



John Anthony Venturella

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John Anthony Venturella, a man of faith, music, and international expertise, passed away on May 14, 2024. Born on May 2, 1940, John lived a life filled with service, creativity, and adventure.

John was a devout follower of Christ and dedicated his life to ministry. He often told people he worked at Jesus Christ, reflecting his deep commitment to his faith. He was particularly proud of his trips to the retreat Cursillo and his walk to Emmaus with the Methodist Church.

Beyond his religious devotion, John was a man of many talents. He had a passion for music, loved to sing, and was in the process of writing music for a musical titled "Say Yes!" His love for music also extended to collaborations with Patty Thompson on musicals and Debbie Barker on praise and worship music.

John's life was a testament to his love for exploration and service. There wasn't a place you could name that he didn't respond with, "Oh, I lived there once." He lived in five countries, visited Russia three times, and resided in approximately 80 or more cities. His international expertise was reflected in his professional life, where he served as the Vice President of International Affairs for an IT Company.

His desire to help others was evident in his various roles. He was a co-founder of Stand in the Gap Ministries, a Care Coordinator for The Bair Foundation, and a mentor to teenagers in crisis with Life Launch.

John Anthony Venturella will be remembered as a man who embraced life in all its diversity. His legacy of faith, music, and service will continue to inspire those who knew him. His life was a testament to saying "Yes!" to every opportunity and living life to the fullest. He will be deeply missed.



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He is survived by his fiancé, and love of his life of 20 years, Kay Whitson; his children Marc and Megan Venturella; Lisa Dill; and Michael and Abby Venturella; grandchildren Jason and Chrystle Dill; Victoria Dill; Nicholas Dill; Joshua and Demi Dill; Emmaus Dill; Kenzo Venturella; Maddy Venturella; Gio Venturella; and Nico Venturella; and great grandchildren Cianna Dill; and Eeva Dill; and his sisters Tina Korb; Glorian Venturella; and Carol Behar; along with a host of other family and friends that will forever miss and remember him.

John is reunited with his parents Joseph and Frances, and his granddaughter Grace Caroline Dill and best friend Joe Felts.

The family would like to thank The Country Club at Woodland Hills especially Michael, Penny, and Jackie; as well as the staff from Millennium Home Health Care especially Marty, Natalie, Barbara, Jeremy, and Theresa.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to Nightlight Christian Adoption in honor of John: <https://nightlight.org/>



Events

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Visitation


 **Wednesday**, May 29, 2024

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT


 **Floral Haven Visitation Suites**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012

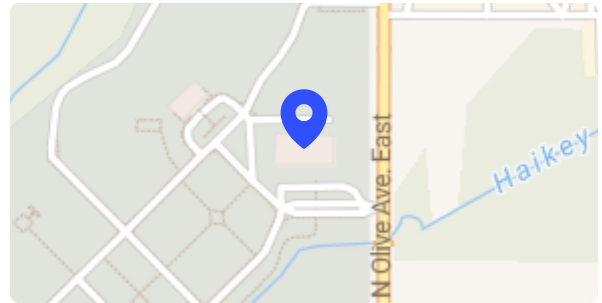


Celebration of Life Funeral Ceremony

 **Thursday**, May 30, 2024

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012





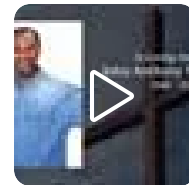
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Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory Andcemetery shared a **Video**.



June 1 at 8:58 AM



Michael Venturella posted:

Favorite Johnny Stud Moments (no order)1. "Walk this way" - waiter with pronounced limp walks in front and turns to catch my dad acting inappropriate2. "Camelhair overcoat" - buys really expensive overcoat in Italy, walks outside to the piazza and a bird drops one on him3. "Get that shit out of my house" - finds my stash so I go to my sister's and we finished it all and ate everything in her place4. "Big hug" - i buy him a gold cross necklace since Kay (different Kay but a harbinger) and he goes to the kitchen, I follow and he just turns amd gives me a giant hug and cries. 5. "Dancing queen" - him dancing with my new wife (pretty sure he got handsy)6. "Anything happen at the school carnival" - found out I won a bottle of cinzano and drank it with my sister (sense a theme?)7. JOE! and Mayonaissa (strange dialect between him and us kids)8. "2AM wake up" - in Tulsa, came home slightly sauced, very angry about breaking up with a girl, went outside, he sat up until 4:30a waiting for me to come in and talk. 9. "24 yr old" finds out I was dating, at 17, a 24yr old girl I worked with....not happy, then she tells me "wow, your dad is really sexy"....the door hit her in the....10. Bracciole- watching my Dad teach my kids how to make it. 11. TINA!!!! - Any time him and Tina came to visit12. "Close your mouth when eating" - he had a (very discrete) habit of talking when he was eating. He ate about 95% of it...the rest came out...13. "The never ending party issues"...found out my sister and I (truly a bad influence) had a massive party and for weeks afterwards kept finding stuff broken that we barely fixed...he got upset for weeks as he found new things14. "My son isn't a F-ing dog" the nun at Bishop Feehan saying "oh, you're the parents of the dog (the nickname they gave my brother due to his over the eyes hairstyle...never heard my dad swear before that. 15. "Daughter in Love" what he called his daughter in laws16. Cram, esil and ekim (our names backwards) when he wrote a book.17. "My other son Mike" my best buddy Mike across the street who met my Dad ONCE and he was my Dad's newest son18. "What the heck were you thinking" my brother and I scaring my sister in France after watching the first Halloween movie. So many more to list. Miss ya JOE! 😊

