



## John Puglia

February 19, 1948 - May 1, 2016

John Puglia, 68 passed away Sunday, May 1, 2016 in his home in Casselberry, Florida with his son John Phillip Puglia, and sisters Mary Puglia Rodriguez and Nancy Puglia by his side.

John was born February 19, 1948 in Jersey City, New Jersey to John and Nancy Guzzo Puglia. He moved to Florida in 1962 with his parents and siblings at the age of 14. He pursued a career as an electronics salesman and retired at age 64.

He is survived by son John Phillip Puglia (Oviedo), sisters Mary Puglia Rodriguez, (Illinois) Nancy Puglia (Casselberry) and Brother Joseph Puglia (Casselberry).

We were blessed to have such a great brother, father and true friend. He was our rock, always there for us when we needed him. It saddens us that he is no longer with us, but grateful that he is no longer suffering and is now with Mom and Dad.

He will always be in our hearts, thoughts and prayers and we will always have our memories to cherish. You will certainly be missed Johnny; life will NEVER be the same without you! As each day passes we will think of you, wishing you were still here with us. Rest in Peace our dear Brother, Father and Friend.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Miss you Johnny. Its been 4 years we think of you everyday. This Thanksgiving JP Nancy Joe Remembeted you and wish you were with us. You are so missed and loved. Love ya Mary*

**Mary Rodriguez** - November 27, 2020 at 01:30 PM

LH

*Just saw this and it makes me very sad. John was our sales representative when we had our business in Orlando (Hunter Brothers TV) and he was such a wonderful help for the business and a very good friend. This had to be not very long after we talked last. John actually preformed the marriage ceremony for my son and daughter-in-law. My sympathy goes to the entire family.*

**Lucille Hunter** - November 11, 2023 at 02:52 PM

DB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Doug Branham** - May 22, 2018 at 01:42 PM



*Wow ... I was Vice President!*

**George Taylor** - March 18, 2021 at 11:44 AM

MR

“ Hey Johnny,  
Happy 4th of July. its been 9 weeks and we still cant believe you are gone! we think of you everyday...I hope you are looking down on us all! you were such a great brother and father and we miss you so. god took you too soon! as we all still needed you! Love you Bro!

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**Mary Rodriguez** - July 03, 2016 at 11:00 PM

NB

“ John was one of the truly nicest guys I've ever known. He had a heart of gold and was sincere in everything he did for people. It was an honor to know him and his family. He will be missed so much by all who had the privilege of knowing him. . . My condolences to J.P., Mary, Nancy and Joe. I know you'll all miss John so much - but you have your good memories of him to keep you warm and happy and to make you smile...Always remember his great smile and sense of humor. Sincerely, Nina Harden Blackwelder

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**Nina Harden Blackwelder** - June 01, 2016 at 12:41 PM

JP

“ John will always hold a special place in my heart. Even though our marriage didn't work out, he once told me, our relationship worked better after our divorce. He was right. We still remained friends, and were able to raise JP. John has taught us so many things; I can see them in our son.

*Before he passed on, I was able to tell John what an awesome Dad he was and because of it, JP is the man he is today. He couldn't talk but smiled and whispered "thank you". I just told him, " Thank you for always being there." Cancer may have taken him from us too soon, but if you look at his son, you can still see his gentle spirit and smile living within JP.*

*John and I shared many great times together. We traveled up the east coast, married in Vegas, and every Sunday afternoon we would go over to see the family. Memories I will cherish.*

*One of the fun time we shared, while dating, he came over to install a ceiling fan in my apartment, after he had installed it, he said "okay, let's see if it works, you can turn the power on", I said, "Was I supposed to turn the power off?" We both laughed! Those times brought us together. He knew I needed his help!*

*In 2007, I was in a trauma unit; only immediate family could talk to me. The trauma nurse handed me the phone and said "Your brother, John, is on the phone". What??? John found a way to talk to me! He called to find out if I was okay. Those are the things I remember; John always found a way to let you know he cared.*

*John, I know you will never let any of us be alone; you walk beside us every day. In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still, in my heart I hold a place that only you can fill. Till we see each other again, rest in peace. NO one will forget you.*





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**Joan Puglia** - May 21, 2016 at 09:11 AM

BH

“ I was so sorry and shocked to hear about John. He was such a great guy and talented in so many ways. Things that were difficult for me he made look easy. He was a good cook, had the most mechanical aptitude I've ever known and surprisingly a darn good artist. (Who knew?)

We met in September 1966, on our first day of college and John was the guy already trying to organize the students against the 'unchecked power of the administration'. We eventually called it a fraternity and John was the founder, our leader, our visionary and we had so much fun... living on the edge and burning the candle at both ends.

Although, we were opposites in so many ways, John being from the block in Jersey City (Hoboken) and me from a tobacco farm in North Carolina, yet, we complemented each other well and on frequent occasions we would sit-up half the night solving most of the world's major problems. I relied-on and respected his opinions and clarity on an endless variety of subjects.

John was most generous, especially, with his time, willing to help anyone and he would always manage to inject a touch of that quick wit and humor. We were pals and I will miss John forever, as I have in recent years.

To his family; Mary and Nancy, his brother Joe and his x-wife Joan, and especially JP, to whom he was unabashedly proud, I offer my sincere condolences and hope that someday we can all share his mother's "Meatballs", again, together.

To Gloria, AJ and me John was like a brother, to my parents he was like a son and to all of us, he was a great friend and will be missed..... Sincerely missed!

Byron Hair,  
Jacksonville, FL

**Byron Hair** - May 16, 2016 at 02:40 PM

NP

*Thank You Byron. We sure Miss him already. He was such a great brother always there for all of us and great Dad.*

**Nancy Puglia** - May 17, 2016 at 02:20 PM

BH

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



**Byron Hair** - May 16, 2016 at 02:30 PM

GN

“ *I've known John for almost 40 years. Our close friends (AJ & Byron) married each other over 30 years ago. This friendship often had John & I often hanging out with AJ & Byron. There are so many beautiful memories of laughter & fun. John was always hysterically funny.*



*He was a devoted & loving father. He loved his family and was always there for them. To John's family, may your treasure chest of memories bring you solace .*

*As a loyal caring friend he was always available to lend a helping hand. After we both retired we kept in touch by telephone. We never spent less than two hours talking about old times, politics and current events. RIP old friend, I love you and I'll always miss you.*

**Gloria Newell** - May 14, 2016 at 11:23 PM

MA

“ *Estimada familia puglia lamento mucho la pérdida de su ser querido pero hay una consoladora esperanza que me gustaría compartirla con ustedes es la que se encuentra en (Juan5:28,29) allí Jehová Dios se propone devolverle la vida a nuestros seres queridos que están descansando en la muerte. Espero que estas palabras les sirvan de aliento.*

*Acompañándolos en su dolor  
Madelyn.*

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**Madelyn** - May 11, 2016 at 06:08 AM

MR

“ *My Brother, my freind and my everything. What can I say about my brother John. He was always like a dad to us growing up. Always watching over all of us. He always gave us advice and always there for us. I have so many many memories I cannot say them all. One time I called him from my high school parking lot and said Johnny my car wont start, he came right away only to see I didnt have it in park. He just looked at me with a smile on his face and told me Mary it isnt in park! Didnt even get mad or anything, boy did I feel stupid. As we got older it was the same, he was our mentor, all of us went to him for help and advice. I moved out of Illinois and wish I could of spent more time with him but we still had a close bond. I get comfort in knowing that he knew we loved him so much and knew his son JP, Nancy and I were there with him right untill the end. We all will miss him so much. Life will never be the same but Johnny knew we would be okay. Right now It doesnt seem like we will but I still take his advice and know we will be. He told my sister he was going to be with Mama. I hope he is happy. He was on hell of a guy! RIP Johnny!*

