



John Cleary

July 7, 1949 - April 22, 2026

John Cleary III, 76, of Saint Augustine, Florida, passed away on April 22, 2026, at the Bailey Center for Caring, surrounded by the love of his family. John was born on July 7, 1949, in Paterson, New Jersey, to Cecilia and John Cleary Jr.

John carried a strong work ethic and deep sense of responsibility throughout his life. He worked as a builder and carpenter for many years and was known for his craftsmanship, integrity, and reliability. He took great pride in his work, believing that anything worth doing was worth doing right. The homes and projects he built stand as lasting reminders of his dedication and skill.

Beyond his work, John was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He valued family above all else and found his greatest joy in time spent with those he loved. He will be remembered for his intellect, personality, and love for his family, and for always being someone others could depend on.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Cleary; sons, John Cleary IV (Tanya) and Jason Cleary (Beth); daughter, Jessica Diviney (Tim); and stepdaughter, Stephanie Jones (David). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Amber, Christian, Danielle, Hannah, Ethan, Cate, and Kayleigh; his great-grandchildren, Stefan Jr., Jameson, Carson, Jaxon, and Cali; his brother,

Jeffery Cleary (Lisa); as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecilia and John Cleary Jr., his sister, Jennifer Dodd, and his brothers, James and Joseph Cleary.

John's legacy lives on in the family he cherished, the friendships he built, and the community he helped shape. He will be deeply missed.

No services will be held per John's wishes. The family will celebrate him at a later date, just as he would have liked.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's name to Community Hospice and Palliative Care : <https://www.communityhospice.com/>.