



John D. Martone Jr

April 2, 1948 - August 1, 2014

John D. Martone, Jr. passed away suddenly on August 1, 2014 in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. John was born in Wilmington, DE and graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School and received a B.S.B.A. degree from the University of Delaware.

He was a lead singer and composed music for “The Nomads”. The summer before college the group recorded their first album at ABC Studios in New York City. They also recorded in studios in South Philadelphia, and Trenton, NJ. John toured the US during his musical career and continued singing throughout his life for family and friends.

John’s true passion was for business and real estate. He worked for two prominent real estate companies before opening Delaware’s first nightclub, the Odyssey in Newark, which was followed by Odyssey South, Rehoboth Beach, Gatsby’s in Wilmington, Jillian’s Irish Pub, and Chestertown Tavern in Chestertown, MD. He also owned hotels and motels and constructed many large projects such as housing developments and shopping centers. He spent his last years continuing to work in real estate in Mexico as well as teaching at the University of Veracruz.

John was a gifted man on many talents, a master of business, and was involved in politics, but his greatest asset was the ability to make people laugh. One of the greatest treasures in his life was his only child, Jill. They shared a strong love for animals. Contributions to the ASPCA, 800-628-0028 or to your local no-kill animal rescue shelter in his memory would be

appreciated.

John was predeceased by his parents, R. Evelyn Cann and J. Donald Martone. He is survived by his daughter, Jillian Leigh Martone, and sister, Donna M. Cohen.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at St. Paul's Cemetery, Chestertown, MD.

Tribute Wall



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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Jillian, Donna, and Billy*
We are all sorry to hear of your loss. Our sympathy is with you at this time.
The Gale family

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