



## John McCaffrey

May 15, 1964 - February 19, 2023

John McCaffrey, 58 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at the Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel, New Jersey.

Born Friday, May 15, 1964 in Newark, New Jersey, John was the son of Ethel McCaffrey and the late John Sufleta.

At the age of nine John's family would move to Keansburg, NJ. John would attend Keansburg High School. John had a love for music, and throughout his life would lead to many gigs and playing in different bands throughout New Jersey. John lived locally around the area staying with many friends before settling in the Laurence Harbor section of Old Bridge with his long time partner Cindi. Though music was always his focus, John previously worked as a maintenance man at the Parkview at Madison complex.

Playing bass was his favorite pastime, but John also enjoyed sitting down every evening and watching Jeopardy. He loved the Dallas Cowboys, and listening to Metal music. A caring friend to all, John will be missed by all those that love him.

John was predeceased by his sister Michelle Bowers,

John is survived by his longtime companion Cindy Lawnik-Smith, by his mother Ethel McCaffrey, by his siblings, Diane McCaffrey, Jeffrey McCaffrey, Sharon Nelson, Gary Nelson, Anthony Garafalo, and Stuart Eisenberg, by his niece Megan Nesbihal and many special caring nieces and nephews, by his best friends Brett Sontag and Tony Flora, by many caring friends, and of course by his love Lisa the Bass.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com](http://www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John McCaffrey*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Jay, a great bass player and a great friend is how I will always remember you. Every time I put on the EP will crank it up a little bit louder in your honor. RIP*

**Phil Quigley** - March 01, 2023 at 09:42 PM



“ *Phil Quigley lit a candle in memory of John McCaffrey*



**Phil Quigley** - March 01, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ *Prayers and Thoughts sent to Jay's Family during this difficult time, Sincerely From The Wilhelm Family*

**Beth Wilhelm** - February 24, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ *Leroy And Rachel Smith lit a candle in memory of John McCaffrey*



**Leroy and Rachel Smith** - February 22, 2023 at 06:19 PM

LS

*Our condolences. We were all childhood friends and share a special bond that last a lifetime. RIP Jay. Your life has touched so many hearts. You will be missed.*

Leroy and Rachel Smith - February 22, 2023 at 06:23 PM

MK

“ *It was an honor knowing you Jay. We had lots of fun times with your Mom and the rest of the family. Condolences to your family as I know how close you were and how much you meant to them. Rest in peace, ❤️🙏*



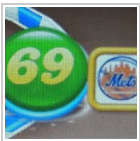
Martha Kircher - February 22, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John McCaffrey.*



February 22, 2023 at 04:46 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Catherine Lintott Matthews - February 21, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ Catherine Lintott Matthews lit a candle in memory of John McCaffrey



Catherine Lintott Matthews - February 21, 2023 at 09:59 PM



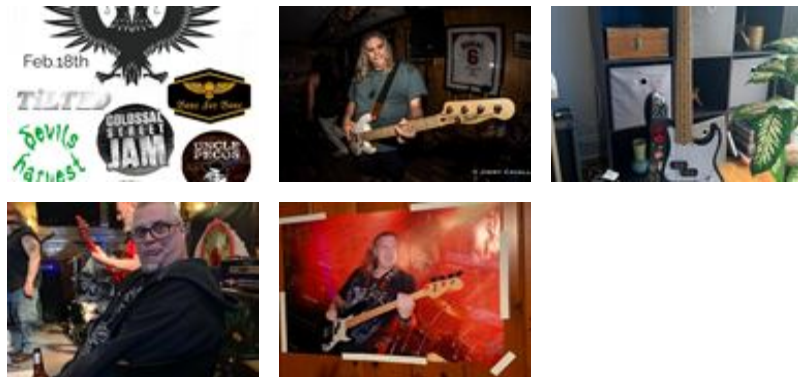
“ Alice Brooks lit a candle in memory of John McCaffrey



Alice Brooks - February 21, 2023 at 08:28 PM



“ 240 files added to the album LifeTributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - February 21, 2023 at 03:19 PM

