o Dr. Vincent Sasso  
4209 Route 516  
Matawan, NJ 07747

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John Foster*



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**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - February 25, 2022 at 02:47 PM



“ *John Foster*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *So Sorry for the loss of your husband John. May he RIP. Prayers are with you and your children 🙏❤️*

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**Carol** - February 26, 2022 at 08:50 PM



“ *I went to the YMCA for a couple years and John was always incredibly kind and always made the funniest jokes. He always threw a smile at anyone he passed and always assisted others. Rest in the sweetest peace, my heart goes out to the family.*

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**Natalie Goldberg** - February 26, 2022 at 02:08 AM



“ 148 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - February 25, 2022 at 02:37 PM

RZ

“ *My Condolences to your family. I worked with John at the YMCA of Freehold as a swim instructor. He was a wonderful supervisor and person. I will miss him.*  
*Rosemary Zelif*

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**Rosemary L Zelif** - February 25, 2022 at 11:58 AM

BM

“ *My condolences to Kelly and family, John was a wonderful neighbor and a good person, he always came to help you In need. He Will be greatly missed. Barbara Marketta and family*

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**Barbara marketta** - February 24, 2022 at 02:20 PM

CD

“ *John you will truly be missed. You were one hell of a pit crew member. Rest peacefully my friend.*

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**Chris Duffett** - February 23, 2022 at 03:36 PM

JH

“ *Our lives are richer for having known John! He was a good friend and co-worker and always had a story to share! He will truly be missed! Sincerest condolences to the entire Foster Family!*

*Julie & Chris Hobson*

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**Julie Hobson** - February 23, 2022 at 12:11 PM

JF

*To Kelly and family. I met John last year when visiting the YMCA facility and he greeted me very graciously. My sincere condolences. I will keep your family in my prayers.*

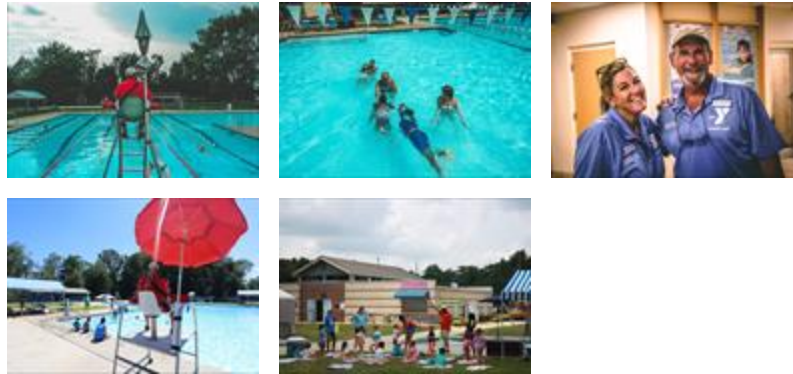
*June Dungee*

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**june Fungee** - February 25, 2022 at 12:29 AM

OY

“ *5 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Old Bridge Family YMCA** - February 23, 2022 at 08:31 AM

YC

*John was more than a co-worker, he was a treasured friend and part of our YMCA family - serving individuals, children and families with kindness and a great love of nurturing swim skills. We will miss his generous heart and gentle smile. - YMCA of Greater Monmouth County Team*

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**YMCA of Greater Monmouth County** - February 23, 2022 at 08:34 AM

JD

“ John was a wonderful and kind person. His love for Aquatics and mentoring young people was seen everyday at the Y. Deep sympathies to Kelly, the kids and all extended family right now during this time of grief and sorrow. Jen Dunn

Jen Dunn - February 23, 2022 at 07:26 AM

JP

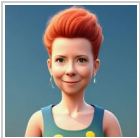
“ Very sorry for your loss.  
John was a great guy !  
With Sympathy ,  
The Pelano Family

jodi Pelano - February 23, 2022 at 06:46 AM

SH

“ Kelly, my deepest condolences are with you and your family. John was a great man and friendly neighbor. He will be missed.

Sergio Herrera - February 22, 2022 at 09:05 PM



“ On football Fridays, John would come to the Bake Table, buy one of everything we had and stuff his pockets. Then he'd run back to the concession stand with a promise of a return visit later in the evening.  
He was one of our most appreciative regulars! Fueled by sugar he ran all night.

Kelly, Alex and Kait, you are in our thoughts. We are so sorry for your loss and offer our deepest condolences.

Susi Neilson - February 22, 2022 at 05:37 PM

JC

“ Kelly and family - my thoughts and prayers go out to you. Such fond memories from our days in Potsdam and all the shenanigans that went long with going there, hanging with him and the Psi Phi brothers, and seeing your relationship blossom to reconnecting with you both at reunion a few years ago. He will be missed by all.

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**Joyce Hogan Clausen** - February 22, 2022 at 05:32 PM

BK

“ Kelly and family: Condolences are sent to all of you. I recall all the times that I spoke to John while attending SUNY Potsdam Alumni Weekends. I will cherish the memories as I hope you will as well. Rest in Peace.



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**Brian E. Kurish** - February 22, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ Even after his children graduated, John and Kelly would always lend a hand at the Old Bridge Marching Knights home show. I have many wonderful memories of John and will always remember what a loving and giving man he was. We have gained another guardian angel. Rest easy John, until we meet again.

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**Julie Formica** - February 22, 2022 at 04:11 PM

NV

“ *It all started 19 years ago with a friendly wave and a good morning neighbor which evolved into a family relationship. John was a great neighbor with many skills and amusing humor. Words cannot express the sorrow and sadness we feel with his loss. John has left an everlasting impact in our lives as well as my family we'll never forget him!*

*Our deepest and heartfelt condolences and know you are in our thoughts, and in our prayers!*

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**Norma Vega-Rivera** - February 22, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ *So many great memories of John. His wit, his humor his friendship other Victor brothers Chris and Larry. I remember being at the wedding in Troy with Kelly and all the Psi Phi brothers. That was a solid church to remain standing with all of us inside! Kelly so sorry for your loss and prayers go to you and the family. May John rest in peace.*

*Rick and Shelia Gerrie*

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**Rick Gerrie** - February 22, 2022 at 02:35 PM

RM

“ *Please accept our condolences on your loss of John.*

*Paul and Rita Maguire*

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**Rita Maguire** - February 22, 2022 at 12:53 PM

SD

“ *So sorry, our condolences to Kelly, Alex and Caitlin.*

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**Sal DiPrima** - February 22, 2022 at 12:22 PM

CD

*John you will truly be missed. You were one hell of a pit crew member. Rest peacefully my friend.*

**Chris Duffett** - February 22, 2022 at 12:54 PM

DR

*Great memories of John and our time in Psi Phi. He was a great brother and had a great sense of humor. All my sympathies for Kelly and family. RIP Brother.*

*Dave Rosen*

**Dave Rosen** - February 22, 2022 at 02:23 PM

DR

*Great memories of John and our time in Psi Phi. He was a great brother and had a great sense of humor. All my sympathies for Kelly and family. RIP Brother.*

*Dave Rosen*

**Dave Rosen** - February 22, 2022 at 02:23 PM



*so sorry for your loss! Would see him at the why with his shorts been at the pool and wondered if he was going outside in the cold that way!! So really sorry Roberta Bernstein*

**Roberta Bernstein** - February 22, 2022 at 04:57 PM

DO

*John was the first person I met when I visited the Freehold Y many years ago. To me, he was "The Face of the Y". Please accept my deepest condolences.*

**Donna** - February 23, 2022 at 01:28 PM