



Mr. John Attard

November 7, 1925 - June 19, 2016

John Attard passed into the loving arms of Jesus on June 19, 2016, at the age of 90. John was the devoted husband of the late Carol Attard for over 40 years. Loving father of Michael Attard and wife Stefania, Rosemarie Smith and husband David Smith, Joanne Attard Helvig, and Alex Attard; Loving Grandfather of Siena and Julia Attard, Alexis Rich, Carmen Pangelinan and husband Frank, Anna Smith, and Spencer and Samantha Helvig; and loving Great Grandfather of Zoe and Steven Odysseus Pangelinan; beloved brother of Sr. Pierina Attard and uncle to Michael Attard and wife Tessie and their family in Malta and uncle to Victor and Pam Smith, Marianne Smith, and Joe Smith and wife Wendy and children, and loving cousin to Vanni Pule and his wife Maryanne and Carmen, Maria Grech and Laura and their husbands and families, Lawrence Gonzi and wife and family and numerous loving cousins and extended family and friends in Malta. John was born in Malta, and grew up loving soccer, swimming and diving. John was a daredevil in his youth, diving off lighthouses and ship masts for show. During World War II, at the age of 17 years, he joined the Royal Air Force where he fought with the Allied forces until War's end, earning the Malta George Cross Medal. After the war, John coached and played semi-professional and amateur soccer. Leaving Malta for Vancouver, Detroit, then San Francisco, in search of a better life, John unwittingly followed the same path as his true love, Carol Attard, whom he met at the party of a mutual friend in San Francisco. Carol was the love of John's life and we find comfort knowing that they are together again at last.

We also acknowledge St. Elizabeth's Church in SF where John had the pleasure of working for over 20 years. A special thank you to the Maltese Club of South San Francisco and friends there whom John loved dearly and where John terrorized his mates in games of rummy, using his nickname, "il Germaniz," which he would never let anyone forget. John was loved by all and had a zest for life such that everyone expected that he would live to 135 years of age as he would claim. John lived life with a positivity and strength of character that touched everyone who knew him. John's love for life was such that he would often declare that he would not hesitate to do it all again. John will live forever in our hearts and we will miss and cherish our beloved patriarch and entrust him to God's hands until we meet again.

Family and friends may visit on Sunday after 4:00PM and are invited to attend the Vigil Service also on Sunday at 7:00PM and the Funeral Service on Monday July 11, 2016 at 10:00AM from the Chapels of Valente Marini Perata & Co. 4840 Mission Street, SF then to St. Elizabeth Church on the corner of Summerset and Wayland Streets, SF where a 10:30AM Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Committal to follow at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

1500 Mission Rd.
Colma, CA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Valente Marini Perata & Company
4840 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94112
(415) 333-0161
funerals@vmpandco.com

Vigil Service

JUL 10. 7:00 PM (PT)

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4840 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94112
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Funeral Mass

JUL 11. 10:30 AM (PT)

St. Elizabeth Church
459 Somerset Street
San Francisco, CA 94134
(415) 460-0820
<http://stelizabethsf.org/>

Committal Service

JUL 11. 12:00 PM (PT)

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
1500 Mission Road
Colma, CA

Tribute Wall

PA

“ So sorry to learn of John's services and not being there to pay respects to his family. We were in another state for part of the summer.
Just want to let his family know how much we enjoyed John when he was in our parish school. I could always count on him to fix anything.
God Bless.
Sincerely, Pat Landstorfer

Patricia - September 02, 2016 at 11:28 AM

GC

“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I had the pleasure of working with John when I taught at St. Elizabeth School. John was a very hard worker and he took pride in a job well done. I remember he (along with Carol from time to time) sprucing up the brass in the halls. John was always willing to help me with projects that needed a special item or two. Somehow he would come up with something that would work. John was so positive in nature. He was so genuine and appreciative. A true good man.

Gail De Ceoursty

Gail De Ceoursty - August 25, 2016 at 08:29 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John Attard.



