



## John DeSimone

January 12, 2018

John DeSimone, of West Hartford, CT, passed away peacefully on January 12th, 2018, at age 73. He was born in Hartford on October 10th 1944, to John and Rosa DeSimone. He was the beloved husband of Suzanna.

The longtime owner of Modern Tire of West Hartford and a pillar of the community, John was the fifth child of Italian immigrants. After graduating from Hartford High School, he attended Point Park College in Pittsburg, PA.

Soon after, John came back to the Hartford area where he would settle down, begin a career and start a family. A self-made, hardworking man, John always had a love for cars. He started working as an auto mechanic and eventually purchased Modern Tire in 1981. John was a humble, kind and generous man, a devoted husband, father and grandfather as well as a dedicated parishioner of St. Peter Claver Church. He was a board member of the Bridge Family Center, a long time member of both West Hartford Rotary and Unico National in Wethersfield.

In addition to his adoring wife Suzanna, who he would have celebrated 50 years with this May, John is survived by his three children, Denise DeSimone of Avon, Jonathan DeSimone and his wife Rebecca of Princeton, NJ and Brendon DeSimone and his partner Richard Flood of Greenwich, CT. He is also survived by his two cherished grandchildren Emily and Ryan. He is predeceased by his siblings, Liberata Grippo, Rocco DeSimone, Christina DiLoreto and Anthony DeSimone. He will be missed by all.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 10:30 am at the Church of Saint Peter Claver 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford. Burial will be private. Calling hours will be held on Monday, January 15, 2018, from 4-8 p.m. at the Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home 136 South Main St., West Hartford.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Bridge Family Center, 1022 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT 06107. For online condolences, please visit <http://www.taylorandmodeenconnecticut.com/>

# Events

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**JAN** **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home

136 S. Main Street, West Hartford, CT, US, 06107

# Comments

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“ Mrs D, Denise & Family. So sorry for your loss. I've worked with hundreds of people over the years and some like yourselves are an absolute pleasure. John was a genuine stand up guy and you could see he had a heart as pure as gold. Ken from Pilgrim Furniture.

**kenneth maddalena** - January 17, 2018 at 07:53 PM

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“ Dear Suzanne & family. I was so saddened by this news. I offer you my heartfelt sympathy & prayers at this difficult time. It has been many years since I first made John's acquaintance at the MT location on Airport Rd. I enjoyed working under him and with him for may years after that. John was a kind person, he saw only the good in people. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Bob Boucher

**Bob Boucher** - January 17, 2018 at 07:43 AM

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“ I'm So sorry for your loss,  
my sincere condolences to you and your family,  
John was a great guy. For years it was a pleasure doing business with him. John had Great work ethic, honesty & Integrity which served him well throughout his career. He was a true people person. He had many friends from many backgrounds. I found it funny that he knew more Jewish sayings and words than any Italian guy I knew...He was a real Mench!!  
He will be greatly missed,  
Jeff Anopolsky

**Jeffrey Anopolsky** - January 16, 2018 at 11:11 AM

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“ John will be greatly missed and was a great friend and supporter of the West Hartford Youth Basketball League!

**Mark D Walker** - January 15, 2018 at 10:58 PM

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“ I was John’s payroll rep until I retired from Paychex I always looked forward to speaking to him So sorry for your loss He was a good man I’ll keep him and your family in my prayers  
Gennie Morello

**Genevieve Morello** - January 15, 2018 at 06:30 PM

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“ Dear Suzanne & family,  
Being a graduate of HPHS class of '62 with you and John I offer my deepest sympathy in your loss. So remember you two love birds as Al and I also were of same generation. How fortunate we got to live our lives with someone we loved and cherished from our teen years as so few couples get the opportunity to do this. So many great memories from those days of you two; my prayers to you in days and years ahead to adjust without the love of your love by your side. I lost Al in Sept. of 2009 and still miss him dearly and always will. However, I have the memories to keep me going as you will as well. Condolences to you and family in difficult days ahead.

Kit DiNocenza  
Class of '62 HPHS.

**Kit** - January 15, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ Dear Suzanne and family  
So sorry to hear of John’s passing. We have many so many fond memories of both you and John at Wethersfield UNICO . John was a great guy and loved by many. May you find peace in the many memories you have of John.

Don and Isabelle Kuzoian  
3 Son’s Restaurant

**Donald & Isabelle Kuzoian** - February 01, 2018 at 04:39 PM

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“ Dear Denise Sue and family. I am so sorry to ,hear of the loss of your father and husband. It has been many years since high school but you were part of a soccer family. I will keep you and your father in my prayers.

