



## John Thomas Leary

November 18, 1942 - March 1, 2025

John T. Leary, 82, of Florence, passed away on Saturday March 1, 2025, after a long battle with dementia, at Mercy Medical Center. He was born in Montague on November 18, 1942, to the late Martin and Bernice (Grogan) Leary Jr. He was a graduate of St. Michael's High School in Northampton. He worked for several years as a truck driver for various companies throughout his career before retiring. In his younger years, he excelled in sports, especially softball, his team was the one you wanted to play for as they won many trophies. John enjoyed playing golf, boating, loved all animals, and was an avid Yankees and Giants fan. He was a member of the Northampton Elks Lodge #997 and Teamsters Union.

John is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Natalie Basile, his son Martin "Marty" Leary and his wife Andrea of Hatfield, his stepdaughter, Amy Baker-Mendyk and her husband Michael of Hatfield, grandchildren, Tyler Leary and his girlfriend Riley of Montague, Nicholas Leary and his girlfriend Vanessa of Montague, Evan Leary of Hatfield, step-grandchildren, Austin Rogers of Biddeford, ME, and Victoria Rogers of Hatfield, Tyler Baker and his girlfriend Aspen of Aurora, CO, his sister, Sheila Leary of Whitman, MA and nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Stephen Leary and sister, Maura Leary.

Calling hours will be Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 10 AM – 12 PM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME OF NORTHAMPTON. A prayer service will

begin at 12 PM in the Funeral Home, burial will immediately follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Northampton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to Alzheimer's Association, 320 Nevada St. Suite 201, Newton, MA 02460, or at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit [Drozdalfuneralhome.com](http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home  
120 Damon Rd., Northampto  
Northampton, MA 01060

## Prayer Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM - 12:20 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home  
120 Damon Rd.  
Northampton, MA 01060  
drozdalfh@aol.com  
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

## Burial

MAR 6. 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Cemetery  
235 North Elm St.  
Northampton, MA 01060

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Rick and June Hinton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Thomas Leary.



Rick and June Hinton - March 05, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Thomas Leary.

March 05, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Thomas Leary.



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“ -The Zygmont Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Thomas Leary.



-The Zygmont Family - March 05, 2025 at 12:18 PM

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“ Your Friends at International Laser purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of John Thomas Leary.



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**Your Friends at International Laser** - March 05, 2025 at 08:43 AM

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**Your Friends at International Laser** - March 05, 2025 at 08:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Thomas Leary.



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March 04, 2025 at 09:49 AM

JS

“ To all the family of John Leary, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know that this has been a difficult journey for all involved and my heart, love and prayers go out to you. Good Bless! Judy Schell

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**Judy Schell** - March 04, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John Thomas Leary.*



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March 03, 2025 at 11:51 PM



“ *When visiting my brother I will always remember John coming up the backstairs for his morning cup of coffee. with my brother (Jim), John was such a good friend to him. Rest in Peace John.*

*Rick Brennan*

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**Rick Brennan** - March 03, 2025 at 06:52 PM



*Hello Natalie. My condolences for the loss of your husband. He was a lucky guy since I always had a crush on you. Would like to get together sometime. I'll bring the basketball. Bet I can beat you this time! Bring Ann along. She can keep score!*  
*Joe Peters*

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**Joe Peters** - March 04, 2025 at 05:53 PM