



John William Colagrande Jr

June 18, 1968 - February 16, 2026

John Colagrande, Jr., 57, of West Orange, New Jersey, passed away surrounded by the love of his family. Born on June 18, 1968, in Montclair, he was the beloved son of Sandra Renner Colagrande and John Colagrande, Sr.

John was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He earned his Master's degree in Civil Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology, a milestone that reflected his strong work ethic and determination. Throughout his career, he applied his knowledge and skills with integrity and pride.

John married the love of his life, Eileen Colagrande, and together they built a beautiful life centered on faith, family, and unwavering support for one another. He was the proud and loving father of three daughters: Elizabeth Hunt (Ben), Emily Flagg (Jon), and Megan Williams (Luke). Nothing brought him greater joy than his family, especially his cherished grandson, Theodore John, who was the light of his life.

He is also survived by his sister, Christina Zimmerman (Richard), and his two nephews, Joseph and Jake Zimmerman, along with a host of loving relatives and dear friends who will forever treasure his memory.

John had a deep love for NASCAR and could often be found cheering on his

favorite drivers on race day. He was an avid bowling enthusiast and shared a lifelong passion for trains, a hobby that brought him both excitement and peace. His enthusiasm was contagious, and he loved sharing his interests with family and friends.

Above all, John will be remembered for his kind heart, steady presence, and the deep love he had for those around him. His legacy lives on in the family he adored and the countless lives he touched.

The family will celebrate his life on Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. A memorial mass will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church 11001 Dorchester Road, Summerville, SC 29485

Though he will be deeply missed, his love and spirit will remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, and Turner Syndrome Foundation.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Memorial Mass

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Theresa the Little Flower Catholic Church
11001 Dorchester Rd
Summerville, SC 29485
(843) 875-5002

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of John William Colagrande Jr.*



February 25 at 12:48 AM



“ *Elizabeth Hunt lit a candle in memory of John William Colagrande Jr*



Elizabeth Hunt - February 21 at 06:55 PM



“ *DiNicolangelo family.... Dear family so many memories celebrations we shared as our John John was growing in NewJersey . He was quite sweet curious entertained himself respectfull. Always love and joy surrounded family. Little John and I even shared a fast dance one visit he was brave not a tear as one move to ER put arm back in socket. Trust John was as brave a man for his family and prayed theyd be cared for on Earth. He'll watch over. John loved his great grandparents who have John in their arms now. As your heart breaks may in time you have Peace as surrounded by family love and joy will come with baby grandson . Love Kathy nick*

kathy nick dinicolangelo - February 20 at 12:01 PM

AS

“ As a colleague of John's in the consulting engineering field for many years, I am sad to hear the news of John's passing. Offering prayers and condolences to John and his family at this time. I always enjoyed my conversations and time spent with John. Rest in peace, my friend.

Anthony Suppa - February 20 at 11:11 AM

TH

“ Deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. Your Friends at Pennoni

Todd Hay - February 20 at 10:16 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John William Colagrande Jr.

February 20 at 10:13 AM

TT

“ The Harris Development Partners Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John William Colagrande Jr.



The Harris Development Partners Team - February 19 at 04:33 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John William Colagrande Jr.*



February 19 at 09:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John William Colagrande Jr.*



February 19 at 08:03 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John William Colagrande Jr.*

February 19 at 08:03 AM



“ *The Flagg Family & Aunt Linda purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John William Colagrande Jr.*



The Flagg Family & Aunt Linda - February 18 at 09:42 PM

LC

“ Love, Tom & Julia Walshire, friends of CZ purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John William Colagrande Jr.



Love, Tom & Julia Walshire, friends of CZ - February 18 at 09:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John William Colagrande Jr.

February 18 at 09:08 PM

WG

“ With Love, Joyce and Gary purchased the Sweet est Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John William Colagrande Jr.



With Love, Joyce and Gary - February 18 at 07:51 PM

WG

“ With Love, Joyce and Gary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William Colagrande Jr.

With Love, Joyce and Gary - February 18 at 07:51 PM



“ *The Circelli Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John William Colagrande Jr.*



The Circelli Family - February 18 at 07:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John William Colagrande Jr.*



February 18 at 06:37 PM