



## John Salvatore Ballaro

October 3, 1940 - September 21, 2008

John Salvatore Ballaro, age 67, of Bolivar, Missouri passed away Sunday, September 21, 2008 at Citizen's Memorial Hospital in Bolivar, Missouri after a courageous fight with cancer.

He was born October 3, 1940 in Norwich, CT. to Peter Ballaro, Sr. and Carmella Manetta Ballaro.

He was married to Catherine Marie "Kitty" Perrella on June 19, 1999 in Springfield, Missouri.

He was a Plumber and a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union #777 for 35 years. He enjoyed birds, fishing, watching westerns, the outdoors and also attended professional clown college. He was also a member of the Police Auxiliary.

John is survived by his wife; Catherine Kitty Marie Ballaro of the home, a daughter; Tara Marie Ballaro of Bolivar, Missouri, a daughter; Kathy Raschen of Independence, Kansas, two sons; Will Linder of Wichita, Kansas, Michael Garretson of Ft. Worth, Texas, three sisters; Julia Peck of Belleview, Florida, Priscilla Bechtel of Newport, Rhode Island, Alberta Fidrych and Jorine Salvidio of Norwich, CT., two brothers; Charles Ballaro of Rockhill, South Carolina, Peter Ballaro, Jr., of Abilene, Texas, many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Peter and Carmella Ballaro, three brothers; Anthony, Carmello and Joseph Ballaro, two sisters; Esther Wise and Blanche Ballaro, a brother-in-law; Anthony Perrella.

Memorial services will be held at 3:00pm, Saturday, September 27, 2008 at St. Albans Episcopal Church in Bolivar, Missouri with Rev. Dr. Linda Milholen officiating under the direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar, Missouri. Musical selections will be Amazing Grace by Elvis Presley, Daddys Hands by Holly Dunn, I Cross My Heart by George Strait and I Will Remember You by Sarah McLachlan.

The family suggests contributions to the Central Care Cancer Center, 1501 N. Oakland Avenue, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences to [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Salvatore Ballaro*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *John Salvatore Ballaro*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Kitty, I offer my condolences to you and your family. I have prayed for you all and will keep doing so. I will always remember John fondly and remember his infectious smile, his laugh, good sense of humor and his kindness. He was a good man. God bless you all.*

*Tom Hallacy*

Tom Hallacy - September 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Kitty and Family, Our deepest condolences. May you and your family have wonderful memories of my Uncle John. God Bless you Barbara & Ed.*

Barbara & Ed Baca - September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

*“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”  
(Maya Angelou)*

*Uncle Johnny always brought love and laughter wherever he went. I have very fond memories of my favorite uncle, and I know that he is truly missed by all that love him. I know that the Angels are singing at the reunion of Uncle Johnny with his Mom, Dad, sisters and brothers, one being my dad Carmelo.  
Our prayers are with you Kitty.*

*With much Love, Tona*

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**Tona Ballaro Babin** - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

*“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.*

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**MICHAEL AND TINA GARRETSON** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CA

*“ Kitty, I am so sad that Uncle Johnny has passed. I am sure you must feel the loss greatly, he was such a fun and overall good guy to have around. I will always remember him for the jokes and laughter we shared. May he rest in peace, and may you find peace in the wonderful memories I am sure you have.*

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**carmella** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PG

*“ Dear Aunt Kitty and family, Sorry to hear of Uncle Johnny's passing. Hope the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. With Sincerest Sympathy, Patsy & Bill*

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**Patsy & Bill Gulley** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Dear Kitty,  
Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family at this time. We will miss our Uncle Johnny dearly.  
Love,  
Tom & Roberta

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**Tom & Roberta Lane** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dear Aunt Kitty and family:

*Our deepest condolences on your loss of a great person, a true friend and a great uncle. His humor and his love of life will be deeply missed. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

*Sincerely  
Cousin Peter and Carol*

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**Peter and Carol Ballaro** - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Kitty, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing my thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Rebecca Johnson  
Receptionist @ The Pleasant Hope Family Medical Center*

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**Rebecca Johnson** - September 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Uncle Johnny will always hold a special place in my heart. Not too many nieces get duck eggs for Easter and a yellow lab from their uncle. I've been blessed to have three special uncles, and he being one of them, of course. He left a lot of special memories that will keep him alive in our hearts and he'll be missed.

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**Gloria Ballaro-Froio** - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ We send our deepest sympathy in the loss of our "Uncle Johnny" and friend. He left a lot of good laughs and good stories that will be deeply missed.

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**Robert Gauvin & Nick Gauvin** - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Uncle Johnny knew how to make me laugh. He was a very special great-uncle and I'll never forget him.

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**Joseph Anthony Froio** - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ May God bless you and keep you safe, Uncle John. There are numerous fond memories of family gatherings - lots of laughter and fun.....I still remember your electric guitar days with your huge amplifier -- great music for all to hear coming from 81 North St. With love, Julie xx00.

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**Julie Ballaro** - September 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM