



## John Joseph DeSantis

November 4, 1939 - February 26, 2013

Surfside Beach .....John J. "Baby John" DeSantis

John Joseph DeSantis age 73, died Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at his residence surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Born in Pittock, PA, he was a son of Lorenzo and the late Velia DeSantis.

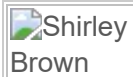
John was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran, karate black belt expert and an avid painter. A devoted grandfather, he loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving in addition to his father Lorenzo of Boardman, OH, is his wife of 43 years, Shirley DeSantis of Surfside Beach; a son, John Lorenzo DeSantis of Surfside Beach; two daughters, Deborah (Alan) Nicholas of Surfside Beach and Gina (David) Whritenour of Lumberton, NC; five grandchildren, Joseph DeSantis, Lizlynn, Kendall and Allan Peters, Nadine Whritenour; a brother, Frank (Michele) DeSantis and a sister, Florence (Paul) Harkey.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 9:30 AM, Saturday at St. Michael Catholic Church with Father John Bosco officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 – 8 PM Friday, with a prayer vigil to be prayed at 6 PM, at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made in John's name to Regency Hospice, 11943 Grand Haven Drive, Suite A Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)  
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

 Shirley  
Brown

“ *To the DeSantis Family:*

*As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you seek comfort from God's Word, the Bible. James 4:8 encourages; "Draw close to God, and He will draw close to you."*

*My condolences,  
SJB.*

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**Shirley Brown** - March 07, 2013 at 03:07 PM

RM

“ *Dear DeSantis Family*

*John was one of the best guys it was my privilege to have worked with. I am deeply sorry to learn of his passing.*

*Rod Mai*

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**Rod Mai** - March 02, 2013 at 01:56 PM



CH

“ *Dear Gina and family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you mourn the loss of you beloved Father. My prayer is that memories of happier times will bring you comfort as you reminisce his life.*

*Love,*

*Christel*

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**Christel Haworth** - March 01, 2013 at 01:14 PM

CH

“ *Christel Haworth purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of John Joseph DeSantis.*



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**Christel Haworth** - March 01, 2013 at 01:00 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of John Joseph DeSantis.*



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March 01, 2013 at 07:19 AM

WA

“ *Gina, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
John and Wanda Aguirre*

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**Wanda Aguirre** - February 27, 2013 at 07:43 PM



“ DEAR SHIRLEY, LORENZO AND CHILDREN,  
I OPENED THE PAPER TODAY AND WAS SHOCKED TO SEE  
BABY JOHN'S PICTURE. I AM HAVING A HARD TIME TO WRITE  
THIS, JOHN WAS ONE OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS. WE GREW  
UP TOGETHER AND THEN HE WENT TO YHE MARINES WITH A  
BUNCH OF GUYS WE HUNG OUT WITH. I DECIDED TO GO TO  
THE NAVY AND RIDE INSTEAD OF WALK, HA! HA! I WILL  
NEVER FORGET THE 41 CADDY LIMO HE HAD. I HAD A 41  
CADDY TORPEDO BACK, 4 DR. I WISH I KNEW HE WAS GOING  
TO JUNK IT AFTER HE WAS DOING 90MPH ON RT.224, AND  
THE HOOD FLEW UP, WRINKLING THE HOOD. I WOULD HAVE  
BOUGHT IT. WHAT A CAR, WHEELS IN THE FENDERS, WOOD  
INTERIOR. ONE TIME THEY WENT DOWNTOWN,  
YOUNGSTOWN AND HAD A KID WALK DOWN THE SIDEWALK.  
THEY PULLED UP IN THE LIMO, GUYS GOT OUT, GRABBED  
THE KID AND TOOK OFF LIKE HELL. PEOPLE DIDN'T KNOW  
WHAT WAS GOING ON. BOY! THE FUN WE HAD. NEVER  
FORGET HIS FATHER MAKING DAGO RED. JOHN GAVE ME A  
GLASS, AND WHEN HE WENT TO THE RESTROOM, I WENT  
DOWN TO THE CELLAR AND GOT SOMEMORE. JOHN CALLED  
MY FATHER. I ENDED UP IN BED FOR THREE DAYS. TO THIS  
DAY, I HAVE NEVER DRANK IT AGAIN. BABY JOHN WAS QUITE  
A GUY. I SURE WILL MISS HIM. HE IS PROBABLY IN A BETTER  
PLACE WITH NO MORE SUFFERING. I KNOW I WILL BE  
PRAYING FOR HIS SOUL AND HOPE SOMEDAY WE WILL BE  
TOGETHER AGAIN FOR ETERNITY. I JUST CAN'T IMAGE ALL  
THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, GONE BEFORE US. THERE  
WILL BE STORIES GALORE!