May 16 at 10:59 AM



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PB

Patricia Brown posted:

I had the privilege of knowing John Venturella....john was my boss at a computer company in Massachusetts and he taught me to love the lord and follow Jesus...John was the best Christian boss any one could have had. To the day he went to heaven I always thanked God for John in my life...my prayers to his family....that the lord Jesus will give them the strength and comfort during this very difficult time...I look forward to the time we will meet again. Rest in peace my dear friend. Patricia Brown

May 25 at 12:17 PM

GV

Glorian Venturella posted:

My daughter Dawn and I traveled to Spain to spend Christmas holiday with John and his family. All 4 kids were, I believe, under 16. We did a road trip in a small station wagon. We piled all of our luggage on to the roof luggage carrier and my sister in law and I suggested John consider using a sturdier rope than twine. Just like John, he assured "the little women", that he knew what he was doing and wrapped it twice. As we're driving, we pass shepherds on the hillside tending their flock and women wearing all black dresses washing their clothes w rocks in the creek. The kids start to scream the luggage flew off and a few of the bags flew open and our clothes were flying on the small highway. . As Johns' passengers exited the car hysterically laughing, John glared at us and said no comments! There are quite a few of these "all knowing John" incidents that we can enjoy when we're all together! Forever in our hearts Bro 🙏🙏

May 23 at 7:55 AM

GV

Glorian Venturella May 23 at 2:16 PM

Thanks for the loving comments 😊

AS

Angela Segal May 23 at 9:53 AM

While I did not know John well, I have heard the many stories of John and his family. As a very close friend of his sister Glorian, there were always interesting stories and updates on John. He was lucky to have the deep love and devotion of the Venturella sisters - each a unique person in their own right but as a family shared a lifetime of love and support with John. May he smile down on them and keep watch over them - until they all meet again. God bless John and bring him peace. Angela Segal



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Robert Nicastro posted:

I am truly grateful for the many years that I could call John my best friend and "brother". So enjoyed his analytical method of problem solving or explanations using 1, 2 or 3, or A,B, and C. His smile and sense of humor will be missed. We shared our ethnicities and had many similar stories of growing up in an Italian family. John served as my best man at Diane and my wedding at St. Mark's in North Attleboro, MA. John, may you rest in peaceDiane and I would like to extend our sincere sympathy to John's loved ones.Rob & Diane Nicastro

May 17 at 3:54 PM



Katie lit a candle in honor of John.

John will be sorely missed by those who were lucky enough to get to know him. However, I am comforted to know that he and my dad (Joe Felts, d.2015) can spend some time catching up over a long heavenly breakfast. John meant the world to my dad and he often called him "my other dad" after his own father passed away in 2000. Their friendship and their shared love of the Lord is the stuff that comforting memories are made of especially in times like these. All our thoughts and prayers to John's family and friends. Love, Katie and Grant Baker



May 17 at 7:17 AM



Lisa Dill May 20 at 3:51 PM

Katie, the absolute love my father had for Joe was brotherly, loving and sincere. I love that my dad called himself your other dad! My dad talked about joining Joe many times. We mentioned your dad in the obituary, I hope that's ok . ❤️



Pete And Kathi Weldon posted:

It is with a very heavy heart that we learned of John's passing. He was truly one of the kindest people we ever knew. His love of life and incredible humor were very contagious. His memory will always bring joy to our hearts. Blessings to all the Venturella and Dill families.Love,Kathi and Pete Weldon

May 17 at 6:39 AM



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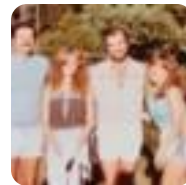
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Diane Panin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My Dad thought of you as his brother, not his cousin. He loved you immensely. I remember looking forward to our visits to your home as a kid. Our family was blessed. You will be missed by many, and welcomed home by those who passed. Give Mom and Dad hugs, and a special hug for Uncle Ronnie. Rest in eternal peace 🙏🙏



May 16 at 1:32 PM



Lisa Dill May 21 at 9:06 AM

I love this photo Diane. Yes dad and Bobby were truly brothers. After Uncle Bobby passed away dad said, "Im it. Im the last Male" I know they are together now



Caroline Cady lit a candle in honor of John.

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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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