



John William DiFilippo

October 13, 1955 - February 20, 2021

Loving husband, father, son, brother and uncle John William DiFilippo passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 20, 2021, at home with his family in Houston, Texas after a long and well fought battle with cancer. He was 65 years old.

Among the many who miss him are his loving wife Arianna, amazing children Brian, Isabella, and Marco, sisters Denise, Susan (and Paul), Gina (and Brian) and Collin, brother Cris (and Jean), aunts Eda (and Pete) and Elsa (and Jerry), uncles Angelo and John (and Jeanette), bonus mother Glenda, mother and father-in-law Caterina and Felice Martines, many nieces, nephews, cousins and literally hundreds of friends he made and loved throughout his life. Among those he will rejoin in heaven are his parents, Jan Beam and Elmer DiFilippo, grandparents John and Mary DiFilippo and William and Myrtle Fullerton, and cousins Michael and Matthew.

John was born in Ohio, graduated from Kent State University, and moved to Texas in 1977 to study for his Master's in International Management (MIM) at Baylor University. He worked in finance, primarily in the oil and gas exploration industry, throughout his career and co-founded Etna Energy in 2017.

John loved all of the people in his life. He made it his goal to stay connected with family and friends no matter how distant or how long it had been since he

last spoke with them. He loved sports of all kinds and bounced from season to season with enthusiasm and knowledge of players and teams. He collected music; his tastes were eclectic and his collection of vinyl and CDs was extensive. He preferred albums because he didn't want to miss out on a single track. His love of movies was equally as diverse. While he had his favorites (like Groundhog Day), he watched anything and everything in any genre. He was a self-educated Seinfeld expert and could cite an appropriate quotation for any situation he encountered. John was staunchly committed and dedicated to many causes. He gave 100% of himself in everything he did.

He was an avid baseball fan his whole life, supporting both the Houston Astros and Cleveland Indians. He attended Indians spring training for many years and enjoyed attending Astros games as a season ticket holder every year with his family.

John was active in his community. As a member of the board of Learn Local he helped promote and improve the quality of neighborhood public schools near the Houston Heights area. This included helping to found Mission Squash, a non-profit organization that helps students from underserved communities to maximize their academic and wellness potential. He loved playing, watching, and supporting the sport of squash.

He will always be remembered for his quick sense of humor, his love of music, his steadfast moral compass, and the way he made everyone he encountered into a friend. We will miss him every day.

The family will hold a private funeral service on Monday, March 1st at 1:30 pm CST. It can be safely shared by family and friends via live stream at <https://youtu.be/W0cS06SUVFk>

In place of calling hours, friends and loved ones are invited to submit a short

video clip (or photo) with a message, wish or fond memory you would like to share with John's family. Videos, photos and messages can be uploaded to the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/UYnUPSqrsjR55oeUpoC6>

Please consider a donation to Mission Squash <https://missionsquash.org/> or Sarcoma Foundation of America <https://www.curesarcoma.org/> in lieu of sending flowers.

Tribute Wall



“ *John William DiFilippo*

October 08, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ *John William DiFilippo*

October 05, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Our good, good friend from the Revere High School Class of 1973; Richfield Ohio. How sad to read of his passing. As we research to find our classmates, sadly we came across this obituary. Our deepest sympathy to all.*

David McCann - April 24, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Carissimo John, con enorme tristezza cogliamo tue notizie. Ricorderemo sempre la tua generosita', passione per la tua famiglia e l'Italia. Le piu' sentite condoglianze ed un fortissimo abbraccio ad Arianna, Brian, Isabella e Marco in questo momento cosi' difficile.*

Con tanto affetto - Francesca, David, Caterina, Gianluca

Francesca Parker - March 08, 2021 at 11:55 AM

BM

“ John and I got to know each other through an investment we made in San Pedro. He was truly one of the best people I have ever worked with. He always was honest, fun and we quickly became friends. I will miss him. His love for his family has inspired me to want to be the best husband and father to my wife and kids - big shoes to fill relative to how great he was. John - I will miss you!

