



LOPES, Joao "John" Espiga

(Retired 35 year employee of Sklar Peppler and long time member of the Portuguese Club; played professional soccer in Portugal and enjoyed his many victories with the Italian Soccer Team and also enjoyed coaching soccer.)

John died peacefully in the arms of his loving wife Elaine and surrounded by family at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Saturday December 23rd, 2017, in his 81st year. Loving brother of Maria Amelia Desousa and the late Augusto Lopes; brother-in-law of Maria Emelia Lopes; June Anne Child and her husband Ken and Janette Thomas. Will be lovingly remembered by his Godson John Carlos and his wife Nubia and his many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends may call at

McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM FUNERAL HOME LTD., 152 King St. E., Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday December 30th, 2017 at 12 noon at

ST. GERTRUDE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 690 King Street East, Oshawa. Donations in memory of John can be made to St. Gertrude's Catholic Church or Lakeridge Health Foundation Dialysis.

Condolences

Dec 27, 2017

Joaquim and Donna Silva

Joao will be forever in the hearts of those of us who loved him. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in eye right until the end. Our hearts and prayers go out to Elaine who has taken such good care of Joao. He is with the angels now.

Dec 28, 2017

John, Mary & Lisa Dacruz

We send our condolences to Elaine and the family. John was a wonderful man and it was our pleasure to have known him. You are in our thoughts during this very difficult time.

Dec 29, 2017

Connie and Ralph Sweet

Elaine, Ralph and I will never forget our wonderful "Food Group Parties" at your house. John was always a part of

these because you tried to include him in all of your various activities. I can still see him sitting in his favorite chair and also sampling the evenings delicious entrees. His humor always cheered us along. You have been John's angel and provided him with the best of care. He will be missed by us all.

Dec 29, 2017

Donna Henderson

Dear Elaine

I always enjoyed the many times that our Food with Flair group had dinner or lunch with "John the butler". He was such a gracious host.

I so enjoyed how the two of you enjoyed dancing together at our fashion show.

Yours is a love that survives.

Dec 29, 2017

JoAnne Prout

Elaine, although you knew the time was coming it doesn't make it easier when it gets here. You have been an inspiring example of what married love is in how you have cared for John so tenderly these past few years. May your memories sustain you through the difficult days to come.

Dec 29, 2017

Sabino and Esmeralda Neto

we just found out the passing of joao Lopes.Our condolences to his wife and family .May Joao have Eternal Rest

Dec 30, 2017

Hank Koopmans

I just read in the paper that Espiga passed away. I'm so sorry to hear that. I worked with him at Sklar for about 35 years..my wife and I want to express our sincere Christian condolences with his passing. May God give you his strength in this difficult time. God bless

Dec 30, 2017

Joanne Binns

Hello Elaine, I just heard the sad news. Sending prayers and condolences.

Joanne Binns

Dec 31, 2017

Jeans Garry Booth

So sorry to hear of John's passing, our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Take care.

Jan 2, 2018

Brenda Leering

Dear Elaine, I am so sad to hear of John's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you, the family and all of your friends. Sincere condolences. Brenda

Jan 21, 2018

John Manning - Dialysis

Elaine - So sorry to hear of Joao's passing. My apologies for being late in responding. He was truly a kind and gentle man.