



John A. Doleno Sr.

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John Albert Doleno, age 72, of North Versailles, passed away on March 6, 2026 surrounded by his loving family.

John grew up in Pittsburgh's South Hills, and has remained a pillar of the community throughout his life. After graduating from Bethel Park High School, John proudly served in the Navy. After his honorable discharge, he went to work in the steel mill industry. He also proudly served as Fire Chief with the Library Fire Hall.

Despite his retirement from the steel mill industry, one of his favorite pass times was to join the family plumbing business on site, overseeing their work. It was less about the work, and more about being involved and present in the lives of his family members. His life was devoted to his family and his children, but especially his grandchildren. He loved to watch them grow, attending all school events and milestones.

His legacy lives on through his four grandchildren, who were the light of his life.

Oldie was happiest when he was outdoors, especially when swimming or being on the water with his grandkids, teaching them to appreciate the world around them.

John was a loving and devoted father to Denise (Mike) John Jr. (Stephanie), Bronson (Collette), Monica (Patrick), grandfather to Sean (Kylie), Barrett, Fisher and Margot; devoted partner to Yvonne Novick; former spouse of Robin Doleno. He will also be missed greatly by numerous friends, cousins and family members, as well as his faithful dog Bennie.

John is preceded in death by his parents Albert and Ruth Doleno.

Family and friends are welcome for visitation on March 10, 2026 from 2:00pm to 8:00pm at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15236. A funeral service will be held on March 11 at 10:00am in the funeral home chapel.

Memorial donations are encouraged to the Humane Society



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<https://humaneanimalrescue.org/> or the Diabetes Association <https://diabetes.org/>.
The family would like to extend their gratitude to Dr. Screen and the medical team at the Forbes ICU for the level of care and compassion they were shown.

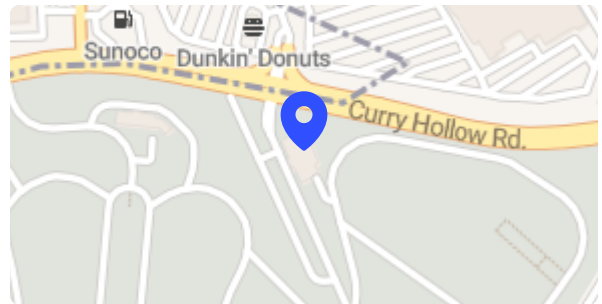


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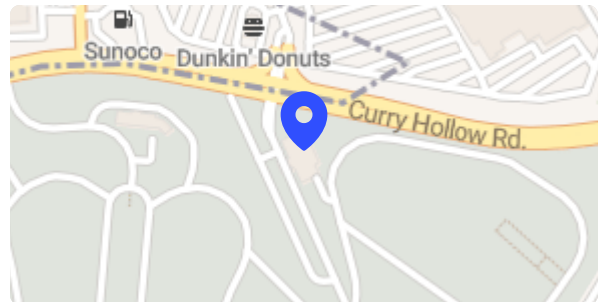
Visitation

- Tuesday**, March 10, 2026
- 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home**
301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh PA 15236



Funeral Service

- Wednesday**, March 11, 2026
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home Chapel**
301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh PA 15236



Cemetery Details

- Jefferson Memorial Crematory**
401 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh PA 15236





Tribute Wall

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Lori H. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



March 26 at 7:31 AM



Lori Hollerich March 26 at 7:33 AM
R.I.P. John. Tom and Lori Hollerich



Sheri D. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



March 10 at 12:04 PM



Patty Jo Kelly And Family sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Doleno family.



March 10 at 10:00 AM



Patty Jo Kelly And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



March 10 at 10:00 AM



The Murtaugh's sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Doleno family.



March 10 at 8:36 AM



Samantha, Jeff And Jackson Howell sent a Serene Retreat to the Doleno family.



March 10 at 8:02 AM



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March 10 at 8:02 AM



Jason Joseph posted:

I met John Doleno in 6th grade, it would be a few years before I really remember meeting Oldie and a few more before we became friends. Until then all I knew about Oldie is what I saw, a big intimidating dude with a booming voice and what I heard from John which was that Oldie like to yell a lot and throw garbage cans. Through most of high school I hung out with John at school but I kept my distance the house. It would be years before I realized John probably deserved most of the yelling and maybe even the garbage can. Later after my freshman year of college at a particularly challenging point in my life I reunited with John and really got to know Oldie for the first time. Much to my surprise, we became friends. We didn't necessarily have much in common on the surface, I didn't hunt or fish, never worked with my hands and never served my country or even my community and I can't stand Coors Light but we found enough to make it work. Mostly I think I was his favorite of John's friends at the time. That was probably because he thought I was least likely to get him arrested or killed and maybe, I might even be a good influence. I don't know if I was ever actually a good influence on John, but I know Oldie was a good influence on me. At a time in my life when I needed it most Oldie was there for me as a friend, a mentor and a father figure when I hadn't yet figured out how to connect with my own father. He opened his home to me time and time again making sure I knew that wherever he was, I would always be welcome. I always had a seat at Oldie's table, wherever it was. I didn't grow up in a house where we even had guests let alone welcomed people as family. It was new to me, outside of my parents and grandparent Oldie's house was the first that ever felt like home and that continued over the years no matter where he was. Oldie was always there to listen, encourage and give advice he never judged or criticized. Over the years there would be times where years would pass without seeing each other, it never mattered, we always picked up where we left off. He always found ways to be there when it mattered most. When I got married it was a small wedding, I had lots of friends and family that weren't included. Oldie was the only person in my life who wasn't at the wedding who called me that day, it meant the world to me then and it still does. I learned many lessons from Oldie over the years. I think the most important is that family isn't just about blood, it's a choice, it's who you decide to open your home and your heart to. My hope is that someday my daughter will have a friend who feels as welcome in our home as I always did in Oldie's. And I learned that it's worth it to open your home and your heart because you never know what kind of impact you might have on someone else's life. I will always be grateful for the impact Oldie had on my life and my heart goes out to the entire Doleno family and all the people Oldie chose to welcome into his life.

March 7 at 6:54 PM



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Pnc Healthcare Tma'S sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Doleno family.

March 9 at 2:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Doleno family.

March 9 at 2:02 PM



Love, Lissa, John, And Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Doleno family.

March 9 at 10:59 AM



Pncu Brilliantly Bold Ldc Team sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Doleno family.

March 8 at 8:45 PM



Cheryl Bobro posted:

It was my pleasure to have known John. Always had a big hug for me when I would visit back home in Pgh. I will miss seeing you ride up and down the street with Yvonne & Bennie on the daily walk. Rest in peace my friend, I will truly miss seeing you. One Amigo now gone but not forgotten. Cheryl & Jason Bobro

March 8 at 3:04 PM



Mary, Jeff, John, Rebecca & Luna Dibuono sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Doleno family.

March 8 at 12:14 PM





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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Doleno family.



March 8 at 4:21 AM



Kim Nace planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



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Harry, Stacey, Dante, Paige, Owen, Emily sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Doleno family.



March 7 at 10:13 PM



Clarence Federer posted:

Sorry to hear of John's passing. I met him a few years ago hunting at his cousin Cheryl's home. We had quite a few talks over coffee and he was a joy to be around. R.I.P John

March 7 at 6:54 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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