Brad Morse

Brad Morse - March 05, 2021 at 11:41 AM

BM

“ I got to know John through business we did with San Pedro and we became friends through that process. He was always honest, friendly and one of the kindest people I have ever known. He loved his family and cared so much about others. I will truly miss him!

Bradley Morse - March 04, 2021 at 05:13 PM

PR

“ John and I started in banking forty one years ago this January. We became friends instantly. It was so easy to delight in his quick wit that characterized his uniquely wonderful sense of humor. John was a caring person, and I admired the value he placed on relationships and family. I am so grateful how John was always interested in maintaining the close bonds of friendship that we shared. He was blessed to have such a loving and close family. Laura and I will miss John dearly.

Paul Riddle - March 03, 2021 at 03:03 PM

CK

“ So sad to hear that John has passed. As I recall back in Ohio in the 1970's, you rarely got out of John's place without hearing some deep Kink's tracks. RIP John; Preservation Act I & II have been listened to in your honor.

Chris Kline - March 02, 2021 at 09:13 PM

TO

“ Trudie Owers lit a candle in memory of John William DiFilippo



Trudie Owers - March 02, 2021 at 02:38 PM

BE

“ We were deeply saddened to belatedly learn of John's passing. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends. It was an honor and privilege to have known and worked with him.

Brandt & Cathy Edwards - March 02, 2021 at 08:39 AM

SM

“ It my privilege and honor to care for John during his battle with cancer. His grit, determination, courage and humor were beyond none. His family was his backbone and he could not share enough stories which always brought a huge smile to his face. I am so glad our paths crossed. And for John. Go Astros
Sue Madsen

sue madsen - March 02, 2021 at 07:41 AM

AL

“ *The world has lost a wonderful, kind, human being, a loving father and husband. May his life be an example to all of us. My love to you, Ary and to your children.*

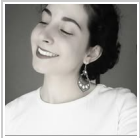
Alle - March 01, 2021 at 05:42 PM



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Cristiana Iannone - March 01, 2021 at 03:35 PM



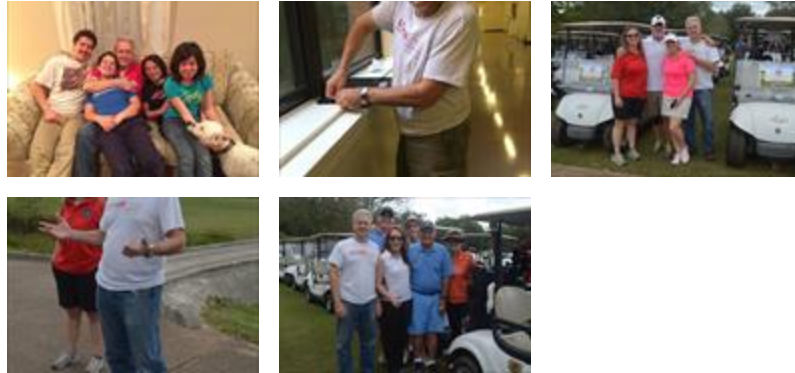
“ *Roberta Iannone lit a candle in memory of John William DiFilippo*



Roberta Iannone - March 01, 2021 at 03:30 PM

EG

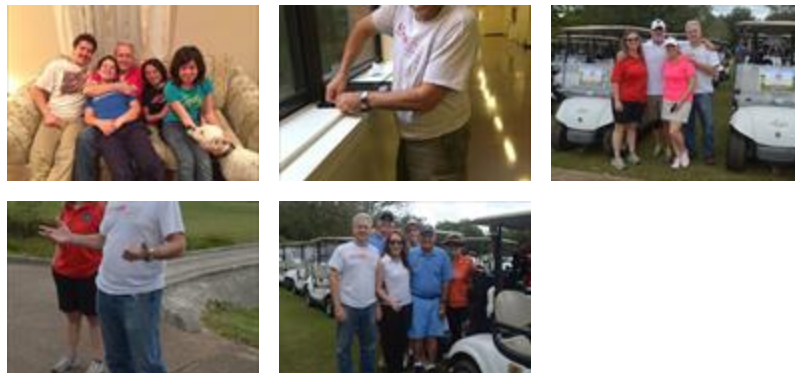
“ 26 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Emily Guyre - March 01, 2021 at 02:49 PM

