



# John F. Lattomus Jr.

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**J**ohn F. Lattomus, Jr. age 83, of Georgetown, DE passed away on September 3, 2020 at home with his loving wife by his side. John was born in Wilmington, DE, son of the late Francis and Hattie Zaborowski Lattomus.

John had been a proud volunteer firefighter for 64 years serving as a Life Member with the Christiana Fire Company and most recently receiving his Life Member Status with the Ellendale Fire Company.

John retired from Verizon, Macys, and Delaware State Fire Marshall Office where he began a career with the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program, interviewing children who set fires. However, John felt his greatest career success was bringing Burn Camp to the State of Delaware. This Camp is used to assist young burn victims in their adjustment to injury through the provision of a safe, supportive environment and providing companionship through physical and social activities in a camp setting. He received a Director Emeritus from Delaware Burn Camp because of his many endeavors. John touch many lives and made great friends through his association in the fire service.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his brother, Robert and daughter, Vicki. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marie; his children: Ron Lattomus and his wife Chris, Kathie Lattomus, and John Lattomus, III. He is also survived by his two Shepherds Zeke and Zoe.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Ellendale Fire Company, 302 Main Street, Ellendale, DE 19941 or to Delaware Burn Camp, P.O. Box 682, Dover, DE 19903.

All services are private. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Dodd - Carey Chapel, Georgetown, DE

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Tribute Wall

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CM

**Cheyanna McBroom** posted:

John had a good sense of humor. When Marie and I sent riddles back and forth he would let her know to tell me how funny it was. He will be surely missed. Cheyanna and Gil McBroom

September 13 at 10:35 AM

JM

**Joan Marie Matyas** posted:

John and I worked together for many years while he was working with the youthful firesetters and I worked with the children's dept State of DE. He was a very warm caring person. No matter how busy he was he found time to address your needs. I also knew his children, they played with my children when we lived in Harmony Hills. Our children grew up together. Many pleasant memories..... He will be sorely missed. Joan Matyas Newark, DE 19702

September 11 at 10:41 AM

MP

**Mark Parsons** posted:

Our heartfelt and sincere condolences go out to Marie and to John's family and loved ones. John was such a special friend to us during some great times that we had working together at Macy's at the Christiana Mall. He always made us laugh and feel good about ourselves. He was just so nice to have around. Pizza and beer nights with John and Marie were so much fun and will never be forgotten, and John will always live in our hearts and minds forever. Peace now my friend and God Bless You, and may God Bless You too, Marie . . . Mark Parsons and Becki Fetters

September 11 at 7:16 AM

WM

**William McMichael III (Mike)** posted:

Our sincere condolences. John was a true icon of the DE fire service, especially in prevention. He was also one of the Good Guys and always great to talk to. He will be missed. Sincerely, Kathleen & W. Mike McMichael III

September 11 at 6:47 AM

JL

**Joyce Logan** posted:

So sorry for your loss Marie and family. Worked with John and Marie at Verizon. Will keep you and your family in our prayers. Love to you and your family. Joyce and Bob Logan.

September 11 at 6:30 AM



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CP

**Christine Paraskewich** posted:

I would like to offer my condolences to the family. John was a very special person he helped you in the work that was being done, he took the time to talk with you if you were having a bad day. Marie I am so sorry for your loss. Jingles Paraskewich

September 11 at 2:48 AM

BS

**Bill Seyfert** lit a candle in honor of John.

I met John when I joined Christiana VFCo. In 1980. We had become friends and was very involved with the youth program through the Fire Marshals Office. He is a great inspiration to anyone with a heart. He will be missed by so many. May his family and all who knew him be comforted by his memories. RIP & God Bless!

September 10 at 8:38 PM



BS

**Brent Scott** lit a candle in honor of John.

September 10 at 7:18 PM



BS

**Billiejoe Schmitt** lit a candle in honor of John.

September 10 at 6:23 PM



RQ

**Ray Quillen** posted:

I used to be a probation officer with Family Court for juveniles and had a couple of kids that worked with John who had fire related charges. John did a nice job with them and to my knowledge they never had fire related problems again. He was a good man and I enjoyed working with him. I extend my sympathy to John's family for his loss. Ray Quillen.

September 10 at 3:53 PM



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BR

**Brian** posted:

Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with John for many years before he retired. He was always a good friend and I loved spending time with him doing demonstrations and public events. He had a great love for the fire service and children. I will always treasure those times. May God grant you and your family peace and bring you comfort during this tough time. Brian and Tara Schad

September 8 at 5:40 AM

JD

**John Dominica** August 24 at 8:39 AM

I just learned of John's death. How sad. Rest in peace, Sir. John was a person who gave so much of himself and expected nothing in return.

FJ

**Fritz Jones** September 17 at 6:05 PM

I knew John in a few ways. He was "Mr. Lattomus" when I was younger because he was a neighbor. I remember babysitting his kids....and becoming their friends. Later on I worked in a group home for kids which served kids who were juvenile fire setters. He was a terrific educator and supporter of those troubled kids. I was lucky to know him. I hope his family knows he made a great impact during his accomplished life. Fritz Jones

BK

**Bruce W. Van Kleeck** September 12 at 9:18 AM

Very sad to learn of John's passing. John and I worked together at Bamberger's, now Macy's at Christiana Mall back in the 80's. I was a young security manager just beginning a 25 year career in retail. John always showed tremendous patience with me and all the rookies. I learned so much from him even though I was technically his supervisor. Your kind way, enthusiasm for life and hard work were an inspiration to all who new you. God Bless and you and your family.

DS

**Diane Silverman** September 12 at 7:41 AM

John and I did many fire safety programs together over the years, especially ones for children. He was amazing and one of a kind. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. I'll miss him. Condolences to his family and friends. Diane Silverman

MG

**Monica Green** September 11 at 11:48 AM

With our deepest sympathy, sending healing prayers for Marie and Family for your loss. I worked with Marie and John at Verizon. Monica and Mike Green and Family

JH

**Judy Hallman** September 11 at 4:20 AM

Loved having John in our auxiliary meetings. Always sharing information on the mens meeting with us. He was so funny too. Judy Hallman President of ladies auxiliary of the Ellendale Fire Co.



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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