



John P. Abruzzese

March 10, 1934 - May 27, 2019

John P. Abruzzese of Easton, MD, formerly of Oxford, MD, died Monday, May 27, 2019 at age 85.

Born March 10, 1934, in Brooklyn, NY, he was the son of the late Michael and Anna Abruzzese. He was raised in Brooklyn, NY. John was educated at Fordham University, served in the ROTC, and graduated in 1956. He then joined the U.S. Army and served as a Lieutenant in the 46th Artillery Group for four years.

Afterwards, he joined the Wall Street Journal where he worked in Los Angeles and San Francisco. In 1965, John moved to the Washington, DC area, where he worked as a financial advisor at EF Hutton and Wheat First Securities. In 1995, John joined the Wheat First Securities office in Easton. He then worked for Ferris Baker Watts and Smith Barney. He retired in 2010.

In his retirement, John enjoyed traveling the world with his beloved wife, Carole, winning shopper of the month at Acme, feeding birds from his back porch, spending seemingly long hours in pursuit of the perfect card, napping in any location, charming cats (even those that hate humans), volunteering, living in Oxford, and securing the first spot in line to get his grandchildren into Oxford camp.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his sister Maria Strazzini and brother Tom Abruzzese.

He is survived by his wife, Carole Abruzzese; his brothers, Paul and Michael Abruzzese; his children, Philip Abruzzese, Spencer Abruzzese, and Sarah Rogan (James); his stepchildren, David Halsey (Billie) and Holly Halsey; nephew, Adam Abruzzese; niece, Christine McCurdy; and grandchildren, Henry, Kendall, Annalise and Grady, and a dear family friend, Kimberly Quick.

Friends may call on Monday, June 3, 2019, from 6-8 PM, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday June 4, 2019, at 11 AM, at The Church of the Holy Trinity, 502 S. Morris St., Oxford, MD.

Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Oxford Fire Co., 300 Oxford Road, Oxford, MD, 21654.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Trinity
Oxford, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *John P. Abruzzese*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John P. Abruzzese*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John P. Abruzzese*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of John P. Abruzzese.*



June 01, 2019 at 09:11 PM



“ *John was one of the very first people to welcome us to Oxford. Maybe it was because he had such a huge heart that his heart had to wear out. I will forever think of him as I look at his home here on West Pier Street. I can still hear his laugh. Carole, we send our love! Maggie Andersen and Richard Rosenfeld*

Maggie Andersen - May 30, 2019 at 06:22 PM

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I knew John in 1956. He was at our Christmas party and I have pictures. Sandra Wagner

Sandra Wagner - October 26, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“*John, thank you for being a kind, loving, exasperating stepfather. Thank you for drive-by Christmas lights, directions to anywhere under any weather conditions, laughs that ended in "You're unbelievable..," you're favorite choice phrase (which we thought would be Kendall's first words), old stories about Brooklyn and airborne school, and forgiveness for my teenage - ahem, and early 20s - behavior. You made my mother happier than I've ever seen her. I'll miss you. -Love, The Princess*

Holly Halsey - May 29, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“*Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of John P. Abruzzese.*



May 29, 2019 at 02:32 PM