



John J. Erceg

July 22, 1932 - September 11, 2019

Saugerties – John J Erceg, formerly of Cementon, died Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany, NY. He was 87 years old.

Born of Yugoslavian migrants on July 22, 1932, he was the son of the late John P Erceg and the late Dominica Evko Erceg. He married the former Anna May Lockwood in 1959 and she pre-deceased him in 1993.

A former marine, he was trained at Parris Island in the 1950s. He worked construction for many years before working maintenance at Kingston Hospital and Ferncliff Nursing Home. He retired in his early eighties from ShopRite, where he received much recognition for excellent customer service. He was a bowling champion of the No Can Do League of Kingston. A regular at OTB, he was known to frequent Dunkin Donuts and local diners. On Thursdays he played bingo at Saugerties Knights of Columbus.

Known adoringly as “Cowboy John” and the “Johnny Cash of Ulster County,” he was a beloved member of the karaoke community. A dancer and an award-winning singer, he performed at nursing homes and entertainment venues across the Hudson Valley. He had, and still has, many fans who believe he sounded better than Johnny Cash.

A humanitarian, animal lover, and cherished patriarch of the Peone family, he is survived by his daughter, Doreen Peone and her former husband Joseph of Saugerties; his step-daughter Donna Wesley and her husband Charles of Port Ewen; three grandchildren Vincent Peone and his wife Hana El-Assad, Dina and Angelina Peone; two step-grandchildren Lisa Whelan and Mary Dietz; two step great-grandchildren; his brother Anthony Erceg; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he was pre-deceased by five siblings: Mary Rosco, Sr Mary Josephine; Peter, Frank, and Michael Erceg.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 Noon, Friday, September 20, 2019 at Buono Funeral Service, Inc., Main Street Chapel, Saugerties, NY. Interment, with full military honors, will be held in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kingston, NY. Friends may call Thursday 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM and Friday 10:00 AM until 11:45 AM at Buono Funeral Service, Inc. Please offer your condolences for John and his family at www.BuonoFuneralService.com.

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Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

319 Foxhall Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *John J. Erceg*

October 20, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *Tracy Hoyt lit a candle in memory of John J. Erceg*



Tracy Hoyt - September 21, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ *Eileen Pickens lit a candle in memory of John J. Erceg*



Eileen Pickens - September 20, 2019 at 05:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John J. Erceg.*



September 20, 2019 at 10:46 AM

ME

“ He was loved by so many in the community. I knew him to get the karaoke party started and he loved his country music. May peace be with his family at this time and always.

Melissa - September 20, 2019 at 03:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John J. Erceg.



September 19, 2019 at 07:39 AM

SN

“ Sarah Natochenny purchased the Pretty Please for the family of John J. Erceg.



Sarah Natochenny - September 18, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John J. Erceg.



September 17, 2019 at 05:35 PM



“ *My uncle Cowboy John will be sadly missed ,I didn't get to see him very often as I use to when he worked at shoprite, but did keep in touch on messenger. I loved to hear him sing his Johnny Cash song's, that's one of the thing's I'll miss the most.But I know he is with my aunt Anna now singing to her.I have an old video of the two of them together in happy time's that I watch from time to time.*

My deepest condolences to the family, your cousin Pat

Patricia Elliott - September 17, 2019 at 09:27 AM

PB

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Patrick R Buono - September 17, 2019 at 04:11 AM

JS

I Love this picture! RIP Cowboy John ❤️

Jill Smith - September 17, 2019 at 12:27 PM

LZ

R.I.P,

lynn Zomkowski - September 17, 2019 at 12:49 PM

RM

As a friend of Doreen's, I was fortunate to hear her and John singing, and remember that the crowd at the Montgomery Nursing home was thrilled, especially with John and his hat! My heartfelt condolences to Doreen and family, on the loss of John. -Robert Milby

Robert Milby - September 18, 2019 at 09:39 AM