



## John A. Danzilli Jr.

December 25, 2025

Col. John A Danzilli Jr.(Ret), 97, of Monroeville, died peacefully at home on December 25, 2025 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Pittsburgh. He graduated high school at the age of sixteen. He was drafted into the Army and went to Korea where he received a field promotion, the Haile Selassie Medal with Two Palms, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" for Valor, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Commendation Ribbon with Medal Pendant. He was involved and injured in an IED detonation and refused to accept the Purple Heart.

He returned home and joined the PA National Guard. He served as Battalion Commander at Hunt Armory in East Liberty. He remained in service for 27 years earning much recognition for his efforts. He retired as a colonel.

John was the final living founding member of Francos Italian Army which was formed along with close friends.

John retired from the military and went on to be appointed Allegheny County Director of Public Protection. He retired from Allegheny County and became the Monroeville Public Safety Director. After retirement, John went on to serve on council in Monroeville and also as Deputy Mayor.

John was a strong supporter and avid fan of the University of Pittsburgh.

He was preceded in death by his mother Josephine, his fatherly uncle Anthony, his wife Karen, and his son John. He is survived by his daughters Janice Colagrande and Valerie Walters. His grandchildren, Christopher, Joshua, Angela, Jeremy, and Jaclyn. Great Grandchildren, Ashley, Devlin,

Aysha and Aliyah. And his loving companion Rita Windsor and former wife Lois Duff.

Family and friends will be received on Sunday, December 28, 2025 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, December 29, at 10:30 AM, at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at St. Bernadette Church at 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville. Interment will follow at Calvary Catholic Cemetery with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hillman Cancer Center in Pittsburgh.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

718 Hazelwood Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.  
4335 Northern Pike  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
(412) 372-2100  
ghcorl@comcast.net  
<https://corlfuneralchapel.com>

## Visitation

DEC 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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DEC **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at St. Bernadette Church  
245 Azalea Drive  
Monroeville, PA 15146

# Tribute Wall

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“ *May god hold you in his arms . You always treated me like family.*

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**carrie white (Sportelli)** - January 29 at 02:08 AM

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“ *John was a wonderful neighbor and great friend to the Kalas family, especially my parents. I will always remember his kindness, during which I was a friend with Janice and Valerie growing up. I remember being so excited when John had the "huge" swimming pool installed, and a lot of neighborhood kids swam in, especially my sweet brother Gary, along with John, Jr and me. John will be in my daily prayers and I will pray for comfort and sweet memories for his children, grand children, and great grands. God bless all of you. Much love, Kathleen Kalas Socrates*

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**Kathleen Kalas Socrates** - December 28, 2025 at 10:52 AM

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“ *Janice and Valerie, I'm very sorry for your loss. I have many great memories of Mr.Danzilli. He was a wonderful neighbor to my parents,too I will be sending prayers.*

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**Donna Bier Chaffins** - December 27, 2025 at 08:09 PM

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“ *May God comfort you as you grieve the loss of Uncle John. All my luv Nay*

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**Renee** - December 27, 2025 at 04:28 PM