EG

“ 26 files added to the album *John's Work at Learn Local*



Emily Guyre - March 01, 2021 at 02:46 PM

RB

“ A great memory I have of John is at Astros games, when even in a loud stadium, John and I got odd looks for being so much louder than the nearby folks. We thought that was so funny as we were just being what we considered "normal" (for us) and not making any attempt to be loud..

robert g bonagurio - March 01, 2021 at 02:14 PM

GM

“ *Caro John,
in un giorno in cui mancano le parole la tua voce alta, fiera, dolce e
sicura manca ancora di piú a tutti noi...sono certo che comunque
continuerá a guidare e a farsi sentire con le persone che ami di piú,
la tua famiglia i tuoi Arianna, Isabella, Marco e Brian.
In questo giorno triste noi ti ricordiamo col tuo sorriso; l'amore che
hai dato in questi anni resterà per sempre e ti farà sentire vicino.
Un abbraccio forte alla mia dolce sorellina e a voi tutti...Giovanni,
Ana, Luca e Matija*

Giovanni Martines - March 01, 2021 at 01:35 PM

TF

“ *John's positive impact on our family will always be fondly
remembered. Our condolences to Ariana, Brian, Isabella and
Marco.*

The Porteous Family - March 01, 2021 at 01:27 PM

BH

“ *What can I say about John D that everyone doesn't know? Probably not much because John was an open book and hid nothing from anyone he encountered. John came to work with me in the early '90's just shortly after returning from Italy with Arianna, the love of his life. He rode the many ups and downs of the exploration side of the oil and gas business with me for 30 years. We had many tsunamis, earthquakes and roller coaster highs in our business. John approached every challenge with enthusiasm and dedication to get things done in the right way and was respected by our financiers and investors throughout this time.*

I don't know if our company could have had a more loyal and devoted employee and partner over those years. His advice was always sound and always valued. Whether we were in a low or a high, John's quick wit would soften any tense moment and bring laughter to the good times. And John's laugh could be heard throughout the office.

One of the most memorable traits I will always remember about John was his total dedication to his family and his efforts to be with them and support them through every aspect of life. Because of that, I know how sorely he will be missed by all his family, and I know that the special love and devotion he had for all of you will always be treasured.

John D was a special person in my life, and I will miss him dearly.

Bill Hall

Bill Hall - March 01, 2021 at 01:05 AM

AP

“ When I first met John, we owed his Bank \$34 million dollars! A weird place to seed a lifelong friendship. He was our banker and our relationship began on that foot and over the next 3 decades blossomed into a lifelong relationship - we shared a passion for music, friends and family. Anyone who knew John simply was better off for it - he was life affirming - funny - talented - engaged in connections that matter - We shared love of music and were both rowdies' for our dear friend and guitar teacher, Rom Ryan, back in the 90's - we ended up working together in the oil industry when he left banking - and we became fast besties - we played squash together at the downtown athletic club - ate chicken fried steak too frequently at our near daily lunches - and lived through the oil industry during Gulf War at a company that had a lot of high drama and too many characters to name

I knew him when Brian was a just a young boy and through meeting the love of his life Arianna - we had a connection that transcended time and could always get back into the rhythm on a moment's notice.

I will miss him beyond words - I adored the sound of his voice - he could have done voiceover work - his huge smile - his youthful ways - he was always so full of happy and could see the funny and richness in life -

I will miss you my life long friend and wish strength and comfort to the amazing family you built.

You were one of a kind John and had a light energy that was boundless

As Winnie the Pooh said - If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart (in this case, it is I who will keep you in mine), and you will stay there forever.

Rest in peace my friend,

Love Arik

ARIK PRAWER - February 28, 2021 at 08:06 PM

AP

“ *Arik Prawer purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of John William DiFilippo.*



Arik Prawer - February 28, 2021 at 07:42 PM

GS

“ *We were fortunate because John was more than a relative: a friend, always kind, always attentive, always full of beautiful memories and wonderful words of affection for his "piece" of Italian family in Montenero.*

We will miss him in a way words cannot express... Gennaro, Lina, Luigi and Flora.

