



John Gagliardi

November 1, 1926 - October 7, 2018

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 15, 2018 at St. John's Abbey Church in Collegeville, MN for John Gagliardi, age 91, who died Sunday at the St. Cloud Hospital surrounded by his family. Inurnment will be in the parish cemetery.

Friends and family may visit from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon at St. John's Abbey Church. Visitation will continue Monday morning from 9:00 – 10:45 a.m. in the church. Arrangements are with the Wenner Funeral Home, Cold Spring.

John was born on November 1, 1926 in Trinidad, CO to Ventura and Antoinette (Vigna) Gagliardi. He married Peggy Dougherty on February 14, 1956 in St. Cloud. John coached College Football at St. John's University for 60 years and Carroll College, Helena, MT for 4 years. John felt it was more important to be "interested than interesting."

He is survived by his loving wife, Peggy; children, Nancy (Tom) Little, John (Barbara), Gina (Jeff) Benson, Jimmy (Anne); siblings, Rosann (Rudy) Icabone, Patsy (Jerry) Ridgeway; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joseph; siblings, Anne (Amadeo)

Anselmo, Helen (Sam) Concialdi, Frank (Josephine) Gagliardi, Marie Colangelo, Jimmy Gagliardi, and Gene (Ellie) Gagliardi.

In lieu of flowers make an effort to do what was effortless for John:
compliment your spouse often, listen intently to others and see the best in all.

Cemetery Details

St. John Abbey Catholic Cemetery

2950 St John's Rd,
Collegeville, MN 56321

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Abbey / University Church
2900 Abbey Plaza
Collegeville, MN 56321

Visitation

OCT **15**. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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Service

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Gagliardi*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Dear Peg and family*

We send our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family on the loss of your beloved husband. You are in our thoughts at this difficult time. Carolyn and Gordon Bauer

Carolyn Bauer - October 27, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ *The '76 national championship season and the 31 to 28 final over Townsen State. I remember the bus ride back to the Holiday Inn after the game and how relaxed and happy John was.. It was a fun season.*

Conrad "Connie O" Overboe - October 15, 2018 at 10:36 PM



“ *To all of John's family and friends; may the memories you have comfort you on this day and forever. I never had the privilege of meeting Mr. Gagliardi but he took the time to write to me during a difficult time and his words will remain with me forever. Jack M.*

jack mula - October 11, 2018 at 01:44 PM

SS

“ Peggy and family...you are all in my thoughts and prayers. John was one of a kind.I will be forever grateful to him for all that he did for me. My short NFL career with the Forty Niners ,Vikings and New York Stars of the WFL would not have been possible unless John had not seen something in me and had he not told me to run a forty yard dash for Gill Brandt of the Dallas Cowboys..... you and your family hold a special place in my heart Peggy.....SETZ...Steve Setzler SJU..'72

Steve Setzler - October 11, 2018 at 08:26 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John Gagliardi.



October 10, 2018 at 08:51 PM

RM

“ Prayers for John, his family and former players and staff.

Richard McHugh - October 10, 2018 at 08:16 PM

TP

“ Terry Horan and the Concordia Football Program purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Gagliardi.



Terry Horan and the Concordia Football Program - October 09, 2018 at 12:36 PM

RB

“ *John,
You've meant so much to me and the thousands of other men that
you coached and affected over so many years. Your legacy lives on
through us.
Gagliardi family, my heart and prayers go out to you in this time of
need.
Ryan Bielat, SJU '03*

Ryan Bielat - October 09, 2018 at 08:36 AM

DM

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Daneil P Moloney - October 08, 2018 at 07:07 PM

TR

“ Dear John and family,
I'm not going to post all the special days, memories and lessons that come out of days in the field of battle (... "one more time..."). There are thousands of your students that can cover that better than I. I do remember the life insurance matter. You came to me my last year ('63) and said you were going into a new line of business, life insurance. "oh my God" I said who's going too look after the Johnnies. Not to worry John said, coaching was easy. Well I didn't know what to do. He said it was a good deal. Put in \$5000 for twenty years and take out \$10,000 when you die. Now there's a deal I thought but I needed a closer and here's where John knocked 'em through the goal posts. "You're my first customer" he said. Come on over to my house tonight and Peggy will fix us dinner and we can take care of the paper work. "My House?" "Peggy"? "Dinner"? You're done I said.

And so it goes. I'm still here with the \$10,000 you spotted me. And your still here with the thousands you adopted and the thousands who came to love and admire you. PEACE.

Tom Roth, '63

Thomas C Roth - October 08, 2018 at 07:02 PM



“ I was not a football player, but was a Johnnie. I had the opportunity to know John as a student athlete and coach at SJU. One learned so much simply about life from John. To me and so many that share the moniker of "Johnnie" we will always remember the great things St. John's gave us. Part of that proud distinction of being a Johnnie will always be the man we called "John".

Michael T Bauer - October 08, 2018 at 11:45 AM

BJ

“ *RIP, John. I learned many important life lessons from you and from the larger Johnnie football community. Thanks for your service to the men who played for you, to the University. Thanks also for the kindness and great attitude you shared with the many others you encountered. I played on some good teams with some great guys and an outstanding coach. OK, I didn't play much, but I learned a lot of lessons and took them into my adult life.*



My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. May God rest your kind soul.

*Bill Johnson Jr.
SJU '95*

Bill Johnson Jr. - October 08, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Gagliardi.*



October 08, 2018 at 10:37 AM

BO

“ John, you were an inspiration to so many. You will be missed but your memory will forever linger on...



Bob - October 08, 2018 at 09:55 AM

B"

“ One summer day in the mid 80's John and his wife Peg were in South Florida for an Alumni event. I invited John to St. Thomas Aquinas HS (Fort Lauderdale) to meet our football coaches and tour our facilities. He was impressed. Woody Hayes, Bear Bryant, and "Bo" Schembechler had visited the school before and had offered scholarships to some of our players. But for some reason, John left a lasting impression on our head coach even to this day. He slowly has realized that if John's philosophy about no contact in practice was accepted by the coaching community the incidents of football-related TBI and CTE would have been greatly reduced and the decline in football participation would have been averted.

Bill Carney '66 - October 07, 2018 at 11:03 PM

KG

“ I've read so much about John. I've been a life long fan. I've attended more games than I can count. I met and talked with John two different times in 2003. I got to meet John again in 2017, along with his lovely wife, Peggy. John signed a few books and pictures over the years. I am also the same age as Jim and went to SJU in 1986 and married a Benny.

Ken Gross - October 07, 2018 at 10:00 PM

CO

“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



chad ostlund - October 07, 2018 at 09:47 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of John Gagliardi.



October 07, 2018 at 09:28 PM

JR

“ I will always be very grateful to John and Mike Grant because I had two sons who had lost their father two years before they went to St Johns and I always am so grateful that they shaped them into the men they are today. Thank you John for taking them under your wing and molding them. Rest In Peace. Janice Ramboldt

janice ramboldt - October 07, 2018 at 08:47 PM