



## John Maria Sylvania

October 5, 1941 - July 8, 2024

John Maria Sylvania, II, 82 was born in West Haven, CT on October 5, 1941 to the late John Maria Sylvania and Rebecca Scott, passed away on July 8, 2024. Mr. Sylvania. survived by his wife Elizabeth Sylvania, dedicated his life to his family and his community.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his children: John Sylvania, III, Antoinette Cothran (Kevin), Kevin Sylvania (Ilidia), Deborah Akey (Jarrod), and Fiona Sylvania. He was a cherished grandfather to four grandchildren and a proud great-grandfather to four great-grandchildren.

John is predeceased by his siblings: William Staten, Mary L. Allen, Dorothy Jackson, Sarah Riley, Julia Sturdivant, Jean Sylvania and Josephine Chapman. He will be deeply missed by his family and a host of friends who were touched by his kindness and generosity.

John attended West Haven High School and later worked at Stop & Shop Warehouse of North Haven. In his early years, he was Commissioner of the West Haven Biddie Basketball League. John served as a Lieutenant with the New Haven Department of Corrections, worked as a Bondsman in Connecticut for many years and founded Sylvania Bail Bonds. John was a long-time Mason with Widows Son Lodge #1 and a honorary member of James H. Hill Lodge #16 in Washington, DC. He was an avid fan of the NY Giants and

loved playing golf.

John's legacy of love, resilience and dedication to his family will be remembered and honored by all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Hamden Plains Cemetery

Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church  
425 Newhall Street.  
Hamden, CT 06517

## Funeral Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

UC

“ John was my father figure. John encouraged me to play football at age 12 in which I continued to play into college. John gave me the nickname “ The Crusher”. To credit John today for the man I turned out to be. When my mother passed away he and Liz was there at the funeral home helping me in making arrangements. I could go on and on telling stories about John because he was that special , caring and loving kind of guy. I will deeply miss John and that smile and laugh of his. Rest in Peace John , you will be truly missed!!!!

*Usha Carr, Jr.*

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**Usha Carr** - July 18, 2024 at 04:02 PM

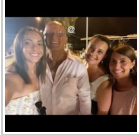
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“ My condolences to the wife and family of John. My prayers for your comfort are with you. I will always remember him as a kind man with a very easy smile and relaxed and welcoming demeanor. He was that way in every encounter. Although he will be missed, try to remember all of the good things about him for your comfort. Love to you all, Cheryl Corey.



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**Cheryl Corey** - July 18, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ *A man with a smile on his face every time you saw him, he visited our establishment often with his whole family and what a amazing family, which shows what kind of man he was! Heaven getting a Angel! Keeping you in our memories Tony and Anna Antonakis*



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**Anna Antonakis** - July 17, 2024 at 08:24 PM

RD

“ *Liz, my condolences to you and your family. Praying God's Strength. From: Dolberry*

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**Rosa Dolberry** - July 17, 2024 at 05:58 PM

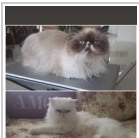
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“ *Alonzo & Rita purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Maria Sylvia.*



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**Alonzo & Rita** - July 17, 2024 at 01:23 PM

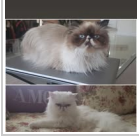


“ *Angela Silano lit a candle in memory of John Sylvia*



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**Angela Silano** - July 17, 2024 at 07:24 AM



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FS

“ From Daniel Kelly and Angela Silano purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Maria Sylvia.



From Daniel Kelly and Angela Silano - July 17, 2024 at 07:18 AM

FS

“ From Daniel Kelly and Angela Silano planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Maria Sylvia.

