



## John Grande

September 21, 2024

Loving father, husband, and grandfather. Survived by wife Joan, sons Michael and John, daughter in-laws Laura and Calista, granddaughters Valarie and Serina, and great grandchildren Juliana and Anthony.

He was a graduate of the Julliard School of Music, played clarinet and saxophone, and had a career as Chief Music Librarian at the Metropolitan Opera for over 30 years. In addition, John dedicated his life to a variety of charities and philanthropic causes. He spent the last 50 years of his life in Teaneck, NJ where he was a proud member of St. Anastasia's parish and was a vibrant member of his community.

Family and friends will be received on Tuesday, September 24th, from 4-8pm at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Anastasia's Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday, September 25th at 11am. For more information or to visit John's tribute page, please visit [www.volkleber.com](http://www.volkleber.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home - Teaneck  
789 Teaneck Rd  
Teaneck, NJ 07666-4296  
(201) 836-0202

## Funeral Mass

SEP **25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anastasia RCC  
1095 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666

# Tribute Wall



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Grande



Volk Leber Funeral Home - September 23, 2024 at 01:14 PM

BP

May he rest in heavenly Peace 🙏🙏🕊️🙏🙏 God bless his Soul ❤️🙏❤️

Br Peter Martin Perez P.B. - September 24, 2024 at 05:12 PM

BP

My Condolences to the Family 🙏

Br Peter Martin Perez P.B. - September 24, 2024 at 05:13 PM

MD

“ John was a generous, loving person. God rest his soul. He is at peace with the Lord. Prayers & sincere condolences to all family members and his many friends. You will be missed. 💔

marianne Dispoto - September 27, 2024 at 10:52 AM

JO

“ After each of my parents had passed away I decided to attend the Saturday, 5:00pm Mass at St. A's, just as they regularly had. I sat in the same pew they had and grieved their loss. It was difficult to be at Mass. I was too sad.

The next week I decided to go to a Sunday, 10:00am Mass instead. The first time I attended the 10:00 Mass I once again decided to sit in the same pew my parents had always preferred. It was one of the pews nearest the choir. I was uneasy.

John was there greeting fellow parishioners, smiling and welcoming everyone. I was blessed to receive his welcome and a kind smile and it made all the difference for me that day. I felt the love, faith and joy in the room through his simple gesture

That time Mass was not difficult for me.

John seemed to give his smiles away often and easily so I am sure he did not know the impact he could have with them.

John never did know me or my name but I have never forgotten him or his kindness that helped me that day.

I extend deepest sympathy to Joan and family and to all those who will miss John's kind smile.

Joanne Z.

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Joanne - September 25, 2024 at 12:42 AM

HC

“ John was a delightful man. When St. A's had their weekly coffee gathering after the 10:00 mass, John routinely made it a point to entertain my granddaughter, Sofia, with his charming tricks. We'll miss him! Holly & John Moloughney

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helen consiglio - September 24, 2024 at 11:08 AM

JD

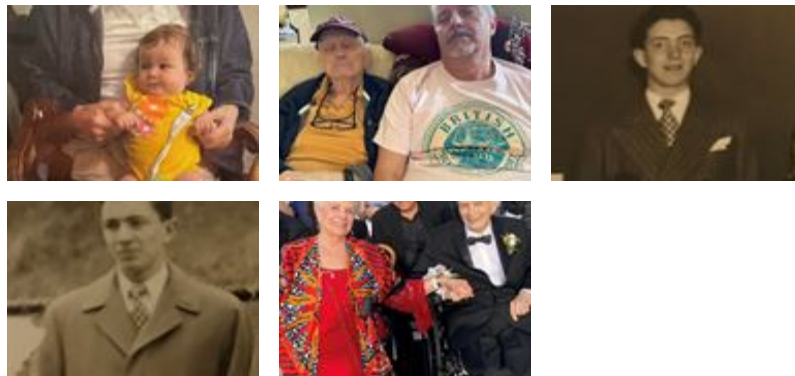
“ I met John as a fellow parishioner of St Anastasia Church. He sat in the pew right in front of me at the 10 am mass. I was commenting on the beautiful voice of Joan and during social hour at the church came over to me to tell me of his and Joans long-term association with the Opera. Since i was an avid opera fan we instantly established a long friendship; of course, bought his book. He was always so kind to offer tickets to the daytime opera rehearsals at the MET which i GRACIOUSLY accepted.  
His sense of humor was infectious always telling jokes at those church social. making me laugh no matter how many times he told the same jokes over and over again.  
He never lost his joviality as he aged, and he always complemented me making me feel like a movie star. I will never forget his love of life and joyous demeanor.  
He became a dear friend who I dearly will miss.  
God bless.

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judith F despommier - September 23, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Volk Leber Funeral Home - September 23, 2024 at 09:03 AM



*It was always such a blessing to see John at church, and I will never forget John and Joan's house during the Super Bowl - what a wonderful party they threw each year. And personally, I owe John a great thanks for one night, inviting me over in evening hours to show me how to properly mount the reed on my clarinet after I had spent a great amount of time (and several reeds broken in the process) attempting to do so. My condolences to Joan and his family on the passing of a wonderful man.*

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**Matthew Weiland** - September 23, 2024 at 02:22 PM

FC

“ *My memory of John will always be his warm smile and his hearty laugh which he always shared so readily. John had a simple but strong childlike faith which he expressed through his multitude of loving actions. Love and prayers to Joan and your family.*  
*Frank C.*

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**Frank Coughlin** - September 23, 2024 at 03:57 AM

PO

“ *John was a caring and thoughtful neighbor and friend. He was devoted to his family, profession and meaningful causes in our Teaneck community. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Joan and the entire Grande family. May John's memory be a blessing; may he rest in peace.*



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**Paul and Ricki Ostrow** - September 22, 2024 at 07:01 AM