Gennaro Simeone - February 28, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *Garden of Grandeur Casket Spray was purchased for the family of John William DiFilippo.*



February 28, 2021 at 06:13 PM

GB

“ Gregg & Jan Bonagurio purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of John William DiFilippo.



Gregg & Jan Bonagurio - February 28, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ *In Memoria di John*
Dolcissima Arianna Carissimi Isabella Marco e Brian stiamo pregando per voi perché il Signore vi dia la forza di superare una perdita così grande. Noi da lontano abbiamo indirettamente vissuto il lungo percorso di lotta che John ha fatto per sconfiggere questo terribile male. Ogni volta che ha dovuto subire un intervento chirurgico, fare una chemioterapia abbiamo avuto sempre davanti l'immagine di un uomo forte coraggioso che diceva al proprio corpo di reagire. Quindi è così che tutti noi dobbiamo ricordarlo come un esempio di forza. Preghiamo che questa forza possa essere trasmessa interamente a voi tutti che avete bisogno di sentirvi vicino a lui. Voi figli siate di sostegno alla mamma con quella forza che il vostro papà vi ha insegnato e non lasciatela mai sola. Vi vogliamo infinitamente bene. Un grande lunghissimo abbraccio per voi.
Franca Pierpaolo Armando e Domenico

Armando Spitaleri - February 28, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of John William DiFilippo.



February 28, 2021 at 08:26 AM

EC

“ We will always remember John as a kind, loving, intelligent and generous man. We do not think John had an enemy in the world. How could anyone think anything negative about him as he was always trying to please everyone. He loved his family very much and we always saw him as a fantastic father and husband. We will always remember how John loved Italy. Years ago he spent a few years in Italy and we heard from his father that John felt like he had found his roots. He loved Italy very much and while there a wonderful thing happened, he met Arianna and brought some of Italy back to the US. He married this beautiful sweet wonderful Italian girl who has been a devoted and wonderful wife and mother. We thank God that he found the love of his life. They have had a wonderful marriage. Good Bye dear Nephew. We will miss you so much. Please give your parents and my parents a big hug and kisses from me.

Love, Aunty Elsa and Uncle Jerry

Elsa Clauson - February 27, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ Caro John,
Hai iniziato il tuo viaggio celeste e porti con te una valigia piena di tutta la nostra stima, ammirazione e gratitudine perché sei stato un grande esempio di coraggio, senso della famiglia, devozione verso il lavoro e incredibile generosità nei confronti delle persone deboli e bisognose.

Lascerei un grande vuoto in tutti noi e in particolar modo in Arianna e nei tuoi figli Isabella, Marco e Brian.

Ma, proprio grazie a tutte le doti che ti hanno contraddistinto e di cui sei stato esempio, continuerai a vivere tra noi tramite loro, che porteranno avanti nel tempo l'uomo speciale che sei.

Con grande affetto,

Isabella, Giuseppe, Arianna, Lisa, Giancarlo e Paride

Isabella Martines - February 27, 2021 at 04:38 PM

MB

“ I am so sad to learn of John's passing. We grew up together in Ohio and remained close friends until we graduated from college. Later, we stayed in loose contact. John was a kind and considerate man who even sent Christmas cards to my dad each year. I have many memories of our misadventures. Once, we were hired to park cars at the World Series of Golf tournament at the Firestone country club. An arrogant man was unhappy with where we directed him to park his little sports car. He berated us unmercifully. After he left, a group of us carried his car and hid it behind some bushes! John and I shared tastes in music, film, sports, and life in general. I miss him already but will take some solace in my memories of our good times together.

Mark Bloom - February 27, 2021 at 11:22 AM

TM

“ We sure lost one of the good guys with John. My thoughts have gone back to how we met and grew through early parenthood together and the common background we have. I was looking for key words to summarize what I think of when remembering John. Harvard, Ohio, Thanksgiving, Music, Astros, Family, Friend. Arianna, Brian, Isabella and Marco, I truly feel your loss. My love to all of you!



