



# John N. Carnegis

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**J**ohn N. Carnegis, 61, of Frederick, MD entered the gates of Heaven with his family by his side on Saturday, August 10, 2024, after a 10-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

John was born August 18, 1962, in Pawtucket, RI. He was the son of the late James and Dolores (Silvestro) Carnegis. He was the loving husband of Tricia Carnegis for over 24 years and loving father of Zoe Carnegis.

John's passion for the fire service began at a young age when he became a volunteer in Marieville North Providence, RI, at the age of 16. John later became a career firefighter for North Providence Fire Department, North Providence, RI, where he held several ranks before he was promoted to Battalion Chief of Training and Safety in 1996. After retiring from the department, John and his family moved to Frederick, MD, where he took a position with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. During his time with Homeland Security, John held many positions. Before retiring in 2019, John was responsible for the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer and Managing Officer programs.

John has always been passionate about teaching the next generation of firefighters. He had the opportunity to share his knowledge when he became an instructor for the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute (MFRI) back in 2008. Some of his favorite courses to teach were Hazardous Materials, Advanced Life Support, EMS, Fire Suppression, and Instructor Evaluator Disciplines. In 2023, John took on the position of MFRI's State Programs Manager, where he managed three out of the six regional offices throughout the State of Maryland.

John also became involved with the Frederick County Fire Service. He was a member of the Vigilant Hose Company and an instructor for the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue. He served as a member of both the Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue Teams and participated in their Advanced Life Support program.



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In addition to the many positions he held in the fire service, John was proud to be a registered nurse.

John enjoyed spending quality time with his family, including his dog Max. John always looked forward to family trips to Disney World and taking the opportunity to visit as many fire departments around the country as he could. John was a mentor, leader, and friend to so many and his legacy will live on.

As John always said, “No Surrender, No Defeat.”

Visitation hours will be held on Wednesday, August 21st from 2-4pm and 5-7pm with a Firefighters Memorial from 7-8pm at the Resthaven Funeral Home 9501 Catocin Mountain Hwy, Frederick, MD 21701.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, August 22nd at 10:30am at Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 920 W 7th St, Frederick, MD 21701, followed by a graveside service at Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

Donations may be made to the James Stockman Cancer Institute, c/o Frederick Health Oncology Services (<https://www.frederickhealth.org/about/donate/donate-now/>) in loving memory of John Carnegis.



# Events


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## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, August 21, 2024

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM est


 **Resthaven Funeral Home & Community Center**  
9501 Catocin Mountain Highway, Frederick MD  
21701



## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, August 21, 2024

 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM est


 **Resthaven Funeral Home & Community Center**  
9501 Catocin Mountain Highway, Frederick MD  
21701

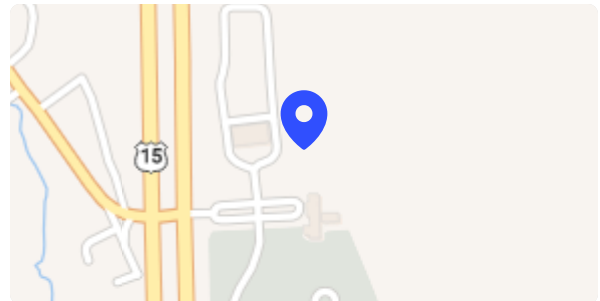


## Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, August 21, 2024

 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM est

 **Resthaven Funeral Home & Community Center**  
9501 Catocin Mountain Highway, Frederick MD  
21701





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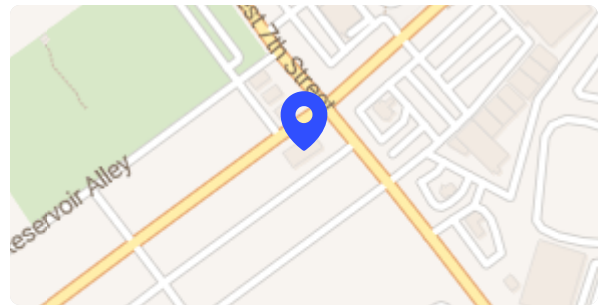
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## Funeral Service

