



Mr. John Peter Consiglieri

May 16, 1917 - May 13, 2014

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John Peter Consiglieri passed from this life at home in San Francisco surrounded by his children on May 13, 2014. John was born in San Francisco on May 16, 1917 to Luigia and Attilio from Liguria, Italy. John married the love of his life, Elaine Lagomarsino, the girl around the corner, on April 26, 1941; they were married for 45 years.

John was predeceased by his parents, by his beloved wife Elaine, son Louis Thomas, daughter-in-law Cathy, niece Vicky; in-laws, Louis and Catherine; brother Victor (Evelyn), his sisters, Marie and Tillie (Mario) Tognetti, sisters-in-laws, Florence (Ralph) Lombardo, Genevieve (Al) Scigliano, and Dorothy (Ed) Scheid and many cousins.

John is survived by his beloved children, JoAnn (Jim McFadden), Catherine, John (Rebecca), Rosemarie (Tom) Morrissey, Stephanie (Roy) Hendricksen and numerous cousins in California and in Liguria, Italy.

John is beloved Nonno to Melissa (Shawn), Juliana (Keary), Natalie (Michael), and Gabriel Trousdale; Giana (Christian), and Giac (Rasha) Consiglieri; Eric (Wendy) and Brian (Kendall) Olsen; and Matthew (Laura), Michael, and David Hendricksen. John had a unique relationship with granddaughter Leslie.

John loved babies and young children and was thrilled and blessed by great grandchildren, Dorothy, Maria, Andrew, Chiara, Luca, Isabella, Lia, Victoria, Brayden, Dane, Jesse, and Isadore.

John was uncle to Marianne (Paul), Barbara (Jim), Richard (Dori), Edwina,

Joe (Sue), Nadine, Al (Marie), Larry (Linda), Robert (Ann), Christine (Frank) and Bernadette (Dave).

During World War II, John supervised the construction of a 100 Octane Oil Refinery, which enabled U.S. planes to refuel on Bahrain Island near the Suez Canal.

John was an active member of Corpus Christi Church and served in many capacities at the Parish and School into his 80s. John loved working beside the Salesian Priests and Sisters and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. He and his siblings continued the Annual Celebration to The Madonna Della Guardia Devotion that was begun by the Italian women in his parish in the early '40s.

John had great faith in God and lived the life Jesus came to teach: living a life of respect, peace and love through action. Over the years, extraordinary responsibilities fell on his shoulders. He met them with tenacity and fortitude. John enjoyed a 44-year career as an iron worker with J.P. Murphy/Bethlehem Steel and belonged to the San Francisco Steel Workers Union Local #377. John was a working foreman and declined the position of Superintendent in favor of working out in the field with his men. In later years, John enjoyed taking friends and family on tours of the City pointing out his “babies”—the many buildings, hospitals, churches, skyscrapers, and bridges, as well as the BART tube under the San Francisco Bay.

John preferred playing sports to watching them, except for watching games played by his children and grandchildren. He was a serious tennis player with his wife Elaine and the Balboa Tennis Club. He pitched fastpitch softball into his late 50s. John coached CYO baseball for his son and son-in-law, always interested in furthering the love of sports.

While playing football as a right end at Balboa High School he won All City Honors in 1934 and he was inducted into the Balboa Hall of Fame in 1979. John was given a football scholarship by the great Slip Madigan, coach at St. Mary's College, Moraga. Those were the days of “pigskins” and leather helmets.

While John was a well-traveled man, he loved best the city of his birth, San Francisco, where he lived his entire life in the Excelsior District.

One of John's proudest achievements was having saved 88 homes in the Excelsior District from being demolished to provide off-street parking for the local merchants. John revitalized the Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA) in 1959. To this day, the members of EDIA meet monthly in his basement to further the well-being and safety of the neighborhood. John was known as "Mr. Excelsior."

John was a proud and active member of numerous organizations: The Balboa Tennis Club, the Druids, Italian Catholic Federation, Italian American Social Club, Holy Names Society, YMI, and Men's Club at Corpus Christi Church. John's children are grateful to Drs. Lester Jacobson and John Fletcher and his part-time caregiver Carmen for their wonderful care.

Family and friends may visit from 6pm - 7pm are invited to attend An Evening of Prayer, Song and Remembering on Friday, May 16, at 7:00 PM and a Mass of Resurrection on Saturday, May 17, at 10:00 AM. Both services will be held at Corpus Christi Church, 62 Santa Rosa Avenue, San Francisco.

Interment to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma.