Todd Murphy - February 26, 2021 at 09:33 PM

LR

“ John was one of the first people to reach out to me when I began working at Mission Squash and one of the first board members I met. He always supported me and was there to help whenever we needed. He was an incredible champion for squash, education, and our program, and we will miss him so much. Thank you, John, for being an inspiring force in this work to myself and to our team.

Luna Rey - February 26, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John William DiFilippo.



February 26, 2021 at 02:37 PM

LA

“ We were so saddened to read of Johns passing. He was a wonderful man who meant the world to my husband. He shared himself so fully, talking with him about sports, music, his family life, how proud he was of his children, how much he cared for his beautiful wife. What a struggle he had and what a champion he is. He gives us strength and we are better for knowing him, for me, through my husband Fred who will miss their great conversations and his presence dearly. Much love to your family. Liza Allred wife of Fred Allred ALLRECORDS



Liza Allred - February 26, 2021 at 12:43 PM

JE

“ John and I traveled to Rome in 1996 (I think) where we were to meet many other family members to start our first tour of Italy. John William was living in Rome at the time. On the evening of the day we arrived, John came to our hotel and took us out to dinner. We walked to a ristorante, which was in Trastevere, while John told us about Rome. By the time we got back to our hotel we felt like savvy tourists and were totally at ease in this magical city. The next day John introduced us to Arianna. We were delighted to have lunch with the vibrant and beautiful woman who would become his wife and share his life. We will always cherish those first hours we spent in Rome. Jeanette & John

Jeanette - February 26, 2021 at 12:32 PM

GW

“ John was a wonderful neighbor. Always supportive, great conversationist, always helpful. I miss him a ton.

Greg Woulfe - February 26, 2021 at 12:14 PM

EJ

“ Edie&Pete; Angelo; Elsa&Jerry; John&Jeanette purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John William DiFilippo.



Edie&Pete; Angelo; Elsa&Jerry; John&Jeanette - February 26, 2021 at 11:27 AM


HG

“ I was one of Mr. DiFilippo's oncology nurses. He will always be one of my favorite patients and a friend! i always enjoyed being able to be involved in his onology treatment becasue him and his wife were so sweet, nice, and loveing. I enjoyed hearing stories of how they met and how they would sign together. I think i was the first nurse they met at the begining of the chemotherapy treatment. Mr. Difilippo has such a brave and positive attitude. You are the reason i enjoy going to my job. Thank you for making an impact on my life, and thank you for sharign some of your time with me.

May the love of Jesus embrace you and the peace of the holy spirit comfort you.

*Sincerely,
Heather Griffith*

Heather Griffith - February 26, 2021 at 11:02 AM

 Randy Boatright

“ The world lost a wonderful human being. I am so sorry to hear that we lost John. What a wonderful and gracious man he was. He will be missed dearly.

Randy Boatright - February 26, 2021 at 10:53 AM

RZ

“ So sorry Arianna & family. John's low, distinct and resonating voice would carry all the way back to my office when he would enter our office space. I would come out to greet him and there was always an engaging smile and wit. RIP John - gonna miss you.
Randy Z

Randy Ziebarth - February 26, 2021 at 10:23 AM

TO

“ Please accept my deepest condolences I loved Mr.John so much his smile could light up any room he walked into I loved how passionate he was about helping the Houston community my Favorite memories are going to Astro's games and just plain hanging out I truly believe that Mr.John and my dad are reunited in heaven If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to contact me @ trudie.owers@gmail.com there is a group called Bo's place it is a 100% free group that helps kids adults and families adjust to life after the death of a loved one

Trudie Owers - February 26, 2021 at 10:04 AM

CM

“ I enjoyed so much getting to know John during our time sharing Astros season tickets. Always a gentleman and good discussions about his activities in the Heights area and devotion to family. May God be with all his family members and friends with the loss of a wonderful man. *Connie McIlvoy*

CONNIE M MCILVOY - February 26, 2021 at 09:23 AM

BS

“ I worked with John for many years. He was a class act. We shared our love of Baylor University. He will be missed.
Beth Weems Slater

Beth Slater - February 26, 2021 at 09:12 AM