 **Thursday**, August 22, 2024


 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM est


 **St. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church**  
920 West 7th street, Frederick MD 21701

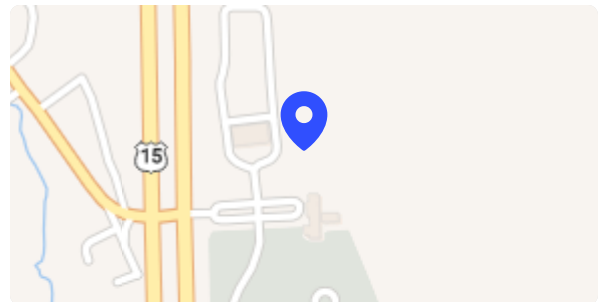


## Burial

 **Thursday**, August 22, 2024

 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM est

 **Resthaven Memorial Gardens**  
9501 Catocin Mountain Hwy, Frederick MD 21701





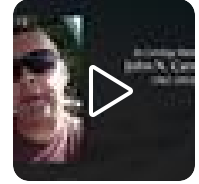
# Tribute Wall

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**Resthaven Memorial Gardens** shared a **Video**.



August 27 at 6:48 AM



**Eriks Gabliks** posted:

Tricia and Zoe, on behalf of the United States Fire Administration and its National Fire Academy, please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. John was a valued member of our organization for many years and had an amazing impact on fire service leaders around the world as he served as administrator for our Executive Fire Officer (EFO) and Managing Officer (MO) Programs. In addition to ensuring students progressed through these programs, he served as a mentor to countless future and current fire and EMS leaders engaged in these programs and also to those whom he met through his fire service journeys. His passion for the fire-rescue service continues through those he mentored and those he trained through his work at MFRI and other agencies in which he served. Thank you for sharing John with the NFA and the fire service. There was never a doubt his first love was both of you and his second love was the fire service. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Eriks Gabliks Superintendent - National Fire Academy Acting Deputy United States Fire Administrator

August 22 at 9:51 AM



**Sam Insana** posted:

Tricia and Zoe, I am so sorry for your loss. I attended John's wake last night with my fellow firefighter brothers and sisters and was so moved listening to all the wonderful stories everyone was sharing about him. I am a native Rhode Islander and moved to Maryland 5 years ago. When I walked into my Fire 1 class and heard John's famous New England accent, it made me feel like I wasn't so far away from home... while getting my butt kicked learning what it takes to be a firefighter. My classmates and I knew that John knew what he was talking about, and when he talked, we all listened. A wise man once told me, always take time to thank the educators in your life because tomorrow is not guaranteed, and you might not get the chance to see them again. I wish I had thanked him more for the wisdom he imparted on me, and I hope he knows how much I appreciate him taking the time to teach me things that could potentially get me back home to my family. Thank you so much for sharing him with us, and as one of my brothers said last night, he will live eternally in all of us.

August 22 at 5:38 AM



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**Amy Jordan** posted:

Tricia and Zoe, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember how much your dad loved helping out with the school picnics and cooling off students. Zoe, you were the apple of his eye! Amy Jordan (Howser)

August 21 at 1:31 PM



**Jim, Tracey, Nick And Alex Vlassopoulos** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Carnegis family.



August 21 at 4:27 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Carnegis family.



August 19 at 7:00 AM



**Bear Wilson And Houston (Tx) Fire Depart** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



August 19 at 7:00 AM



**Debra Leonard-Mertz** posted:

What a shock! I am so sorry for your loss Tricia and Zoe! John was always so passionate and dedicated to the NFA. I will surely miss him and our long talks. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Keep those memories of John close as they will help heal you. It's never easy losing a family member, as I've lost 5 brothers, both parents to murders, and just this past weekend a niece to cancer at age 52. John is in a better place. Rest in peace John. Will miss you lots. All my sympathies, Debbie Leonard-Mertz

August 19 at 5:30 AM



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DH

**Dina Hunter** posted:

Dear Tricia and Zoe, sadly I came across John's obituary today as I was looking for a friend's son's funeral service information. As I was scrolling through the names, I saw a last name that was familiar and also recognized it as Greek name and then I remembered John, and you and Zoe from my time teaching at Brook Hill Weekday Preschool and assisting the director Theresa. I remember you and John as very devoted and loving parents to your daughter Zoe. I'm am so very sorry for your loss. "May his memory be eternal." "Miss Dina" Hunter

August 17 at 7:19 PM

BB

**Bill And Donna Brown** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Carnegis family.



August 17 at 6:07 AM

BB

**Bill And Donna Brown** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



August 17 at 6:07 AM

DD

**Deborah D.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of John.



August 16 at 6:35 AM

BO

**Beth Omalley** posted:

Zoe and Tricia, you are in the loving prayers of so many of us at Hood. You were John's pride and joy. May God surround and uphold you with comfort, strength and peace.

