



## John Francis Skibitski Jr.

July 22, 2025

John F. Skibitski, Jr. 63, of Cicero, NY, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, after a long-fought battle with cancer. He was born in Syracuse, NY on November 13, 1961, to Elaine M. and John F. Skibitski, Sr. John graduated from Cicero High School and Tompkins Cortland Community College. He spent his career working in the fire protection and security industry with Notifier of NY, Simplex Time Recorder, ABJ Fire Protection Co., ADT Security Services, Washinton Street Partners as well as the NYS Office of General Services and the NYS Department of Mental Health.

John will be remembered for his stealthy mastery of delivering a dry-toned, unexpected verbal zinger. He was a hot rod car enthusiast and spent many hours with his fellow motorhead friends working on his prized 1970 Chevelle. His ability to say something completely inappropriate at the most appropriate time will be missed.

John is survived by his mother, Elaine M. Skibitski of Cicero, NY; sisters, Susan M. (Arthur) Casey of Canton, CT and Jacqueline A. (Thomas) Grant of Skaneateles, NY; his much beloved nephews and nieces, Matthew A. (Megan) Casey, Brian K. (Emily Skodis) Casey, Megan E. (Philip Becker) Casey, Jillian E. Casey, Maxwell T. (McKenzie Franck) Grant, Alexandra L. Grant and Daniel F. Grant; and great(est) niece, Casey Jane Becker. He was predeceased by his father, John "Frank" Skibitski, Sr.

John's family would like to thank the Upstate Cancer Center; Rahul Seth, MD; Emily Albert, MD; North Area Volunteer Ambulance Corp.; and the compassionate staff at the Cottages at Garden Grove and the comfort they provided.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, August 6th, from 4 pm to 6 pm at Fergerson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 am on Thursday, August 7th, at St. Rose of Lima Church, 407 South Main Street, North Syracuse. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in St. Mary's Cemetery, Rome, NY.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, to be made in John's name to either the North Area Volunteer Ambulance Corp. at [www.NAVAC.org](http://www.NAVAC.org) or the Upstate Cancer Center at [www.upstatefoundation.org](http://www.upstatefoundation.org).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery, Rome

105 E Liberty Street  
Rome, NY 13440

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.  
215 South Main Street  
North Syracuse, NY 13212  
(315) 458-1970  
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rose of Lima Church  
407 S Main St  
Syracuse, NY 13212

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Rest easy John...We shared some laughs (with Bill and Joe) in the basements at MSCF.*

*Prayers to your friends and family*



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**Richard Stine** - August 03, 2025 at 04:06 PM

TA

“ *I grew up as one of John's neighbors. I frequently commented to John when we were MUCH younger about him always working on his cars and getting greasy. One day he came to my family's home and stated that he had a present for me. He handed me a ball of grease in plastic wrap! John!*

*I will always remember that. John bless your humor.*

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**Tari** - July 30, 2025 at 01:01 PM

VA

“ *Valerie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Francis Skibitski Jr..*



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**Valerie** - July 27, 2025 at 07:58 AM

JJ

“ *Very sad to hear of John's passing. Our prayers and best wishes continue to go out to Elaine and the family.  
I have worked along John the past several years in the industry within the same company or in some other capacity. He certainly had some moments and zingers. We would share a laugh & the theme song of the cartoon GO GO Gophers to clear tensions when they came up. Anytime I drop something, I remember John's catch phrase - "Stupid Gravity" .  
Never forgotten, Peace*

*Joe DiFabio & Family*

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**Joseph DiFabio Jr.** - July 25, 2025 at 04:47 PM

RS

*Gravity lol*

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**Richard Stine** - August 03, 2025 at 04:07 PM