July 11, 2016 at 11:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Attard.*



July 09, 2016 at 11:53 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Joanne Attard Helvig - July 08, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

Joanne Attard Helvig - July 08, 2016 at 02:10 PM



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Joanne Attard Helvig - July 08, 2016 at 02:08 PM

VF

“ *Vanni & Mary Anne Pule' and the rest of the family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. John Attard.*



Vanni & Mary Anne Pule' and the rest of the family - July 08, 2016 at 04:01 AM

VP

“ *Cousin Johnny was a vibrant, loving and generous person. We can never forget our last trip to San Francisco when he took us on whirlwind tours of the area. May he rest in peace and may Maggie, Rose, Joanne, Michael, Alex and the rest of their families be comforted.*



Vanni & Mary Anne and the rest of the Pule' family.

Vanni Pule' - July 08, 2016 at 03:04 AM



“ *My Uncle Johnny will be truly missed by all who were fortunate enough to be acquainted with him. He was the kindest, funniest and most fun-loving man I've ever met. He would always make me laugh so hard that I would cry. He would tell us the funniest stories about things that happened throughout his life. He certainly had a zest for life and was never seen in a bad mood or upset about anything. He has been reunited with my Auntie Carol, who was the best aunt in the world. I love you Auntie and Uncle.....I look forward to seeing you in heaven someday...💜 xo*

Marianne Smith - July 06, 2016 at 11:28 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Attard.*



July 06, 2016 at 04:30 PM



“ *Condolences to John's family from Malta
Second cousin Joe Balzan and Marisa Sapiano*

joe Balzan - July 04, 2016 at 02:31 PM



*Iva u zgur li niftakru. A very cheerful man always on the go and helpful.
The good people will never leave you, they will remain in your heart
and soul forever.*

Marianne - July 05, 2016 at 09:47 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss dears
Alexis*

Alexis borg - July 04, 2016 at 06:48 AM



“ *My prayers go out to the family. John was a
great man.*



Mary Pirotta - July 03, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ *My Auntie Carol and Uncle John's wedding.....I was the flower girl...*

Marianne Smith - June 22, 2016 at 10:53 PM



“ *My Auntie Carol and Uncle John's wedding.....I was the flower girl...*



Marianne Smith - June 22, 2016 at 10:49 PM

KR

My cousin Carol was always laughing -- mainly because Johnny made her so happy. He was ALWAYS smiling. I was honored to be the jr bridesmaid in their wedding. My dad & Johnny enjoyed a friendly rivalry in baseball: Charlie was a Giants fan, and Johnny was for the Dodgers! RIP John as you reunite with your loving wife 🙏

Kathleen (Borg) Rea - June 24, 2016 at 08:40 PM

MC

“ *I know John from St Elizabeth school when he used to work there. He was always so kind and happy to see and talk with the students. As an adult, I would see him at my parish church and he would always come up and talk to me and my husband Joe, and ask how we were doing, and tell me about his upcoming trip to Malta. He was always smiling and genuinely interested in what you had to say. I don't think I have ever seen John without a smile on his face. May he rest in peace .*

Love, Melissa (Grima) Caruana

melissa caruana - June 22, 2016 at 10:46 PM



“ *My Uncle John and I on Easter 2015*



Marianne Smith - June 22, 2016 at 10:08 PM

WS

“ *We love you Uncle Johnny "Cuddly". You were always the life of the party and any family gathering! You danced me to the ground a year ago at Mike's 50th and you were 90 years old!!! I'll never forget you as long as I live and I'll see you again someday. Love you so much.*



wendy smith - June 22, 2016 at 09:11 PM

WS

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



wendy smith - June 22, 2016 at 09:06 PM



“ My grandpa was a funny man. He made everyone laugh and everyone loved him. At any event people would always tell me how much they enjoyed talking to my grandpa. He made every holiday entertaining with the stories he would tell at our dinner table. He was what made me look forward to Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter. Christmas was the best when it was at his house because even at his age, he would put up so many decorations and lights and he was competing to be the best house decorated on his block. Every family gathering will never be the same. I am just grateful to have had the best grandpa and close family that supports each other and loves each other like the way he loved everyone and everything.

Carmen Pangelinan - June 22, 2016 at 08:50 PM

CP

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