

## JOHN A. CRISCI

John a husband, father, and friend. Thirty years together he is my best friend. John was great at building and got better thru the years. You can tell by the projects in our home. Everything in our house in way or another was put together with John's hands. If not at work, John most likely was at Home Depot picking up materials or tools. He loved his tools! John was also a great cook especially his baby back ribs. They are the best. John did the cooking for all our family parties and I the cleaning. John is also a great dad. He took John, Michael, and Joseph to all their games, practices, and tournaments. He really enjoyed watching them play always reassuring especially if they lost. John went on school trips, attended functions and helped the boys with their homework. When they needed to be disciplined John acted at the situation and then moved on. He inspired our boys to make choices, follow it through, and be their best.

John's professional career with the Fire Department started on November 5, 1977. With a 24-year career John has been in many engine and truck companies throughout the city. He also worked as a Fire Marshall and taught at the Rock. John received the Chief John J. McElligott Medal in 1989 for saving a three-year-old girl from a tenement fire in Harlem. Presently he was the Lieutenant in Has Mat Co.1 in Queens. I'm sure many of the men in the firehouse have their own found memories of John.

How do you surmise the life of a man? He is always in our hearts, he lives in his children. Their actions and choices reflect the values that we instill and teach as parents. John's character was noble, generous, compassionate, and sometimes funny. His leadership skills both at home and at work reflect that of a man that cares. Choosing to go to the World Trade Center and fight the biggest fire of a lifetime was one made without hesitation. Telling a probie fireman to stay behind by the truck because of the magnitude of the situation he would be unable to supervise and look out for him. These are the actions of a hero. Now all know what a great man you are. WE MISS AND LOVE YOU FOREVER. Till we meet again.

Your loving Family