



John Anthony Ricci

February 23, 1979 - December 21, 2025

John Anthony Ricci, age 46, husband of Dianne Harleigh (Myers) Ricci of Royersford, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully surrounded by family, on Sunday, December 21, 2025 in his residence. Born on February 23, 1979, in Pottstown, he was a son of John Joseph Ricci and Pamela Marie (Cross) Ricci.

After six months of dating, John and Dianne married, something that she knew would happen from the very first date and something typical of his loving and adventurous spirit. From the very beginning, they led an incredible life together filled with more adventure. Some was fun and some not so much; like the impromptu 9-mile family hike with no water. No matter the situation, John navigated life with Dianne by his side, holding hands, always whispering three words: "We got this."

John will be fondly remembered by his family for his love of his three-pillow system, blaring music while playing along with his bass guitar until wee hours of the morning, and not just building a potato gun for the kids, but building the world's only potato bazooka.

John was once crowned Cannonball Champion of the World, having won a cannonball competition much to his children's delight, aboard a Royal Caribbean cruise ship. He was a master of Excel, proudly showing Dianne his

merits of a pivot table, although who really knows what a pivot table really is?. John was a great lover of whimsy, systems of organization, and he badly pretended that he wasn't a "dog person" even though he got each of his kids their own dog and then snuggled with them after the kids went to school. John was the best cook, single handedly preparing Thanksgiving dinner for seventeen people just weeks ago. He also recently won with team Smoke Show at Dugan's Rib-Off, and received awards for Best Appetizer and People's Choice.

John gave the best hugs, had the deepest love for his wife and children, and would often whisper to Dianne when one of the children did something cool, "We made these people, wow", each time with a little awe.

In addition to his loving wife and parents, John is survived by his children: Thomas Jackson Ricci, James Patrick Ricci, and Raegan Leigh Ricci, siblings: Magnolia (Steven) Cox, Ernest (Jennifer) Ricci, and Genevieve Ricci, Goddaughters: Cecelia and Mila Ricci, several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at 11:00 am, at the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington Street, Royersford. Officiating will be the Rev. David Kubczak. Friends will be received from 9:30 - 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's name to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Donation Processing Center, PO Box 5041, Boone, IA 50950-0041, www.pancan.org/donate.

Arrangements are being handled by the Cattermole - Klotzbach Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered online at www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home
600 Washington Street
Royersford, PA 19460

Memorial Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Anthony Ricci*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - December 26, 2025 at 02:24 PM

MI

“ *there's to many but it might have to be missing the bus in the morning and having to rush breakfast at the Maine street Cafe so I wasn't late for school*

mila - April 08 at 03:15 PM

CJ

“ *I've worked with John for the past 12+ years. He always seemed happiest to be solving a complex problem through the craziest of Excel formulas. I really enjoyed watching him work even though he was moving way too fast for me to keep up. As simple as it seems, he taught me VLOOKUP, and I think of him every time I use it. I was so incredibly happy to see him when he stopped by the office in September. - Chris Johnson*

Chris Johnson - December 28, 2025 at 10:29 AM

RB

“ John and I have worked together for the last 8 years. He was a great teammate and the consummate professional. God bless him and his family! Rick Ballou

Rick Ballou - December 27, 2025 at 12:34 PM

CS

“ In 1997, Spring Ford High School had a talent show. Though I signed up to do "stand up," I was 99% sure I was backing out that night. Carrying his bass and John being John, he asked if I was ready. When I told him that I wasn't going on, John picked me up (I was far from little) and carried me to the edge of the curtains on the stage. "Dude, who cares? You're funny. Make em' laugh the way you make us laugh."

I walked out onto that stage and into something that I have done throughout my life. I honestly don't know if I would have ever performed comedy in my life if it weren't for John. I've seen so much of this country, met some incredible people, and have been able to see my passion evolve.

John overcame my fear for me. His simple act of believing in me all those years ago is proof John embodied leaving things better than he found it. 27 years later and that moment still means more to me than I realized.

Anyone that has ever spent more than a few minutes around John knows that he was cut from a different cloth.

Chris Smith - December 26, 2025 at 08:07 PM

DP

“ John was simply beautiful. Genuinely a gentle and kind soul that could clearly wield strength upon command. And his smile...his smile was truly infectious. I was just sharing with Mungin last night how he was easily one of the smartest people I ever met; just an absolutely brilliant mind. I am honored to have known Ricci. Praying for Dianne, Tommy, Reagan, James and the Ricci whole family. John will be sorely missed. - Love, Daniel Pishock

Daniel Pishock - December 23, 2025 at 03:55 PM

CW

I met with John on business matter 4 months ago. Things changed from business to friendship. A truly genuinely good person. I knew him a very short time his death deeply effected me. I glad I had the opportunity to meet him. Chip Wisner

Chip Wisner - December 23, 2025 at 05:01 PM