



Julian Costanzo

July 9, 1956 - January 23, 2026

Julian Joseph Costanzo died unexpectedly at the age of 69 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on January 23rd, 2026.

Julian, a resident of Fox Chapel Borough, was the son of Salvatore and Susan Costanzo. He was a member of St. Joseph's Parish. Julian was a graduate of Fox Chapel Area School District and the University of Pittsburgh, where he received a Civil Engineering degree. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Julian married his wife, Patricia Costanzo, in 1993. They resided in the Fox Chapel area and were happily married for 32 years. In addition to Patti, Julian is survived by his two daughters and son in-law, Cara Costanzo, Katie Costanzo-Seymour and Cole Seymour, who made him immensely proud. He was loved deeply by his older brother, Samuel Costanzo (Barbara Costanzo), as well as Patti's siblings, Les Shar (Barb Shar) and Phillip Shar (Diane Shar). He is also survived by 8 wonderful nieces and nephews.

Julian was a mainstay in the Pittsburgh construction industry for nearly 50 years. A dedicated general contractor, Julian took great joy in constructing spaces for people to gather: in restaurants, public venues, and homes old and new. He was uniquely generous with his time and was always the first call when someone needed help with a construction-related issue. Julian has

helped young couples find their first homes, families renovate their dream homes, and everything in between. You have most likely eaten in one of the many restaurants that he built in the Pittsburgh area. He loved his work and was happy to share his expertise with friends and family. Julian, along with his dad, built his own home and the home of his brother and sister-in-law. His contributions can be seen and felt throughout Pittsburgh and will endure as a reminder of him for years to come.

Julian was a long-time board member at Chapel Gate Swim Club in O'Hara Township where his family spent every summer enjoying the pool and making lifelong friends. Julian willingly lended his expertise to keep the club running smoothly and looking beautiful, and he found great fulfillment in this role.

Those who knew Julian will miss his warmth, steadfastness, one-of-a-kind laugh, storytelling abilities, and loyal friendship.

A celebration of Julian's life will be held on Thursday, January 29th. Friends will be received from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM and 5:00 PM- 8:00 PM at Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home in Blawnox. A Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Parish will follow on Friday, January 30th at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Julian's memory can be made to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.
930 Center Avenue
Blawnox, PA 15238

Visitation

JAN 29. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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930 Center Avenue
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Mass

JAN 30. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Christ the King Parish, St. Joseph Church
342 Dorseyville Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Chapel Service

JAN 30. 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Cemetery - Sharps Hill
1019 Sharps Hill Road
Sharpsburg, PA 15215

Tribute Wall

TE

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I will always remember Julian as a great friend and fraternity, pledge brother, but above all, he was a great person!

Tim Ellinger - January 31 at 01:04 PM

BC

“ With deep sympathy for Julian and his family. I just loved Julian. I've known him for years. Such talent he had and his kind words all of the time. RIP Julian.
Fondly..Barbara A Cannon

Barbara Cannon - January 29 at 01:40 PM

BN

“ Barry N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.

Barry N. - January 29 at 11:14 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julian Costanzo.



January 29 at 09:03 AM

YF

“ Your Academy Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.

Your Academy Family - January 29 at 09:03 AM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



January 29 at 08:57 AM



“ *Gina S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.*

Gina S. - January 29 at 08:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



January 28 at 05:11 PM



“ *Eastern Mirror and Glass Inc purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



Eastern Mirror and Glass Inc - January 28 at 12:10 PM

FD

“ Frank and Liz Dubrawski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Julian Costanzo.



Frank and Liz Dubrawski - January 28 at 12:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Julian Costanzo.



January 28 at 12:00 PM

BK

“ Bill, Betsy, Jake and Kacie purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Julian Costanzo.



Bill, Betsy, Jake and Kacie - January 28 at 10:34 AM

RL

“ R Hill Construction LLC purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Julian Costanzo.



R Hill Construction LLC - January 27 at 12:12 PM

RL

“ R Hill Construction LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.

R Hill Construction LLC - January 27 at 12:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Julian Costanzo.



January 27 at 10:18 AM

MB

“ The staff of Allies for Health + Wellbeing, a client of Julian's would like to express our deepest sympathy to his family. We thoroughly enjoyed Julian's humor and warmth, and enjoyed working with him. We will miss him.

Mary Bockovich - January 27 at 10:18 AM

TF

“ The Reginelli Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Julian Costanzo.