DEE IS VERY SADDEN BY YOUR LOSS, ALSO AND WE SEND  
OUR CONDOLENCES. IF YOU EVER GET TO YOUNGSTOWN,  
GIVE US A CALL. 330-542-2719. MAY THE LORD BE WITH YOU  
ON THIS TIME OF SORROW.

CHUCK & DEE CAVANAUGH  
deebat@sbcglobal.net

**CHUCK & DEE CAVANAUGH** - February 27, 2013 at 04:34 PM

SC

“ *Compare Lorenzo, Shirley, Frank, and Florence,  
We are so sorry to hear about Johnny. We'll always remember him  
being surrounded by the laughter he sowed in his family and  
friends. All of you have our deepest sympathies and prayers. We  
wish you fond memories of Johnny during this difficult time.*

*Maria Ciccone and Sergio Ciccone*

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**Sergio Ciccone** - February 27, 2013 at 02:41 PM

CL

“ *My prayers are with you!!! Love Clara*

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**Clara** - February 27, 2013 at 12:52 PM

AM

“ *I will always remember John as the life of the party as he always  
had a story or joke to tell. His ability to make us laugh was a gift to  
us. He will be greatly missed.*

*May your wonderful memories see you through this difficult time.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you always,*

*Love,*

*Anna (Fabiilli) Mazzolini*

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**Anna Mazzolini** - February 27, 2013 at 11:41 AM

AB

“ Dear Mrs. DeSantis and Family,  
May we express our sincere condolences for your loss? On behalf of the Grand Strand Detachment, Marine Corps League, please accept this certificate. Your husband is one of the few who has earned the right and privilege to wear the "Eagle, Globe and Anchor."  
We present this certificate to honor and salute him as a symbol of appreciation for service to his country and the United States Marine Corps. I pray that you find a small amount of comfort knowing that people you have never met are thinking of you in this most difficult time. May God give you comfort and strength.  
Art Blenk, Chaplain  
Grand Strand Detachment #873  
Marine Corps League

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**Art Blenk** - February 27, 2013 at 11:24 AM

MB

“ I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the DeSantis family. May those precious memories of your dear loved one John be foremost in your hearts and minds along with this wonderful promise that Jesus made at John 5:28,29. Again, my sincere condolences.

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**M B** - February 27, 2013 at 10:03 AM

NV

“ Uncle Lawrence, Shirley, Frank, Flo and all the family,  
We lost our cousin much too early. We will miss his stories as only he can tell.  
God speed John, we love you.  
Nancy Fabilli Vince

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**Nancy Vince** - February 27, 2013 at 09:22 AM

TF

“ *John,  
Your dad will surely be missed by many. May God hold you close at  
this difficult time. We will keep you in our prayers.  
Larry, Lynda and Lisa Thomas*

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**Thomas family** - February 27, 2013 at 06:36 AM

ME

*Dear Shirley and family!  
We were so sorry to hear of John's passing. Mick often talks of his and  
John's escapades on the railroad. They did have some adventures..  
God bless all of you.*

*Mick and Marilyn Ervin*

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**Marilyn Ervin** - February 28, 2013 at 07:03 PM