



John Thomas Gaughran

October 3, 1950 - December 5, 2025

John Thomas Gaughran Sr. passed away suddenly on December 5, 2025. Born in East Orange, NJ, and raised in Leonardo, NJ, John attended Middletown High School before entering the United States Air Force in 1969. He proudly served for four years, including time in Korea, and as a Presidential Guard stationed at Andrews Air Force Base under President Nixon. He was honorably discharged in 1973.

John dedicated 46 years to law enforcement in Monmouth County, serving as a Detective with the Long Branch Police Department and later as an Evidence Agent with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Patricia, and is the proud father of three sons: Patrick and his fiancée Sasha, and his late sons, John Thomas Jr. and Daniel. John is also survived by his brother Philip and his wife Gretchen and is predeceased by his brother Daniel. He leaves behind many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends, and his beloved dog, Lucky. family has requested in lieu of flowers and donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org) John's favorite charity

Cemetery Details

All other services are private

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **11.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Funeral Mass

DEC **12.** 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of Saint Anselm
1028 Wayside Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Tribute Wall

GO

“ Our condolences go out to John and his family. I remember sharing a patrol unit with John very early in my law enforcement career. One occasion which I never forgot was assigned to a traffic signal post at dawn on 7th and Joline when the city experience a power outage in the summer. Thirsty and stuck which like felt forever, along came a patrol unit, opened the truck, and out came a cold beverage which quenched my thirst. Rest in peace, brother.

Gogo - December 11, 2025 at 07:23 AM

JM

“ Jennie Weibke, Liz Perry & Trish McKenna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Thomas Gaughran.

Jennie Weibke, Liz Perry & Trish McKenna - December 09, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Thomas Gaughran.



December 09, 2025 at 09:52 PM

DW

“ Dennis walker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Thomas Gaughran.

Dennis walker - December 09, 2025 at 02:37 PM

DW

“ *Dennis walker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiophyllum for the family of John Thomas Gaughran.*



Dennis walker - December 09, 2025 at 02:37 PM

FC

“ *From The Criscolas & Everyone at Crisdel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Thomas Gaughran.*

From The Criscolas & Everyone at Crisdel - December 09, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Thomas Gaughran.*



December 09, 2025 at 11:14 AM

PU

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Gaughran Family, and all of his friends and colleagues. Truly one of a kind. Thankfully, his legacy "on the job" and outside of the office and into his retirement years will live on with everyone he mentored or touched in the infamous Johnny G fashion.*

Respectfully

Pud - December 08, 2025 at 08:16 PM

PJ

“ Our condolences on behalf of the Mason Family. Growing up with John was a pleasure he will be missed. Many good memories.

Patrick S. Mason Jr. - December 08, 2025 at 06:29 PM

MM

“ Patty,
So very sorry to hear about John's passing. May he rest in peace

Michele Monaco - December 08, 2025 at 03:38 PM

CB

“ Patty and family. I'm so very sorry for your loss. May John Rest Peacefully 🙏😭
Cathy Mazza Babson

Cathy Mazza Babson - December 08, 2025 at 12:31 PM

PS

Was very sorry to hear about the passing of John. My brother and sisters attended St. Agnes Grammar School with John. My brother Joe and I played basketball with John on the Parish CYO basketball team. He was a wonderful human being. Our sincere condolences to John's wife and family. Good man! God Bless His Soul!!
Phil Simonetti

Philip Simonetti - December 09, 2025 at 11:50 AM

TC

“ to the family of John, please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss Tony Cannella retired Sgt. L. B. P. D.

Tony Cannella - December 08, 2025 at 11:34 AM

JB

“ *Patty, I am sorry to hear about John. Please accept my condolences. I enjoyed working with John in the Detective Bureau. May he rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.*

John Bucciero - December 08, 2025 at 10:19 AM

WS

“ *Wes Mayo Sr.
PATTY, MY sincere heart felt condolences to you and the family. I Spoke to John several weeks ago as he was sitting by the inlet with his dog watching the boats going by. He said it ISso peaceful there.*

Wesley mayo sr - December 08, 2025 at 09:40 AM

SB

“ *Patty I'm sorry for the loss of John. I will always remember John for his dedication to his work not only to the LBPD and PBA Local 10 but to his family as well. God Bless you and Patrick.*

Scott Beaver - December 08, 2025 at 09:26 AM

GR

“ *Rest in Peace John*

Greg - December 08, 2025 at 09:20 AM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Gaughran*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - December 08, 2025 at 08:05 AM

CL

“Patty, I am so sad to hear. I remember John always having a big smile on his face. Prayers and heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May the love and support of loved ones and friends give you strength. 🙏

Claire - December 07, 2025 at 09:24 PM

ST

“John was one of the first officers I met when I got hired on the LBPD. He was kind but had chop busting streaks in him as most of you are aware of. He taught me the ropes and became a mentor knowing that I can always ask him for help and guidance. Knowing Patty for many years while involved with the first aid squad made it seem like family especially always talking about our next vacation. He was a standup guy, good friend and will be missed each and every day but the fond memories will always stay strong.

Sam Tomaine - December 07, 2025 at 09:18 PM

AM

Patty I'm so sorry to hear about John. Working in the ED we had some interaction with the LBPD and your husband was always kind and helpful. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time.

Andreanette McKenzie - December 07, 2025 at 11:02 PM

DK

Patty - my sincere condolences, so sorry to hear about John's sudden passing. Sending you prayers.

Dot Kulina - December 08, 2025 at 06:00 PM

SN

Patty- my sincerest condolences to you upon John's passing. He was a great guy and police officer. Always enjoyed the times we hung out - back in the day. May he rest in peace.

susan napoletano - December 08, 2025 at 06:16 PM

RB

Patty, so sorry for your loss. Really a loss for many. John was a great guy, outstanding officer, and a true leader and mentor for so many. RIP John.

Rich and Joan Bryson - December 11, 2025 at 04:01 PM

BC

Patty - our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. May John RIP.

Butch and Sherry Condone - December 11, 2025 at 09:22 PM

DB

John will be sorely missed as a wonderful man and neighbor. Many good memories! God bless you and your family!

Donna Butler - December 13, 2025 at 07:27 PM