



John Pantano

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John S. Pantano, 80, was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. He resided in Connecticut for the bulk of his life, but spent a number of years living in Trinity, Florida as well. John passed away peacefully on February 27, 2026. John is survived by his children Roselee Yap and her spouse, Craig Yap, Diane Pantano and Paul Pantano, his grandchildren Angel Pantano and Emily Yap, a compassionate sister-in-law, Mimi Pantano, a wonderful cousin, Lena Giuliano, many nieces and nephews, and close friends. He is predeceased by his father, Raffale Pantano, his mother, Rosa Lantieri, his brother, Paolo Pantano, and many aunts and uncles.

John was born in Licodia Eubea in the city of Catania on the island of Sicily in Italy on June 24, 1945. After graduating in the spring of 1964 from Bulkeley High School located in Hartford, CT, he then attended Willimantic State Teachers College in the fall and graduated in the spring of 1968. Beginning his career as a teacher, he then attended Central Connecticut State College, graduating with a Master of Science in 1973. Some years later, John also completed the requirements for his Sixth-Year Certificate. After 35 years of teaching, John retired, but worked in sales for a number of years. John was a lifelong learner and an avid reader and researcher. While actively being a “teacher” to those around him, he took great pride in imparting advice and wisdom to not only those around him, but especially to his children and granddaughters, who he collectively called the “future.”

On April 12, 1969, John married the love of his life, Rita Pizzoferrato. Married for 53 years, they spent many years in Connecticut until they retired to Trinity, FL. They were each other’s walking and dance partners. After Rita’s passing in 2022, John was a very active gym-goer and also became a very active billiards player. John was also active in his village, serving on the board for the ARC for some time and then served as the ARC liaison for a couple of years until his recent passing. He was loved by his entire family near and far and will always be greatly missed.



Events

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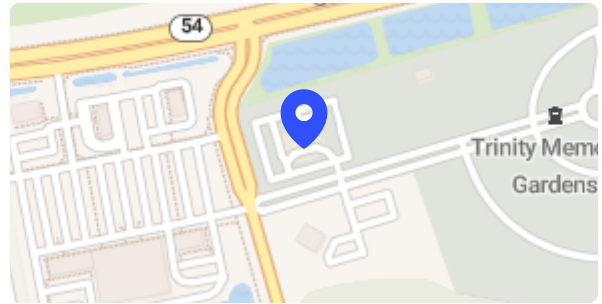
Memorial Service

 **Friday**, March 20, 2026

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Trinity Memorial Gardens Funeral Home and Cemetery**

12609 Memorial Drive, Trinity FL 34655



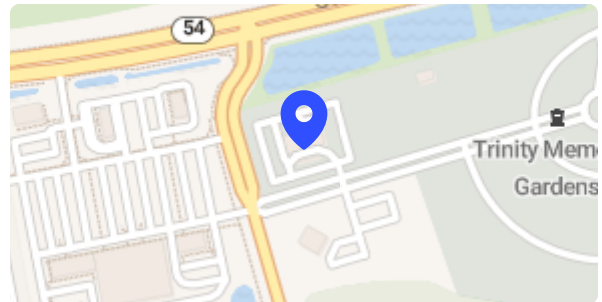
Reception

 **Friday**, March 20, 2026

 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Trinity Memorial Funeral Home**

12609 Memorial Dr, Trinity FL 34655





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A.P. Forlano posted:

Our deepest sympathy to John Pantano's family. John was a acquaintance from the YMCA. For sure we will miss his presence. Prayers to the family. Arlette/Arman Forlano

March 19 at 5:06 PM



A.P. Forlano shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



March 19 at 4:49 PM



Pauline & Michael Archacki sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Pantano family.



March 19 at 11:19 AM



Pauline & Michael Archacki planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



March 19 at 11:19 AM



Sandra Pizzaferrato And Roseanna Calano sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pantano family.



March 17 at 2:51 PM



Sandra Pizzaferrato And Roseanna Calano planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



March 17 at 2:51 PM



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Craig D'alesandro posted:

So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was what a neighbor was meant to be. I will always remember having great times growing up on Brandon Road. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May he rest in peace. Craig D'Alesandro

March 15 at 12:39 PM



Mary Dalesandro posted:

Very sorry to hear of John's passing. He and your family were wonderful neighbors for many of years. We watched each other's children grow. Paul, Mark and Craig were great friends and shared many memories. Mary D'Alesandro

March 15 at 11:52 AM



Mary Millstein lit a candle in honor of John.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family . Rest in peace, John Craig and Mary Millstein

March 15 at 12:19 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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