In lieu of flowers, donations in remembrance of John may be made to the John Consiglieri Football Scholarship, Balboa Alumni, PO Box 31866, San Francisco, CA 94131. Online condolences may be offered at www.vmpandco.com

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Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

1500 Mission Rd.
Colma, CA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Corpus Christi Church
62 Santa Rosa Ave.
San Francisco, CA

Vigil Service

MAY 16. 7:00 PM (PT)

Corpus Christi Church
62 Santa Rosa Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94112

Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (PT)

Corpus Christi Church
62 Santa Rosa Ave.
San Francisco, CA

Committal Service

MAY 17. 11:30 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Dear JoAnne and Family*
So sorry to hear of the lose of your Dad. He was always a fun loving man whom I remember at all the parties when I was little. And later on when he would visit here in Sonoma, he would always take the time to talk and tell a story. His memory will live on in all our hearts and minds. He left a lasting impression. I was proud to know him.
Much love
Jeanie Borchelt

Jeanie Borchelt - May 21, 2014 at 07:28 PM

LL

“ *I met John at meetings for the Excelsior District Improvement Association over a decade ago. He was always such a delightful man to talk to. His stories of the neighborhood and San Francisco are such a treasure. I loved seeing John in his Balboa letter sweater at so many Balboa High School alumni events. I didn't go to Bal-- I went to high school in Michigan...but I have always supported the school as my "neighborhood" high school. I was so happy to learn that folks could make a donation to the school in John's memory. It has been wonderful to meet members of John's family too. I am so sorry for your loss.He will have a special place in the history of the school and in our hearts.*
May your memories give you comfort and peace.
Best regards, Linda Litehiser

Linda Litehiser - May 20, 2014 at 04:44 PM

GM

“ I met John in 1969 as an ironworker. Murphy's superintendent sent me to the job John was running after my previous job had ended. I knew immediatly that he was a cut above all the forman I had worked for. as luck would have it I was fortunate to stay with John for the next two and a half years. during that time I learned to be a forman and how to handle men, two things that let have a very fulfilling career as an ironworker and for that I am forever thankful.

Many years later in a lunch conversation with an old Murphy employee, John became the topic of our conversation when the man said, "John was the only person I know that was at peace with himself". I have never forgotten that conversation or the fact that he was a great ironworker, a wonderful family man, and a man of religous conviction.

John was a MAN among men, and he will be in my heart and thoughts forever.

Thanks for this oppertunity, Gary Mazotti

Gary Mazotti - May 17, 2014 at 11:35 AM

CE

“ My Mom and Dad went to school with Johnny and Elaine at Balboa. I heard so many great stories about their lives in San Francisco in the 30's and 40's. I remember a story about Dad and Johnny going to a gym (or something) to work out and before the work out, Johnny would drink a class of vermouth with raw eggs. Maybe an "Urban Myth" but a great story. Obviously it didn't affect his health! I still have the picture of Johnny during WWII when he grew this beard and apparently the picture scared the kids when they saw it.

What a vibrant man. Full of passion and compassion and so full of enthusiasm. Last of my folks friends, I'm afraid. I am honored to have spent a little bit of time with him and to get to know why everyone loved him so.

RIP Johnny. God bless your wonderful family.

Carol Emmerich - May 16, 2014 at 12:14 AM

CJ

“ Good-by John you were most definitely one of our favorite patients. Everyone enjoyed your sweet smile and your wonderful family we were fortunate to have the priviledge of having you with us on 4 south we love you!

your 4 south nurses CPMC

Connie Jennings - May 15, 2014 at 04:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John Peter Consiglieri.



May 15, 2014 at 11:34 AM

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“ I could listen to John forever recounting stories of his childhood, adult life, his children, grandchildren--his entire family!! He was so very proud of all of them. John was a kind, loving human who accepted the modern times and just "went with the flow." We will miss him but are so grateful to have known such a terrific man. May the Lord bless and keep you, May He shine His face towards you and give you His peace.

Tim and Claudine

Claudine and Tim - May 14, 2014 at 05:08 PM

CF

Such a wonderful, loving man! A true legend! It was such an honor to have known you my whole life!! You will be dearly missed! My heart is with your Family. Bless you all!

Carol Fahey

Carol Fahey - May 15, 2014 at 06:39 PM

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CHEERS TO THE MEMORY OF A LIFE WELL LIVED....ALWAYS TREASURE THE WONDERFUL TIMES....DIMITRI AND BERNIE VIRIPAEFF

BERNIE - May 16, 2014 at 12:35 AM