From Daniel Kelly and Angela Silano - July 17, 2024 at 07:18 AM

LB

“ Our condolences to the Sylvia/Jackson family. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. We are so sorry for your loss. 🙏 Much Love ❤️  
Linda Barnes/Curtis McBride



Linda Barnes - July 16, 2024 at 08:49 AM

CT

“ *Rest in peace cousin Johnny*

Cousin TooT - July 15, 2024 at 07:52 PM

FB

“ *Funyun B. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Maria Sylvia.*



Funyun B. - July 15, 2024 at 05:54 PM

BG

“ *Good man. Rest now, job done.*

Bobby Griffin - July 15, 2024 at 12:45 PM

FB

*To  
My  
Other father and friend  
You are in God's hands  
Coming home funyun Benjamin*

Funyun Benjamin - July 15, 2024 at 05:44 PM

WF

“ *Willie Freeman lit a candle in memory of John Sylvia*



Willie Freeman - July 15, 2024 at 10:40 AM

DH

“ Doris Jackson Harris lit a candle in memory of John Sylvia



Doris Jackson Harris - July 14, 2024 at 08:39 PM

DH

“ Sending my deepest Condolences to the Slyvia family. Keeping you all in my prayers. Doris Harris

Doris Jackson Harris - July 14, 2024 at 08:38 PM

DL

“ John was my dad's best friend. I know he met him at the crossroads with open arms. Our condolences go out to his family, and may John rest in eternal peace.  
Sarah & Dawn Lee

Dawn Lee - July 14, 2024 at 07:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Maria Sylvia.



July 14, 2024 at 11:32 AM

TM

“ The Marcarelli's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Maria Sylvia.

The Marcarelli's - July 14, 2024 at 11:32 AM

DL

“ John was my dad’s best friend and Masonic lodge brother. I know he met him at the crossroads with open arms. May his soul rest in eternal peace, and our condolences goes out to his family.  
Sarah & Dawn Lee

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**Dawn Lee** - July 13, 2024 at 03:56 PM

AC

“ Mr. Sylvia was a good man and a man that was known in the Community and in the neighborhood of Canton Street...My prayer is for the strength of his family and that the ways that he helped many of us "kids" of the community would never remain silent but always speak. I remember when I was in my early 20's and I had to go to lockup downtown, New Haven...I was innocent and when he saw my face, he said "that guy doesn't belong here...release him", and I went home. I'm sure many others that grew up in West Haven and even others that have met him along the way, have good memories to share! Kevin (Czar), Butch and Toni, you're in my prayers, for sure. Again, your father was a good man. May The God of Heaven comfort you all. (In Jesus' Name, Amen). Apostle Allen E. Coleman, Jr. (which his kids know me by my middle name: "Eroan")



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**Apostle E. Coleman, Jr.** - July 13, 2024 at 01:39 PM

LS

“ Luis Santos purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Maria Sylvia.



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**Luis Santos** - July 13, 2024 at 10:13 AM

GA

“ Gary lit a candle in memory of John Sylvia



Gary - July 13, 2024 at 09:50 AM

GF

“ Gloria Watt & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John Maria Sylvia.



Gloria Watt & Family - July 13, 2024 at 07:13 AM

TC

“ My sincere condolences to the family, continued prayers for the family of a Great Man.



Tara L. Chapmam - July 13, 2024 at 06:17 AM

GW

“ Toni , Butch and Kevin, You had the most Amazing Dad!!! He was like a second father to me, I have some many Great memories growing up with you all. He was loved and will truly be missed. I'm Sending My Heartfelt Sympathy's To Your Entire Family, I Love You All!!! Gloria Watt

Gloria Watt - July 13, 2024 at 05:58 AM

JC

*Our Condolences to Liz and the family of John Sylvia. Our prayers are with you all. God Bless. Jessie, and Earl Clark.*

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**Jessie and Earl Clark** - July 16, 2024 at 11:38 PM

JC

*To Liz and the family of John Sylvia, you have our heart felt sympathy and condolences to all of you. Our prayers are with you . God Bless. From Jessie and Earl Clark.*

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**Jessie and Earl Clark** - July 17, 2024 at 12:27 AM