



## John P. Sira Sr.

January 1, 1939 - November 20, 2023

John Peter Sira, Sr., 84, of School Street, Broadalbin passed away on Monday, November 20, 2023, at Wilkinson Residential Health Care Facility in Amsterdam.

Born in Jamaica, Queens on January 1, 1939, he was a son of the late John O. and Ruth Borge Sira. He was raised on Long Island and was educated in the Amityville School District.

At age 17, John enlisted in the United States Navy, serving on the USS Calvert from 1956-1959.

Following his discharge, John was employed by the New York State Police based out of Fonda. He enjoyed a long career, retiring as an investigator.

John was an active member of the NYS Retired Troopers Association, a member of the Kenyetto Lodge No.599 F&AM where he served as Past Master, a member of the American Legion, a volunteer at the Broadalbin Library, and served as an Election Inspector. John was a dedicated umpire for girls' softball and recreational softball for several years. He was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling around the world with his wife, Marion.

On December 25, 1963, John married Marion Gahr. Sadly, she passed away on July 23, 2021.

Survivors include his children, Susan S. (Ron) DeRocker of Broadalbin, John P. Sira, Jr. (Rachael Ostrander) of Mayfield, and Rebecca M. Sira, and her husband, Shawn Seeley of Johnstown; siblings, Jeanette Vatne of Norway,

Henry Sira of Horseheads, Ronald Sira of NJ and Linda Shea of Saugerties; six grandsons, Cameron DeRocker, Jeremiah Sira, Garrison DeRocker, John N. Sira, Darrien Sira, and Wyatt Sira; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Saturday, November 25, 2023, from 11 am-2 p.m. at Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 and Black Street) Johnstown. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with Rev. Dr. R. W. Williams, officiating. Interment with military honors will be in West Galway Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Broadalbin Library or to the Brennan Memorial Humane Society, in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## West Galway Cemetery

Amsterdam, NY 12010

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 883-5323  
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Military Graveside Service

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NOV **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

West Galway Cemetery  
Amsterdam, NY 12010

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ Hi Sue, So sorry to hear of your Dad’s passing. I remember riding my bike in the dark delivering the morning papers. I was just in front of Pete’s ice cream store and your Dad roars by in his state police car, squealing the tires around the monument. The things we remember. Ralph

Ralph Kruger - November 30, 2023 at 06:58 AM

RF

“ He was a person dedicated to his community. He always had by back when we were out working, even when he was working at Al's he showed me how to and I became his helper. He loved his families he had two those from the job and those at home. My condolences to Susan Rebeca and John Peter also my thanks for sharing such a great man.



Rick Fallis - November 26, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ Godspeed Mr. Sira. It was an honor and a pleasure to have know you.

Eileen Spannbauer - November 25, 2023 at 02:22 PM

JC

“ Condolences to John's family and friends. It was a pleasure to have known and worked with John and to share Friday morning breakfast.

Jim Cook - November 25, 2023 at 09:17 AM

MJ

“ *RIP my friend, you will be missed by all who knew you.  
Our deepest sympathies go out to you family.  
Bill and Marj Jones*

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**Marj Joned** - November 24, 2023 at 12:26 PM

RS

“ *John &family  
My sincere condolences on your loss. I remember a dedicated &  
professional man with much integrity. My thoughts & prayers are  
with you as you all navigate yet another loss.  
Randy Smith*

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**Randy Smith** - November 23, 2023 at 09:25 AM

DV

“ *John was my senior man when I joined the NYS Troopers in 1978.  
We were both stationed in Mayfield at the time. I was with John for  
four weeks of unforgettable, and at times, some exciting and hair  
raising memories. I think he got me off to a good start with his field  
training. RIP my friend.  
Dan Voght  
Canajoharie, NY*

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**Dan Voght** - November 22, 2023 at 03:52 PM



*Love the stories... thank you 🇺🇸*

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**Rebecca Sira** - November 22, 2023 at 06:59 PM

SD

*Our Dad was the Greatest. He taught us to laugh and to help people.  
He would do anything he could to help anyone. He was the best Dad,  
Poppie, Pa, to all of us. We were definitely blessed!*

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**Susan S. DeRocker** - November 29, 2023 at 08:50 PM