



## John Frank Luppino

January 2, 1947 - November 3, 2023

John “Rocky” Luppino, aka “John the Horse Man” known for his helpful nature and colorful personality. John grew up in Sicily, immigrated to Venezuela, and then came to the U.S. where he proudly served his country during the Vietnam War and later met the love of his life, Nancy, whom he endearingly called “Fluffy”. Beloved father of Lisa (David) and Tony; cherished grandfather of Donovyn; fond uncle of Gina (Brian) Flanagan, Frank Blonda, Vicki (Matt) Renz, Deanna Blonda, Vince (Denise) Blonda and Teresa Blonda. Celebration of Life Friday, November 10th, 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. with a service at 7:30 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa. If you would like to make a donation in his honor, please consider Hospice Care Network, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research <https://give.michaeljfox.org/give/421686/#!/donation/checkout> or Alzheimer’s Association. <https://www.alz.org>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV 10. 7:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CL

“ It's hard to believe someone so very full of life is gone. Johnny was a force of nature and the most "Italian" Italian American I have ever met. He was enthusiastic and generous and seemed a little larger than life.



He and Nancy were among the very first people I met when I moved to Illinois 19 years ago. We rode the forest preserve trails together, and John and Nance were unfailingly kind to me in those early days.

I hope that Johnny and Rocky are together now, riding trails where the sun never sets, and that we may all meet up again someday.

My love and best wishes to Nancy and to everyone whose life John Luppino touched.

~ Cindy

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Cynthia Laufenberg - November 10, 2023 at 03:24 PM

JC

“ Jasmin Cruz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Frank Luppino.

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Jasmin Cruz - November 10, 2023 at 08:09 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John Frank Luppino.



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November 09, 2023 at 11:00 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Frank Luppino.



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November 08, 2023 at 11:07 PM

TF

“ The Nuzikowski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Frank Luppino.

The Nuzikowski Family - November 08, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Frank Luppino.



November 08, 2023 at 07:42 PM

MT

“ My wife and I had the privilege to meet and call John our friend. He and Nancy shared their home and their hospitality with us on various occasions. Johnny was intrigued by the California couple! RIP Rocky, you hold a special place in our hearts.

Mani and Leanna Torres - November 07, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Frank Luppino.



November 07, 2023 at 05:47 PM

AD

“ Anne D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Frank Luppino.

Anne D. - November 07, 2023 at 09:36 AM

“ John filled a room. So many funny snap shot memories, but my favorite, still warms my heart to think about it and gives you an idea of this man with a heart the size of Texas: It was winter, and a cold night. I arrived at the Ponderosa to ride my horse wearing my warm, long alpaca coat. The lining of the coat, however, was torn on the seam from the arm pit to the bottom; I draped the coat over a chair, put on a vest to ride in before Nancy and I went to the barn. We were out there an hour or so. John, in his natural curiosity about people’s stuff was checking out my alpaca and must have seen the torn lining. After we came in and visited a bit more it was time to leave. I had to be careful putting the coat on so-as-to not push my arm between the torn lining and the coat. This time however, I couldn’t find the false opening, despite several arm insertion attempts. I took it off to find that my handsome, macho Italian friend had hand sewed the entire lining back together with precision as if it were new. I could not believe it. It was one of the nicest unsolicited act of kindness from the most unsuspecting man. I think of this often and I still well with warmth when I recall his random act of kindness. That was Johnny Lupino ❤️

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Christine Posedel - November 07, 2023 at 08:40 AM

JW

“ I am deeply sorry to hear about the passing of Papa John. He will be remembered for his wisdom, passion, and the love he shared with all those around him. I'll especially remember how much he loved his wife Nancy, that was true love. He will also be remembered for his love of food and the joy he found in savoring every meal, I enjoyed cooking for holidays knowing he was coming over to eat. He had a huge appetite for food and life. His curious nature and inquisitiveness, his habit of asking lots of questions, showcased his constant quest for knowledge, information and understanding. He always complimented me of how proud he was of me raising my kids, as a single mother, he always always asked about Anthony & Jayda, and then my love life lol. He was so happy when I told him, this “good-a woman” found “A good-a looking husband” You knew where you stood with him, whether he approved or not because he was honest and outspoken. He was a one of a kind man with an unforgettable voice and Sicilian Spanish accent, I can actually hear it in my mind when I think of him.

*May cherished memories bring you comfort. Sending my heartfelt condolences to my sister in law Lisa, my brother Davy, my nephew Donovyn, Nancy, Tony and the whole family during this difficult time. We are thankful he is no longer suffering here on earth but now rejoicing in Gods kingdom.*

*With love and respect,  
Jess, Beto, Anthony, Jayda & Bella.*



**Jessie Capellan Wolfe** - November 07, 2023 at 12:30 AM

JS

“ Jack Chulengarian and Nancy Stanley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Frank Luppino.



**Jack Chulengarian and Nancy Stanley** - November 06, 2023 at 02:07 PM

DC

“ Johnny, you will be greatly missed but not forgotten in our hearts. You loved people and were always giving to others. We were blessed on knowing you. We extend our deepest sympathy to Nancy and your entire family. I wish we could have had more time to spend with you. May you rest in peace with our Dear Lord! Jack Chulengarian and Nancy Stanley

Dr. Jack Robert Chulengarian - November 06, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Frank Luppino.



November 06, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ I will always remember John for his generosity and kindness to all of his friends. The trails rides and horse events were so exciting for John. He dearly loved his Rocky, but I will never forget his undying love and dedication to his sweet wife, "Fluffy", along with his whole family. He forever talked about his beautiful life. I know our memories will forever bring a smile to my face. What a loving soul he was! Signed Your Friends, Karen & Rick

Karen Weiss - November 06, 2023 at 12:05 PM