



John Thomas Colangelo

September 29, 1947 - March 21, 2017

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“ I dated John is 1964 and 1965. John talked about leaving the Packard with me to care for it while at Fordham. However I dated another student from St. A. We lost touch although we only talked briefly in 1999. We were both single at the time. We talked about old times and the possibility of saying Hello again in the future with another pal living in Pasadena, Ca.. If you could share a picture of John, I would appreciate it. It would be a nice memory. My email is d davis750@gmail.com. Dianne Davis

Dianne - July 22, 2020 at 11:05 PM

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“ John attended a Washington, DC Catholic prep school, St. Anselm's Abbey, from 1959 to 1965. He was a classmate.



Another of our classmates informed us on Easter Sunday of his passing. It was sad news. Our graduating class was only 19 boys.

The majority of us never had any contact again. The sixties was an era of enormous social change. Most of our classmates disbursed to other areas of the world and and the country. Only 4 of us remained in the greater Washington, DC area. We didn't grow up with iPhones, the Internet, and Facebook. We lost contact. I had not talked to or seen John since June 6, 1965, the day we graduated.

Now, sadly, as we start to find out that our classmates of 50 plus years ago are passing on, we pause to remember that sweet time, long ago and far away in a different time and space when we were kids searching for our futures and identities.

It was gratifying to read that John was well thought of as a teacher and a kind human being.

May his memory be eternal and requiescat in pace, John.

Dean Popps
High School Classmate
McLean, Virginia

Dean Popps - April 16, 2017 at 10:07 PM

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“ How sad that he is gone from us. He was a superb teacher: I think I attended all the courses he prepared so well for the lifelong learning groups in San Luis Obispo. He was inspirational. Also, a most generous and kind human being, admirable in the way he looked after an elderly man who had no claim on him other than shared humanity, the way he cared for the well being of his mother. When I think of John a quote from the Dalai Lama springs to mind: "This is my simple religion. There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple; the philosophy is kindness." And John lived it. May he rest in peace.

Felicia Brown - April 08, 2017 at 07:59 PM

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“ I have never known anyone with more zest for life than John. His energy, kindness, and generosity in sharing his knowledge and insights with others were treasured by all who knew him. I feel so fortunate to have known John.

Sue Cerise - April 08, 2017 at 07:08 PM

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“ *The following message was sent to participants in the Lifelong Learners of the Central Coast. John was a well-loved volunteer history instructor for us and we will miss him. He was also my friend.*

We regret to inform you all that our friend John Colangelo passed away in March. John was everyone's favorite instructor of history, a subject that he had a lifelong interest in, particularly the ways in which its study helped us understand today's world. He lived on the Central Coast for 15 years and was a volunteer history instructor for LLCC and for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Prior to doing that, he was the school counselor and history teacher at Mission College Prep H.S. in San Luis Obispo.

John was a native of New York City. Following graduation from Fordham University he worked for the New York Times and the ABC Network. He came to California in 1978 to work for Northrop Grunman in the Southland until he retired and moved here. We all are going to miss him, especially those of us who attended his courses.

You might want to think about honoring John's memory by attending one or more of the new courses available from Lifelong Learners of the Central Coast in May.

*Jeff Green
President LLCC*

Jeff Green - April 08, 2017 at 01:20 AM