*You were a great brother! Love you! Mary*

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**Mary Puglia Rodriguez** - May 09, 2016 at 08:04 PM

NP

*Oh Very Nice Sis. He sure was a great brother who will be missed  
Terribly. RIP my dear brother John.*

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**Nancy Puglia** - May 10, 2016 at 09:47 AM

MR

“*Mary Puglia Rodriguez lit a candle in memory  
of John Puglia*



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**Mary Puglia Rodriguez** - May 09, 2016 at 07:45 PM

NP

“ John you are already missed so much. You were a GREAT brother and father to JP. Growing up you were always watching over us. In all the videos we have of when Mary and I were little you were by our side, then Joe came along and you had another brother to watch over without complaining. In our teen years you were always there helping us, doing things for us and even when Mom and Dad got older, were there for them. I remember you teaching us how to drive, going on dirt roads (didn't have much patience though LOL), letting us ride your corvair around the yard, going under the clothes line bending the antenna but you didn't get mad. You help me get all my cars, always made me feel better to have you by my side in everything I did. You helped Joe, Mary and I get our homes and even Mom and Dad's new home in Casselberry. I always wondered if it ever got to you always helping us but I don't think you would have it any other way. In my retirement I was so glad that we had our lunches with Joe and also on your birthday as you put it "It was GREAT fun" Yes it was. I only wish in my retirement I would have had more time with you. I was glad I was with you the month of April in the hospital and at home. I hope you know how much it meant to me to be with you. When I told you "John I can't live without you" you said "I will be fine". It's so hard for me not having you here. My worse fear came to light the day you passed. I will always think "what would John do". I am heartbroken that I won't get to see you again but know as they say "You are in a better place" and are with Mom and Dad. I love You John my dear brother. You will be in my thoughts each and every day and will think of our times together and all the memories of us growing up. Rest in Peace John.



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Nancy Puglia - May 09, 2016 at 03:40 PM

MR

*That was so beautiful sis. you said it all. he was an amazing brother! We were so lucky to have him, I only wish it could of been longer. He knew we were there with him until the end! we love you so much John!*

Mary Puglia Rodriguez - May 09, 2016 at 07:49 PM

Ansley Wolfe

“ *In loving memory of my godfather ❤️ May he rest in peace. Praying for you and your family JP.*



Ansley Wolfe - May 09, 2016 at 01:17 PM

RW

“ *Robert Wolfe lit a candle in memory of John Puglia*



Robert Wolfe - May 09, 2016 at 10:52 AM

RW

“ John was and is the best friend anyone could have. We first met in the fall of 1968 and remained very close since then. He so loved his family. His sisters Nancy and Mary and brother Joe. He cherished and was so proud of his son JP. John had many friends and touched them all with his kindness, and his sense of humor. He was my daughters

Godfather, my fraternity brother and an usher in my wedding. He is so greatly missed by me and my family. Rest in peace brother...I love you...we all love you. We will see you again.

My prayers go out to his sisters, his brother and his son. I also thank the good lord, on behalf of all who knew him, for the blessing of knowing John and being able to call him our friend. It was an honor.

*Bobby Wolfe*

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**Robert Wolfe** - May 09, 2016 at 10:51 AM

IW

“ Iris F. Walker lit a candle in memory of John Puglia



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**Iris F. Walker** - May 09, 2016 at 10:26 AM

IW

“ *John Phillip and Puglia Family:*

*We are deeply saddened to hear of John's passing. Please know you are in our hearts and we pray that the memories you have of him will comfort you now and always. I will never forget the day my eight-year old son was swinging his golf club in the front yard, and John came over and gave Johnny his golf putting flags. Johnny (now almost 21) used those flags every day until they eventually fell apart! John would just watch him and waive. Yes, he won our hearts -- good neighbors are hard to come by! We will miss him.*  
*The Walker's*

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**Iris F. Walker** - May 09, 2016 at 10:22 AM