



John Clifford Coapman

December 13, 2025

John Clifford Coapman, 81, of Sarasota, Florida, died on 12/13/25 after a short illness. He was born in 1944, in Auburn, New York to John G. Coapman and Marion Maker Coapman.

John attended college to study English, and he was a proud member of the New York State National Guard.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Bobby, brother Scott (Ann), and his sister Susan Dzuba (Stan). He is survived by his daughter Stacey Eve, granddaughter Leah Eve, brother in-law Stan Dzuba, and several nieces and nephews.

John loved his shelter cats, playing rhythm and bass guitar, and working with his friends at the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport. He was a hardworking, gregarious man who loved his granddaughter and daughter dearly. He touched many lives and made many, many friends.

Services for John will be held on Saturday, December 20th, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel at Toale Brothers Funeral Home located at 140 E. Venice Ave., Venice, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to any animal shelter of

your choice.

Previous Events

Service

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Ewing Chapel

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ Stacey, so sorry to hear of your father's passing. John and I knew each other through Cadillac. I work with him here at Cadillac and of course helped him with his Cadillacs through the many years. He was a great guy and always spoke highly of you, often sharing a picture. He was proud for sure. My deepest sympathy. Joe Walters

Joe Walters - January 26 at 04:26 PM

ST

Thank you, Joe.

Stacey - February 03 at 07:58 PM

CS

“ John was a very special friend. I met John when I was working at Ruby Tuesday's in 1986 I believe it was. We remained friends even when I returned to Canada. I will miss our telephone chats. He sure was a character. Rest easy 'Ol Crocodile ☐



Colleen Sauve - December 20, 2025 at 06:07 PM

BO

“ John and I would walk over to The Buttery when Ruby Tuesday's closed for the night. A milkshake with a side of bacon was the usual order.
He was very proud of you Stacey when you were sworn in. John would talk about you in every conversation we had.

Bo - December 18, 2025 at 11:21 AM

RM

“ John was the leader of and lead guitarist in the Auburn, NY based rock n' roll band "The Crossfires". I am proud to say that I was a member of this band after John "discovered" me in 1966. John did everything for band. He learned all the songs, booked all our gigs and drove us and all our equipment everywhere. He never took an extra nickel for any of this. Without John the band would have been nothing.

One of our best memories was the night we competed for fans against Top 40 band "Sam the Sham and the Pharoahs". That night Sam the Sham drew 175 fans at the local armory hall; The Crossfires drew 1800 fans at a local high school. These were the best years of my young life.

John and I stayed in touch for the past 60-years. I shall miss him greatly.

Ron Morfei, 2025.

Ron Morfei - December 16, 2025 at 03:48 PM

ST

Thank you for sharing that memory, Ron! I wish I could have seen him perform a

Stacey - December 16, 2025 at 05:43 PM