



John L. Fazio

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John L. Fazio, 79, of Cicero, NY, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2025 at Francis House. Born on April 23, 1946, John was a man whose life was defined by dedication to his community, his students, and, above all, his beloved family.

John devoted his entire professional life to the field of education. For 42 years, he served the students and families of the Syracuse City School District, leaving an indelible mark on generations of learners and colleagues. His commitment to making a difference in the lives of children was both admirable and unwavering.

While his career was important, John's greatest passion was his family. He was the devoted husband of Sally (Spillett) Fazio for 54 wonderful years; a partnership built on mutual respect and deep love. He was a constant source of support and pride for his children, Amy and son-in-law, Gregg Evans and John (Patches Zemotel) Fazio, his true joy came from his role as "Papa" to his four cherished grandchildren, Kaleigh, Ashley and Kyle Evans, and Ellie Zemotel. John is also survived by his sister, Annemarie (Jerry) Galloway, and his sisters-in-law, Susan (John) Nicholson and Jeanne Spillett. He leaves behind countless nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whose lives he touched with his generosity and kindness.

Visitation will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025 from 9:00 – 9:45 am at St. Rose of Lima Church, in the Kennedy Room at 409 S. Main St., N. Syracuse, NY, followed by a funeral Mass in celebration of John's life at 10:00 am at the church. He will be laid to rest in North Syracuse Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in John's memory to two organizations close to his heart: Francis House and St. Rose of Lima Church.






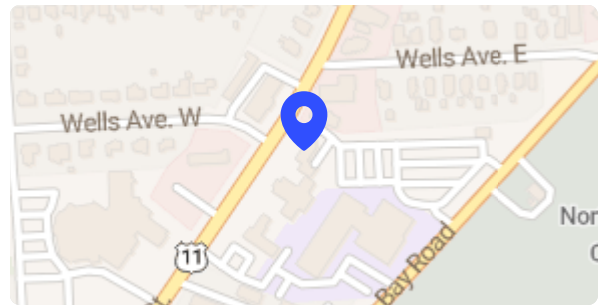
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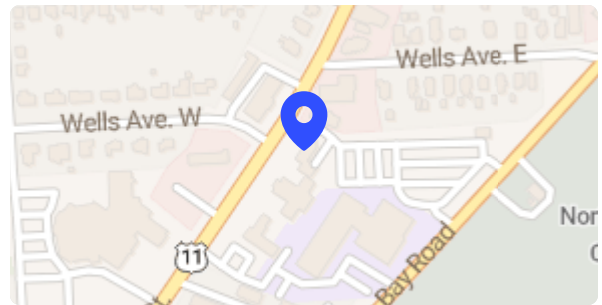
Visitation

-  **Monday**, October 13, 2025
-  9:00 AM - 9:45 AM ET
-  **St. Rose of Lima Church**
409 S. Main Street, North Syracuse NY 13212





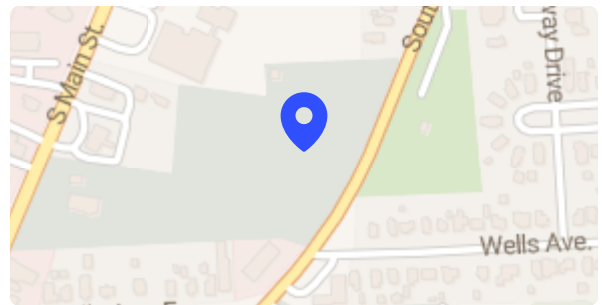
Funeral Mass

-  **Monday**, October 13, 2025
-  10:00 AM ET
-  **St. Rose of Lima Church**
409 S. Main Street, North Syracuse NY 13212



Cemetery Details

-  **North Syracuse Cemetery**
555 South Bay Road, North Syracuse NY 13212
-  **315-458-0243**





Tribute Wall

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Beth K. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



October 19 at 1:37 PM



Chuck Barry posted:

John & Family, I'm so sorry to learn about your Dad. We've spoken a few times at Mass & I was surprised to hear of this. As you likely know our daughter Jen passed away last week & with her calling hours & funeral planning I regret that I was unable to attend your Dad's. Please know that he & all of you are in our prayers. God Bless all of you.

October 15 at 5:11 PM



Rose Prior posted:

Dear Fazio Family, So very sorry! Truly our most sincere condolences! One of the very best math teachers our children experienced! Such a kind and caring teacher and person! May he rest in eternal peace!! With loving thoughts and prayers, The Prior Family!!

October 13 at 7:18 AM



Brian Kiesa posted:

NOOOOO! 😞 Truth be told Mr. Fazio and me used to butt heads a little in 8th grade math class @ Huntington in 96'-97'...but in the end he became one of my favorite teachers and he did believe in me Bigtime. RIP Mr. Fazio, rest easy sir. 🙏❤️🐻

October 11 at 1:28 PM

BK **Beth Kramer** October 19 at 1:33 PM

Rip John Fazio! You are/were a well loved and respected educator known throughout the district! I heard this sad news today and cried! Heaven gained another angel and warrior! Bless be to his lovely grieving family! You may not know me well; but know I am grieving with and for you! ♥️🕊️✚️❤️



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Lemoyne College Office Of Alumni posted:

Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

October 10 at 8:24 AM



Nancy Rubado posted:

I had the pleasure of working with John at McKinley Brighton when I first came to Syracuse. He was always an extremely effective and caring teacher and a joy to have as a coworker and friend. My sympathies to his family at this most difficult time. Nancy Rubado

October 9 at 2:47 PM



Christine Titone Smith posted:

So sorry to hear this. He was one of my favorites teachers at Huntington K-8 school when I attended there years ago. My thoughts and prayers to the Fazio family. I hope you find comfort during this sorrowful time. He made a impact on so many students.

October 9 at 9:50 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



October 9 at 8:33 AM



Anonymous sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Fazio family.



October 9 at 8:33 AM



Dianne & Rose Procopio posted:

Oh Mr Fazio, how I will miss you driving down the street in "my car". Our thoughts and prayers to Mrs Fazio, John, Amy and your entire family. A life that will truly be missed.

October 8 at 8:10 PM



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Annemarie Galloway posted:

How can this be. I will love and miss you every day of my life. Life well lived John.

October 8 at 6:07 PM



Michael Rizzi posted:

I will always remember our time at the gym and being amazed at the amount of time you spent on the treadmill. Our great talks and meetings with our exercise group. May you rest in peace. My prayers are with you your family. You will be missed by all who knew you.

October 8 at 5:38 PM



Chrystal Tirado posted:

Thank you for being a Great AMAZING TEACHER in middle school one of the BEST! ❤️

October 8 at 5:07 PM



Tina Terzini posted:

My 5th grade teacher! I don't remember all of my teachers but mr fazio was one of them I do remember! Great guy great teacher remember him like it was yesterday 👤👍❤️ Rip Mr Fazibear
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October 8 at 2:50 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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