



## John Joseph Cassidy

June 6, 2019

John J. Cassidy passed away Thursday, June 6, 2019, at the age 72, in Easton, MD.

John was born in San Francisco, CA, to John Joseph Cassidy and Alice Margaret Wilson Cassidy. He grew up in San Jose, as the youngest child, with his two siblings, Peggy and Mary. John graduated from St. Mary's College in Moraga, CA, Class of 1968, as a Literature and Philosophy major while competing on the rugby team, "Go Gaels."

After John graduated from college, he served in Mato Grosso, Brazil, for three years as a member of the Peace Corps, where he improved countless lives with his expertise in advanced farming techniques and his natural ability to teach. While in Brazil, John met his wife and life-long partner, Doralice da Costa. After many visits to her hometown of Bauru, Sao Paulo, she agreed to marry him in 1971.

After his service in the Peace Corps, John and Dora moved to Arizona where John earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management. He built his reputation as a fledgling trader with Wilbur-Ellis Co. in San Francisco, and his business skills grew steadily during his 12 years with the company in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. More importantly, during their time in Canada,

John and Dora started a family. Their two children, John Daniel and Lynette, are creatively... Canadian, Brazilian, and American.

The Cassidy family moved to Maryland's Eastern Shore when Richard Willey and Kathy Kline invited John to work for their Hurlock based company, which was subsequently acquired by Perdue AgriBusiness in June 1986. This acquisition started John's storied, 33-year career with Perdue that included roles as Vice President of Grain, Grain International Sales, Grain and Oilseed, and finally, Senior Vice President of Risk Management, Feed Ingredient Merchandising & Purchasing, and Specialty Crops. John was a natural fit for Purdue's international trading business thanks to his personal strengths as a leader. He valued people and their stories. He loved traveling abroad and fostering relationships with everyone from local farmers to international traders. His humanity and curiosity opened hearts while his integrity sealed the loyalty of his trading partners and coworkers.

John was far more than a successful businessman, he was first a loving husband and father, but to all: a calming force, a peaceful man, an easy laugh, a music lover, an avid sports fan, a mentor, a motivator, and a friend.

Mr. Cassidy is survived by his wife of 47 years, Doralice; his son, John D. Cassidy and wife Patricia R. Cassidy; and daughter, Lynette Cassidy; as well as his two sisters, Peggy Tanger-Ford and Mary Cassidy Santana; and many nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St Vincent de Paul, 29533 Canvasback Drive, P.O. Box 783, Easton, MD 21601 or Mid-Shore Community Foundation, 102 East Dover St., Easton, MD 21601.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 11AM, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1210 S. Washington St., Easton, MD 21601.

Burial will be private.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
1210 S. Washington St  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Joseph Cassidy*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Joseph Cassidy*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Joseph Cassidy*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *It has been nearly six weeks since John's tragic passing. Not a day goes by where he doesn't come to mind. His gentle, polite nature and sense of fairness will remain with me forever. This is a sad time for all who knew John. Condolences to his family and friends.*

*Gil Landy*

**Gil Landy** - July 21, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



June 20, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



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June 19, 2019 at 11:39 PM



“ *Paula Broll lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Cassidy*



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**Paula Broll** - June 19, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



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June 19, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ *John was an example of cheerfulness and kindness blended with intelligence and a great sense of humor. His passing is a tragic loss for his family, friends, and anyone who knew him. His wonderful smile and laugh will always be a memory for those of us who worked with him.*

*Jerry McConnell*

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**Jerry McConnell** - June 19, 2019 at 08:43 AM



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



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June 19, 2019 at 08:23 AM



“ *Ceresco inc., Quebec, Canada purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



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**Ceresco inc., Quebec, Canada** - June 19, 2019 at 07:37 AM



“ *querida Doralice, Jack e Lynette, estamos profundamente tristes com a partida do John, um homem que so fez o bem, que ajudava a todos, uma calma quase que divina, um ser extraordinário e inesquecível, ele estará para sempre em nossa memoria e corações, e um dia estaremos todos juntos novamente,*

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**rael chapaval** - June 18, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *Please accept our most sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. May John rest in peace now.*

*Diego Rivara, Fernando Rivara, Fernando Rivara Jr., Rodolfo Rivara, Enrique Rivara & Raul Rivara*

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**Rivara S.A.** - June 18, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.



June 18, 2019 at 09:24 AM



“ Dear Doralice, John, Lynette, & family,  
Please accept my deepest sympathy and prayers for John and family.  
Connie Webster



Connie Webster - June 18, 2019 at 09:04 AM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time. John and Doralice always sat behind me in church and I will miss his strong handshake wishing me peace, during Mass. God bless John and may he rest in peace.  
Millie Eufemia



Millie Eufemia - June 17, 2019 at 08:47 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.



June 17, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



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June 17, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



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June 17, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ *Li Cai purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



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**Li Cai** - June 17, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ *Craig Matthews - Chicago, IL purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



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**Craig Matthews - Chicago, IL** - June 17, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



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June 16, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ *We are deeply saddened by the tragic and sudden loss of Mr Cassidy. May the Lord repose his beautiful Soul and give the family and all those around him heavenly comfort.*



*Stafanous and Sam Yousef  
American Commodity & Shipping*

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**Ossama Yousef** - June 15, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *We at Alex Grain co. are very shocked and saddened to hear about the death of Mr. Cassidy. We still cannot believe that he died so unexpectedly.*



*Mr. Cassidy was such a wonderful person and had always been a great asset to our company. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time of grief.*

*Mohamed Elbehiry  
Alex Grain co.  
Alexandria, Egypt*

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**Mohamed Elbehiry** - June 15, 2019 at 05:13 AM

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“ *The FieldFarms.ca Team purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



**The FieldFarms.ca Team** - June 14, 2019 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Mr And Mrs Brent Osborne lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Cassidy*



**Mr and Mrs Brent Osborne** - June 13, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



June 13, 2019 at 12:45 PM

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“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



**Greg & Laura Saddler** - June 12, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John Joseph Cassidy.*



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June 11, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers be with your family, may you Rest In Peace brother in Christ.~ Mr and Mrs Michael Bauman*

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**Michael Bauman** - June 11, 2019 at 12:02 AM



“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of John Joseph Cassidy*



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**Phil Foster** - June 10, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ *My prayers for the response of the soul of John Cassidy... May he Rest In Peace. Fr. Coine*

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**rev. robert e. coine** - June 10, 2019 at 02:47 PM