My sincere condolences  
Skip McCue

**Skip McCue** - January 15, 2018 at 10:11 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. John was an asset to the community and truly a kind and wonderful person, always willing to help others and doing it with a smile on his face and a sparkle in his eye. May your sorrow soon be replaced by all the fond memories you share with him.

With sincere condolences,  
Michael and Linda Jainchill

Michael Jainchill - January 15, 2018 at 09:25 AM

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“ Dear Aunt Sue. Uncle John was such a great person who was always there for all of us. Thinking and praying for you and your family and remembering all the good times with Uncle John. Love you!! Rosanna, Andrew Jr, and Anthony.

Rosanna Jablonecki - January 15, 2018 at 09:12 AM

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“ Susan & DeSimone Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Though I never met your husband, it was always evident of the deep love & respect you shared for your husband in the day to day conversations we had while working together. Sending so much love to you & your family in these hard times.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Haffey

Nicole Haffey - January 14, 2018 at 11:17 PM

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“ My heart is aching as I write this for we lost truly one amazing man. He was loved by anyone whom had the honor to know him even in passing by John had a way of making everyone feel comfortable laugh and just feel good. Paulli and I will never forget all the good times and Paully especially will cherish all the talks and memories he has with John working for him for 10 years although a long while ago now that part of his heart will always belong to you...you were more than a boss but a friend, like a father. You were The Godfather of West Hartford and will forever be missed. My deepest condolences go to the Desimone family....he is an angel now looking over all his loved ones. With love Always Josie Paully Gianna and Yolanda (Nanny)

Josie Carlisle - January 14, 2018 at 10:11 PM

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“ It brings great sadness to my heart that this world has lost my ‘Uncle No Socks’. He was a great husband, dad, grandfather, uncle, and a prominent businessman. He had a way of touching everyone’s heart who crossed his path. As his niece, I was known to him as Stinky. He nicknamed me that when I was little, and it stuck with me my whole life. I remember all our great talks and laughs that we shared. The tears roll down my face right now because he will be missed dearly, but the childhood memories I have of him live in my heart forever.

All my love,  
Stinky (aka Maria)

**Maria Banks** - January 14, 2018 at 01:59 PM

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“ I remember many good times with John at the Saint Lawrence CYO gatherings. His humor was wonderful and I know his family will treasure all their wonderful memories.  
My sympathy to everyone who loved John.  
Kathleen Sousa

**Kathleen Sousa** - January 14, 2018 at 10:35 AM

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“ What a great guy and asset to our community. “Houston, we have a problem...”. I called a John several years ago when my daughter was caught in rush hour traffic in a broken down car, and I uttered those words to him. He laughed but in minutes John , and Andy answered the call. After that whenever I saw him, whether at church or in town, we greeted each other that way.

We are so saddened by his loss. Rest In Peace, John.

Anita and Jim  
Schepker

**Anita Schepker** - January 14, 2018 at 10:19 AM

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“ OUR Deepest condolences for your loss

UNICO Wethersfield Chapter

**Emidio Pizzoferrato** - January 14, 2018 at 10:07 AM

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“ I cannot imagine West Hartford without my wonderful friend John! Over the years, he has affectionately nicknamed and called me ‘Taco Bell’. I will always laugh out loud when i hear the words ‘Taco Bell’ !! My heartfelt condolences to his John’s entire family and close knit group of loving friends.

**Cindy Tahil ‘Taco Bell’** - January 14, 2018 at 08:15 AM

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“ On behalf of the Kingswood Oxford community, Monica and I want to extend our sincerest and heartfelt condolences. John was such a wonderful, wonderful human being, kind and always reaching out to help others.

Sincerely,

Monica and Dennis Bisgaard

**Dennis Bisgaard** - January 13, 2018 at 10:25 PM

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“ "John was a treasured friend of the Bridge and a valued member of our Board of Directors. His compassion for others and commitment to our mission made us stronger. He will be missed." ~ Margaret Hann, Executive Director of the Bridge Family Center

**Margaret Hann** - January 13, 2018 at 09:03 PM

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“ DEAR BRENDAN..SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR DADS PASSING.OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY..MR.&MRS "D"

**IDA DUCEY** - January 13, 2018 at 08:38 PM

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“ John was such a great man....always kind. I always enjoyed it when he was the one who gave me the ride back home after dropping off my car. Great conversations on those short rides. He will be greatly missed.

**Lydia Dean** - January 13, 2018 at 05:20 PM