



John F. Chiapetto

October 22, 1929 - January 13, 2009

John F. Chiapetto, 79, Topeka, passed away Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

John was born October 22, 1929 in Chicago, the son of Frank R. and Christine Maurello Chiapetto. He was a bat boy for the Chicago White Sox when he was 13. He served our country in the US Army, stationed in Germany. Upon his return home, John was the youngest Commander of the American Legion. He had been a retail buyer for Crosby Brothers and Montgomery Wards Dept. stores in Topeka. He and his identical twin owned "Two Peas In A Pod" bookstore in Evergreen Park IL. He later worked in the bookstore at Washburn University and then the "Libation Station" at the Washburn Law School. He was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughters, Kathleen V. Scheid and husband, Stanley, Omaha NE, Jo Ann Johnston and husband, Terry, LaGrange IL, and Laura C. Lolley and husband, Danny, Sr., Topeka; grandchildren, Danny Lolley, Jr., Jennifer Scheid, Kristen Lolley-Ray and Lucas Scheid; great-granddaughter, Raylynn Lolley; and twin brother, Phillip Chiapetto, Palos Park IL. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Genevieve "Ginger" Chiapetto.

Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at Most Pure

Heart of Mary Catholic Church. The family requests memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, to Midland Hospice. Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ John was my friend that I met while working at Montgomery Ward. John managed mens accessories and jewelry and I managed mens clothing and outerwear. John was always happy and smiling. He will be missed by many.

John Tarwater - August 21, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ John F. Chiapetto

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Kathy, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad's death. I remember him and your Mom shopping at Dad's grocery store...he was such a character and so much fun!

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie White - January 17, 2009 at 11:08 AM



“ John will be missed. As a part of the Washburn family, he was always so friendly and helpful. I loved to hear his stories about Chicago. Thinking of you and yours during this difficult time.

Denise Ottinger - January 16, 2009 at 01:43 PM

GA

“ *To John's Family:*

We were neighbors of John and Ginger and enjoyed our many block parties over the years. John was kind enough to share his Italian dishes and most importantly his famous chocolates.

Mary would see and visit with John and Ginger after 7:30 AM Mass at Most Pure Heart of Mary as well.

John and Ginger were wonderful people and will be missed by all.

Gary and Mary Adkins

Gary and Mary Adkins - January 16, 2009 at 01:21 PM

MM

“ *I hope John didn't have a long period of ill health. He will be happy to join Ginger. He is the only one I ever knew who made "professional chocolates". I will never forget Ginger saying she was Italian by insemination! Laura you were a devoted daughter, they both we fortunate to have you. You will certainly miss your dad. Fond thoughts are with you.*

Mareta Medlin - January 16, 2009 at 10:37 AM

DM

“ *Laura, thinking of you and the family in this time of loss. John will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Your all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Debbie/Ed Miller - January 15, 2009 at 06:51 PM

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“ John was an important part of our law school community. He was loved by faculty, staff and students. He always had a smile and was friendly to everyone. We loved having him work here. He brought a little joy everywhere he went.
P.S. We also loved his candies!!

Linda Elrod - January 15, 2009 at 02:55 PM

BB

“ Laura, I am deeply sorry about the loss of your father. I have found memories of how nice he was the mornings I rode with you and we picked him up. He always seemed so cheerful. I just wanted you to know I was thinking about you and extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Becky Brennan - January 14, 2009 at 05:00 PM