JF

“ *Jack & Lucinda Flaherty lit a candle in memory of John McCaffrey*



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**Jack & Lucinda Flaherty** - February 21, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John McCaffrey.*



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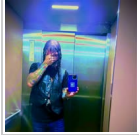
February 21, 2023 at 11:52 AM

KV

“ *Jay every year on may 15 im stealing your birthday weve been forever doing this Im not stopping now rip to the sweetest guy in the wold*

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**Kellie A Vena** - February 21, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ Jay. We were together in what will remain for my life as the first band that really mattered, to me, Elysium. We lost touch after the band dissolved but whenever I saw you, which wasn't often, you were always the same guy I knew, kind, courteous and with humor that could be like a hidden ace when revealed at just the right moment. Thanks for those times at your abode in Union Beach when I needed to get away from whatever madness was going down at the time way back when. I know you fought hard and because of that -- everyone around you won. Rest in Peace. --  
Sunshine



Mark Sunshine - February 20, 2023 at 11:42 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John McCaffrey.



February 20, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family of a great guy taken too soon 😞



melissa - February 20, 2023 at 04:24 PM

JJ

“ Jay and I grew up together in Keansburg, NJ. Jay lived about 10 houses down from us. Jay and I were huge KISS fans and routinely placed the makeup on and would slide the KISS Alive album on and stage the whole KISS show from the album in his room! We would switch up between Paul and Gene! Jay introduced me to playing guitar and Bass. Jay and I hung out at Bruce's house in the basement jamming with Tommy, Bruce, Richie Albe. I can name 20-30 friends who would share playing time between us. We grew up in the 70's when music was solid and not like today's music. Jay introduced me to a lot of women! Jay introduced me to marijuana, which we all loved back then in the Jersey Shore!

We dated our share of women and loved every minute of it! We grew up and went to High School together and simply enjoyed life. I graduated high school and moved to northern jersey then joined the Army. We would catch up from time to time. I introduced my wife and kids to Jay. He was one of the first of friends to hold and meet my son Matthew...over the years he would send me a message about the old days and keep me informed of his dreams of being a rockstar, which he was to me and several of our good friends. I'm gonna miss him. We shared a lot of happy memories and sad ones to. RIP my brother...save me a seat in heaven. I may not get there tomorrow but be patient, we will meet up again! I love you Jay Jay..I always have and will!

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John E Flesch Jr - February 20, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John McCaffrey.



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February 20, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John McCaffrey.* ”



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February 20, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Debby Verelst lit a candle in memory of John McCaffrey* ”



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**Debby Verelst** - February 20, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Much Love, Prayers and Comfort goes out to the family. Krisi Moore* ”

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**Krisi Moore** - February 20, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John McCaffrey.* ”



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February 20, 2023 at 10:49 AM

BM

“ *Never alone, never forgotten, forever in my heart.... ❤️ Rest in Peace John - alias My Bloody Finger ❤️*



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**Bianca "Steeli" Markhoff** - February 20, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Bill Yates lit a candle in memory of John McCaffrey*



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**Bill Yates** - February 20, 2023 at 10:46 AM

KK

“ *Kevin Kennedy lit a candle in memory of John McCaffrey*



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**Kevin Kennedy** - February 20, 2023 at 10:41 AM

KK

“ *Best times of our lives together brother ,save me a spot up there to Jam together I Love You. K.K*

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**Kevin Kennedy** - February 20, 2023 at 10:39 AM

DK

“ *Diane Kennedy lit a candle in memory of John McCaffrey*



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**Diane Kennedy** - February 20, 2023 at 10:34 AM

MO

“ *When we had the greatest time in Germany in 2011. Will never forget, Love You my brother!*

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**mark oosterwijk** - February 20, 2023 at 10:34 AM

MO

“ *Mark Oosterwijk lit a candle in memory of John McCaffrey*



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**mark oosterwijk** - February 20, 2023 at 10:31 AM