



John Finnegan

October 21, 1950 - January 26, 2025

John Patrick Finnegan, age 74, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on January 26, 2025.

John graduated from St. Vincent DePaul H. S. Seminary (Lemont, IL) and earned his philosophy degree from DePaul University. A true original, John left a lasting impression on everyone he met. He had a thirst for knowledge and he loved being alive. He owned and operated the family business, Prime Food Caterers, for many years. An explorer to the end, John traveled to over 65 countries in his lifetime, 28 of which he visited in the last ten years with his partner Anya.

John is survived by his partner Anya Aker; his three children, Kara Leigh Finnegan, James “Jim” Christopher Finnegan, and Eric Andrew Finnegan; his adoring grandson Bodhi Carlos Echevarria; and his siblings Timothy “Tim” (Christine) Finnegan, Roseann (Terry) LeFevour, Robert (Laura) Finnegan, and Thomas “Tom” (Dorie) Finnegan. John was the proud uncle of many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by parents James Francis “Jim” Finnegan and Mary Elizabeth Finnegan (nee Nolan), brother Michael Finnegan; aunt Sister Bernadita Finnegan, BVM, and niece Jean Marie Finnegan.

The visitation for John will be Thursday, January 30, at Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 West Adams, Chicago, IL at 4.p.m. with a funeral mass immediately following at 5 p.m.

Discounted parking available through SpotHero app at 625 W. Adams and surface lots. Livestream the event here: <https://liveatoldstpatricks.vhx.tv/events/john-finnegan>

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Havey Institute for Global Health: <https://www.globalhealth.northwestern.edu/index.html> or Misericordia Home: <https://www.misericordia.com/giving/>.

For funeral information contact Inclusive Funeral Care 773-370-2959 or www.inclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church
700 W Adams Street
Chicago, IL 60661
<https://www.oldstpats.org/>

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Mass

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Inclusive Funeral Care created a Webcast in memory of John Finnegan*



Team Inclusive Funeral Care - January 28, 2025 at 08:26 AM

RD

“ *My condolences to the family of John Finnegan. My wife truly enjoyed working for him at Prime Food Caterers. It was a pleasure being around both the Finnegan and Lefevour families. Rest in Peace. Ronald Danikowski*

RONALD DANIKOWSKI - August 29, 2025 at 11:42 PM

RB

“ *John and I played bridge together many times over the years. He was a great guy to know and an excellent bridge player. I will miss him.*

Robert K Burger - February 03, 2025 at 05:03 PM

EM

I just heard from John's high school classmates said he passed. I am so sorry to hear that. He and my brother were very close for many years anyway some lasted about seven years ago. He was a great guy and a lot of fun. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Eileen Kubica McWherter - May 05 at 08:29 AM

RP

“ Mary and I were so sorry to learn of John’s death. We pray that all of his family receive the comfort you need to get through this difficult loss. Peggy Finnegan Raven

Raven Peggy - February 03, 2025 at 03:44 PM

MR

“ John was a great friend of mine for years. We worked closely together with John in Prime Catering. He certainly will be missed by many. He was a great friend and a wonderful person.

Manfredini renzomanfredini@gmail.com - January 31, 2025 at 01:42 PM

DO

“ I liked working with John and Prime Food. He always made me and Inland Steel look good. He once drove me home after an event I wasn’t real familiar with the music playing but liked it and I told that I told him that. He took the CD out of the player and gave it to me. A gesture that was typical of John. I still play the CD and I think of him when I do. I pray that he rests in heavenly peace and perpetual shines upon him.
Don Olson

Don Olson - January 30, 2025 at 03:16 PM

TG

“ Tim, MaryBeth and the Girls purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Finnegan.



Tim, MaryBeth and the Girls - January 29, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Finnegan.*



January 29, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ *Sofia Samaniego purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Finnegan.*



Sofia Samaniego - January 29, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ *Dear Eric, Kara and Jim
Please accept my condolences on the passing of your father. When we were neighbors back in Downers Grove, I remember seeing your dad out on his bike riding through the subdivision. My daughter, Nora, always felt welcome at your home and enjoyed time in your swimming pool and sharing the meals from Teddy's that your Dad would provide. He was a good man and a good neighbor.*

Paul R. Schouten - January 29, 2025 at 11:53 AM

NS

“ My deepest sympathies to Eric, Jimmy, and Kara. I knew your father John as Mr. Finnegan who had a larger than life presence and warmly welcomed me with a “Hey Noralinski!” when I started coming over to your house at 6 years old. He had a generous spirit way back when and it’s the first thing I think of when I remember your Dad. John was always doing something interesting. He was way ahead of the Peloton curve with spinning and cycling. I remember when he was involved with the Willowbrook Athletic Club and put together a playlist he was proud of and he played it for Eric and me. He started dancing to Lime in the Coconut to embarrass his teenage son in front of his friend...real dad stuff. It still makes me smile. He will be missed.

Nora Schouten - January 28, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Finnegan.



January 28, 2025 at 05:38 PM

MF

“ Sincere condolences to John's family from Michael and Mary Finnegan and Family. Mayo Ireland

michael finnegan - January 28, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Finnegan.*



January 28, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Finnegan.*



January 28, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Finnegan.*



January 28, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ *Dear Kara, Jim, & Eric,*

So sorry for your loss. John will always hold a special place in my heart as he helped me find my way out of problems, I was having in the 1980's. Truly a special person and a special friend!

Joe & Melissa O'Donnell - Krum, TX

Joseph T O'Donnell - January 28, 2025 at 08:33 AM

TC

“ Sending your entire family love and prayers.... May faith guide you and may Johns beautiful smile shine upon you. Our Love, The Capitanini Family

trish capitanini - January 28, 2025 at 08:22 AM

SM

“ Our sympathy and special prayers for John and all his family and friends.

Sr. Rosemary/Fr. Jack & Residents of Mis - January 27, 2025 at 11:07 PM

KM

“ Unique and larger than life in everything he did. Always a fun time whatever you did with John. To me great classmate, teammate and most of all friend. Loved him and will miss him. Kevin McDonough

kevin mcdonough - January 27, 2025 at 09:11 PM

LK

“ Love, Trinity and Kasia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Patrick Finnegan.

Love, Trinity and Kasia - January 27, 2025 at 08:48 PM

LK

“ Love, Trinity and Kasia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Finnegan.



Love, Trinity and Kasia - January 27, 2025 at 08:48 PM