The Reginelli Families - January 27 at 10:07 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Julian Costanzo.



January 27 at 09:41 AM



“ Ellie Snyder & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.

Ellie Snyder & family - January 27 at 09:41 AM



“ Carol Ranii and Bob Shader purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Julian Costanzo.



Carol Ranii and Bob Shader - January 26 at 05:39 PM



“ Carol Ranii and Bob Shader planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.

Carol Ranii and Bob Shader - January 26 at 05:39 PM

MW

“ *Much love, De and Joe Wittkofski purchased the [Pretty Please](#) for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



Much love, De and Joe Wittkofski - January 26 at 03:56 PM

MW

“ *Much love, De and Joe Wittkofski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.*

Much love, De and Joe Wittkofski - January 26 at 03:56 PM

DA

“ *Donna & Elliott, Maria & Mike and Amy purchased the [Dreams From the Heart Bouquet](#) for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



Donna & Elliott, Maria & Mike and Amy - January 26 at 02:34 PM

DA

“ *Donna & Elliott, Maria & Mike and Amy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.*

Donna & Elliott, Maria & Mike and Amy - January 26 at 02:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



January 26 at 01:13 PM



“ *Phil, Diane, Les and Barb purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



Phil, Diane, Les and Barb - January 26 at 11:40 AM



“ *Phil, Diane, Les and Barb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.*

Stephanie, Dina, Grant, & Carter - January 26 at 11:40 AM



“ *Love: Janet & Bob Kelemen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



Love: Janet & Bob Kelemen - January 26 at 11:34 AM

LK

“ Love: Janet & Bob Kelemen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.

Love: Janet & Bob Kelemen - January 26 at 11:34 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Julian Costanzo.



January 26 at 10:24 AM

TF

“ The Abdalla Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Julian Costanzo.



The Abdalla Family - January 26 at 09:02 AM

TF

“ The Abdalla Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.

The Abdalla Family - January 26 at 09:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



January 26 at 12:59 AM



“ *Dear Costanzo Family: I'm so very sorry for your loss, may faith and memories sustain you while you travel this very difficult path. Julian was a terrific friend to me during our college years, he was a much beloved Big Brother of our sorority, Delta Zeta. Additionally, he was my individual big brother in PIKA, his fraternity. On one PIKA Dream Girl Weekend I was tasked with teaching him how to ski, I think I took him on the bunny slope once or twice, then quite wickedly took him on a slope with a much higher level of difficulty. We both fell down many times, Julian because he was a beginner, me because he made me laugh so hard I could barely stay on my skis. Of course he was wearing a pair of jeans which were soaked through and through, but he never got mad about it. He was simply the best big brother, friend, and confidant any girl could have possibly dreamt of. Julian was always there for us, no matter the time of day or night. He was a trusted shoulder to lean on, a voice of reason, and always so much fun. We loved him so. My deepest sympathy to all. May he rest in peace. Pattie Adair*

Pattie Adair - January 25 at 11:31 AM



Julian was the best. When we had a need, he showed up. He couldn't do enough for the Church. He renovated the old Church when we were flooded. He poured his skills and heart in constructing a beautiful structure. All I can say is THANKS

Fr Thom

Fr Thom Miller - January 28 at 10:44 PM

RP

“ *Rebecca P. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



Rebecca P. - January 25 at 10:06 AM

TJ

“ *The Bopp Family Zac, Katy, and Zac Jr purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



The Bopp Family Zac, Katy, and Zac Jr - January 25 at 08:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Julian Costanzo.*



January 24 at 09:03 PM

RF

“ *Ronald F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julian Costanzo.*

Ronald F. - January 24 at 09:03 PM

RS

“ Dear Patty,

I wanted to share a few words about Julian and how he will be remembered here in the neighborhood.

Julian was a friendly and thoughtful neighbor. He kept to himself, but when you saw him, he always had a warm smile. He was clearly a hard worker and took pride in what he did, serving as a vice president of his construction company. That work ethic showed in the quiet, steady way he carried himself.

What I will remember most is how he would often stop his car just to say hello and chat for a few minutes. Those small, kind moments meant a lot and spoke volumes about the kind of person he was.

Please know that Julian made a positive impression on those around him, and he will be missed.

*With warm thoughts,
Robin*

Robin Shoop - January 24 at 06:33 PM