



## John Michael DeRosa

August 12, 1941 - April 15, 2020

John Michael DeRosa, 78 of Gloversville passed away peacefully on April 15, 2020 at Mt Valley Hospice House due to complications from a blood disorder.

Born in Marigliano Napolia, Italy August 12, 1941, the son of the late Vincent and Anna Marie Gaetano DeRosa, The family immigrated to the United States in December of 1955. John graduated from Gloversville High School in 1961. He married Dolores Trippoda on September 1, 1963 at the former Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

Mr. DeRosa was a well known businessman in the community. He started his career with his father at DeRosa Shoe Repair on Main St. in Gloversville. He then opened his own shoe repair business in Johnstown, and later expanded the business to include shoe sales along with repair. John moved his business to a larger location at the Arterial Plaza in Gloversville, where he and his wife, Dolores expanded the business to also include clothing and leather repair. Mr. DeRosa had a love for music and especially Italian music; where for many years he hosted a radio show every Sunday morning on WENT where he played Italian music, talked about Italian culture, entertainment and customs, and spoke fluently in his native language, where the show was enjoyed by the entire Italian community.

Survived by his wife of 57 years, Dolores Trippoda DeRosa, his children,

Vincent, Timothy, and Anna Maria, grandchildren, Alyssa Murray, Ashley and Brianna DeRosa, great grandchildren, Blake and Naosa Spencer, siblings, Reno DeRosa of New Paltz, NY and Teresa DeRosa of Malone, NY, several nieces and nephews.

It was Mr. DeRosa's wishes that there be no funeral services. Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Valley Hospice, 108 Steele Ave. Gloversville. The family would like to thank the staff of Nathan Littaur Hospital, Albany Medical Center, and Mt Valley Hospice for all their care and dedication to John during his long illness. Amico Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to [www.amicofuneralhome.com](http://www.amicofuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Mr. DeRosa was the star on Main Street in Gloversville New York. He most certainly knew his craft and was the best at it. I enjoyed our visits and he made my Prada shoes look like they were brand new. My condolences to his family. -Daniel Storto*

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**Daniel Storto** - April 21, 2020 at 12:57 AM

GD

“ *John is one of the funniest people I know. I enjoyed helping him at his shoe store since it was non-stop laughs. He was great on the radio and will always remember him sending my birthday wishes in Italian on WENT Radio! God bless John...*

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**Gino DiCarlo** - April 20, 2020 at 12:33 PM

PF

“ *Lot's of good memories of John behind the bench, complaining but always with a great attitude! He is someone who will always be in my memories. Travel safe John.*

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**Paul Frederick** - April 18, 2020 at 11:32 AM

RT

“ John called to say my shoes were repaired and we had a good laugh about me being afraid to drive up here in bad weather. He understood because I am normally a snowbird. He said "no rush, come when you can". Now I regret not going to pick up my shoes and see him.

My last visit at the beginning of this year was a 2 hour marathon discussing the changes in Gloversville/Johnstown and the need to show young people how to grow food, repair and reuse things and enjoy life in general. We always ended on a positive note and I will remember him as a loyal, kind, loving and talented man, who loved his wife and whole family and spoke about them all the time. My heart is with you, as I know he will be missed.

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**Rosemary Tucci** - April 18, 2020 at 08:31 AM

AN

“ Going to miss John a lot. He was a one of a kind "sole saver", so funny and had such a way of calmness too. He always had a kind word and never hesitated to do you a favor. He was an honest man and a gentleman and his optimistic attitude and practical way of looking at life was inspiring. May God bless and keep you John. Thank you for everything you've done over the years for my husband Avinash (and I). You will be greatly missed and never forgotten 🙏❤️~Anna M.

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**Anna** - April 18, 2020 at 06:53 AM

DG

“ So sorry to hear about John's passing, my condolences to his family. He was the kind and gentlemen, always enjoyed our conversations at the shoe store and at OTB. R.I.P.John

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**Debbie Grant** - April 17, 2020 at 07:06 PM

RF

“ John was always a joy to see when I needed shoes repaired. He taught me enough so that I could make holsters for my co2 pistol and bb pistol. He gave me an old holster that I repaired and used for quite a few years. My wife also liked going to the repair shop she and Mrs. DeRosa always had fun talking.  
Our condolences to the family.

Richard H Fallis - April 17, 2020 at 05:15 PM

JC

“ Condolences to John's family. I was sorry to hear of his passing. When I started on the Johnstown Police Department, John was in the Johnstown store and, when I was on foot patrol, I would stop in to get warm and visit. I can still hear him saying "Why couldn't I have been born rich instead of handsome?" He was a great guy and will be missed.

Jim Cook - April 17, 2020 at 03:23 PM

IG

“ I always like John .He was a friendly person . Always greeted you with a smile . I am deeply sadden to hear about his passing . He will be sadly missed in the community and by his customers ..

Ilene Greco - April 17, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Michael DeRosa.



April 17, 2020 at 01:25 PM

LR

“ *Lisa Rava lit a candle in memory of John Michael DeRosa*



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**Lisa Rava** - April 17, 2020 at 12:10 PM

SJ

“ *To John's family*

*We are sorry to hear of the passing of John. He was the consummate shoe repair person that I knew. He had fixed many pairs of my shoes as well as repaired some other leather items. He will be sorely missed by his customers and his friends and family. May he rest in peace. May the good memories help you through this difficult time.*



*Sharon & Martin Bilger*

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**Sharon James** - April 16, 2020 at 10:59 PM

DJ

*Delores and family I am so sorry to read of Jphns passing. I know what you and your family are going through and if I can do anything please let me know. He will be missed sorely.*

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**Diana Javarone** - April 17, 2020 at 03:19 PM

JB

*So sorry to hear of John's passing. As a teenager I used to stop in and talk to John on my way home from school. I watched him repair shoes and just talked about stuff. I can't recall how I first met him, but for years I can remember stopping in and having long chats with him. What a nice guy to chat with a teenager like that. I wish I had stayed in touch with him. He gave me his time, and I'll remember that always!*  
*Jim Bordis*

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**Jim Bordis** - April 17, 2020 at 04:01 PM