August 15 at 9:48 AM



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MS

**Melody Handley Sexton** lit a candle in honor of John.

Dear Trish and Zoe, What a shock ... having moved away few years ago I'm out of the loop. I'm so terribly sorry for your loss . John was such a wonderful person in every aspect . I remember when you first came to Frederick.. getting your house and the care before and after Zoe. Though it's been several years I'd think of you often.. I'm just sorry it's in this manner .. know I'm thinking of you both... Heaven definitely gained an Angel ...God Bless Mel



August 14 at 1:31 PM

DD

**Dave Donohue** posted:

There is so much that I can say about John, but I will keep it short. He was a firefighters' firefighter and a great friend. He spoke honestly and held power accountable. He stood up for what he believed in and never backed down from a fight when he knew what was right. I will miss him, his advice and guidance, his passion and dedication, his wisdom, and his busting my chops whenever he could get a good shot in. RIP my friend.

August 14 at 1:23 PM

LM

**Lisa Silvestro Mclaughlin** posted:

RIP cousin John. My deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to his entire family. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him. So many wonderful childhood memories.

August 14 at 12:29 PM

JV

**Jim Vieira** posted:

To Trish and Zoe, John was a firefighters firefighter and a great friend to me as well as a mentor when you lived in Rhode Island. May God rest his soul and bestow his blessings upon you both. Unfortunately I cannot be there for his services but know that in my heart I will be there with you both.

August 14 at 12:26 PM



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**Delise Defreitas** posted:

My heart is so heavy and breaks for the passing of my friend and Manager John Carnegis. A Leader in every sense of the word. A believer in lifting people up rather than holding them down. Always about fairness no matter your place in life. And willing to talk up and stand for what was right and not simply popular. Never a "yes" man but cared and loved the work he did. He wore many hats and did it with pride, love, and honor; Husband, Father, Friend, Mentor, Brother, Leader, Teacher, RN, and Caregiver. He was my colleague, my manager, my advocate, my mentor, and most importantly my friend. He is gone now. No doubt continuing to do and be all those things in a better place...cancer-free, forever young. John my friend, Rest Easy... Thank You. I will miss you dearly. Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his amazing wife Tricia and daughter Zoë. Delise DeFreitas

August 14 at 11:37 AM



**Craig Carr** posted:

One of my favorite memories of my time in EFO was watching John and an instructor go toe-to-toe in a very tense but somehow very professional argument. I don't know if John was right but I do know he was willing to stand up for what he believed. He touched numerous lives of the best of the best in the fire service and as a result, directly influenced the fire service across all America. He will be missed!

August 14 at 11:35 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Carnegis family.



August 14 at 10:27 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Carnegis family.



August 14 at 6:32 AM



**Managing Officer Charter Class 2015** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



August 14 at 6:32 AM



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AB

**Andy Byrnes** posted:

Rest in Peace my Friend. His heart was always int he right place.

August 14 at 6:30 AM

JB

**Jo Ann Boyd** posted:

John was such a nice man and dedicated to the fire service. I first knew John as an instructor for the National Fire Academy, then a fellow employee of NFA, and a fellow member of VHC. John always made it a point to talk to me and ask how my family was doing and was genuinely interested in my family. Tricia and Zoe -- my thoughts and prayers will be with you in the coming days/weeks. Take comfort in the fond memories you have of John. He will be missed by so many people. Rest in peace John.

August 14 at 4:29 AM

MB

**Mike Brown** posted:

Spent many evenings catching dumb movies in high school. He was a good friend and passionate firefighter.Glad to see he had a rich and wonderful career. Rest well my friend.

August 14 at 3:24 AM



## Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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