



## John Perna

May 17, 1967 - May 31, 2024

John Joseph Perna, 57 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away on Friday, May 31, 2024, at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey.

Born Wednesday, May 17, 1967 in Brooklyn, New York, Johnny was the son of Kathleen (Cleary) Perna, and the late John Perna.

When Johnny was a young child his family moved to Ringwood, New Jersey. He would spend all of his childhood there. Even though Johnny was young when he moved to Ringwood, he always bragged about how he was from Brooklyn. In his youth Johnny would take weekly trips with his family back to Brooklyn for traditional Sunday dinner with aunt's, uncles and cousins.

Johnny worked for Durex Inc in Union, New Jersey as a Sheet Metal Department Supervisor for over 10 years. His co workers were a second family to him. When Johnny wasn't working he enjoyed his motorcycles, going to concerts, and the Jersey shore. He enjoyed taking trips to his happy places, Sedona, Arizona, Lake George, the Islands and to Georgia to see his beloved daughter. Johnny loved watching Rocky movies and rooting for his favorite team the New York Rangers. More than anything Johnny loved his family, especially his daughter Marly. Johnny was a loving and caring man who will be missed by all those that love him.

Johnny was predeceased by his father John and by his brother in law Jim.

Johnny is survived by his beloved daughter Marly Kowalczyk and her husband Alex, by his loving mother Kathleen, by his caring sisters Diane Russo, Janice Perna and her longtime partner John Sorrentino, and brother Jimmy Perna, his beloved nieces, Jenniferlynn Vargas and her husband Jonathan, Melissa Gautam and her husband Abhinav and great nieces Amayah and Aliyah Vargas, and by his cherished granddaughter Millie Rose.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A funeral mass will take place on Friday at 10:00 am at the Most Holy Redeemer Church 133 Amboy Rd, Matawan, NJ 07747.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations to the American Heart Association are made in John's memory.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service  
3377 US Highway 9  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857  
(732) 679-4422  
hegartyfh@scaliahome.com  
<https://www.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

## Service

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Most Holy Redeemer Church  
133 Amboy Road  
Matawan, NJ 07747

# Tribute Wall

TL

“ To the Perna family and friends so sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. He was a good friend to me and so many others. He will be missed by me and many others.

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Tony "Webboy" Lagotta - June 07, 2024 at 02:24 PM

VA

“ Dear Johnny

Words will never express how much you have impacted our lives. You will be truly missed and we promise to keep your memory alive with our kids. You were an amazing godfather to Jay and amazing uncle to Reana. It breaks my heart that you're gone so soon but I promise to always remind the kids of how amazing you always were. We have gained another angel. Rest in paradise my friend until we meet again. Love the Lora's



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Vanessa - June 07, 2024 at 07:09 AM

VP

“ Dearest Johnny,  
On behalf of my Husband Frank Perna, myself Victoria Perna and our 3 children Amanda, Frank Jr and Your buddy Nicholas we want to express our deepest condolences on your passing.  
We all have so many wonderful memories of you .From You Amanda and myself getting into trouble when we were taking selfies in church before a service to us laughing all night long over crazy stories from when you and Frank were kids going to Brooklyn for Sunday dinners at Grandma Pernas house.  
Showing off your corvette to all of us when we had our cousins dinner hosted by aunt Phyllis at her house in Brooklyn.  
To you spending weekends with Frank and I at our N.J house at the Shore with my kids.  
How you tried to teach Nicholas how to work on your camero with my husband Frank.  
So many good memories we shared over the years.  
Just know we will treasure each and every one of them.  
Love you 🥰💕 Frank, Victoria Perna and family.



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Victoria V Perna - June 06, 2024 at 05:53 PM

VP

1 year has passed by and we still think of you offen. Please give my father in law aka Daddy a big hug from all of us here . Miss you cuz

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Victoria V Perna - May 31, 2025 at 07:35 PM

EB

“ Eugenia B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Perna.

Eugenia B. - June 06, 2024 at 11:52 AM

MD

“ John was more than just a friend. John was family. John wasn't just family to me and my family but to everyone that he knew. His wonderful personality, his love and care he had and he would take the shirt off his back for anyone at anytime. There are no words to describe the devastation of a great man that we lost. We will all carry on wonderful memories of John. May he rest in peace. We love you Johnny and you will be terribly missed. God bless you and God bless his family through this difficult time.

Michael Danniballe - June 04, 2024 at 11:44 AM

RD

I was very sad 😞 when I heard John passed away he definitely had a bubbly personality and friendly! May you rest in eternal peace 🙏🙏

Rosalia Danniballe - June 04, 2024 at 05:51 PM

EB

That's so sad. I hope he is in a better place 🙏

Eugenia Balbuena - June 06, 2024 at 11:55 AM

TF

“ The Danniballe Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Perna.

The Danniballe Family - June 04, 2024 at 11:34 AM

TF

“ *The Danniballe Family purchased the Rainbow of Remembrance Spray for the family of John Perna.*



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**The Danniballe Family** - June 04, 2024 at 11:34 AM

YF

“ *Yury Mezheritsky family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Perna.*



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**Yury Mezheritsky family** - June 04, 2024 at 10:26 AM

VD

“ *Vanessa/kendall and Amada Department. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Perna.*

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**Vanessa/kendall and Amada Department.** - June 03, 2024 at 09:16 PM



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



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June 03, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Perna.



June 03, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ The Jezequel Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Perna.



The Jezequel Family - June 03, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ The Jezequel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Perna.

The Jezequel Family - June 03, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ Roberto cid planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Perna.

Roberto cid - June 03, 2024 at 04:06 PM



“ Roberto cid purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Perna.



Roberto cid - June 03, 2024 at 04:06 PM

VP

“ Victoria V Perna lit a candle in memory of John Perna



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**Victoria V Perna** - June 02, 2024 at 05:39 PM

AG

“ Johnny had an infectious laugh that made his eyes sparkle. He always greeted me with a warm hug, a kiss and “hello beautiful”. I will cherish the memories our families had at the Jolly Roger down the shore, grandma’s Sunday dinners at the kids table, and the trip to Disney. Johnny will be missed but our memories will live on and he will never be forgotten.

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**Andrea Gazzillo-Clarke** - June 02, 2024 at 10:30 AM