



# John E. Ponkala

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**J**ohn E. Ponkala, 62, of Union, CT passed away on Friday, October 24, 2025 at St. Francis Hospital. He was born in Hartford, CT, son of Kenneth and Delia (Bouley) Ponkala, Sr.

Johnny had unique ways of making everybody laugh and if you met him, you couldn't help but to love him. His tastes changed over the years, beginning with a fascination for buttons and string while later evolving into a passion for collecting pennies. He enjoyed building interesting creations with his Legos while watching his favorite television show, The Price is Right. His laughs and reactions to such shows was priceless. There will never be another like him and he will be missed.


In addition to his parents, John is survived by his siblings, Kenneth H. Ponkala, Jr., Sonja Starkel and her partner Mark Fox, and Erick Ponkala and his wife Debra; and his nieces and nephews, Chelsea Colon and her husband Corey, Mason Starkel his fiancé Sophie, son MJ, and Dylan Ponkala. He was predeceased by his brother, Michael Ponkala; niece, Morgan Mische and daughter Alezne.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. at Union Center Cemetery, Cemetery Rd., Union, CT. Following the service, a gathering will be held at Four Seasons by the Lake, 51 Old Springfield Rd., Stafford Springs, CT. To leave a message of sympathy for his family, or for directions, please visit: [www.introignefuneralhome.com](http://www.introignefuneralhome.com)

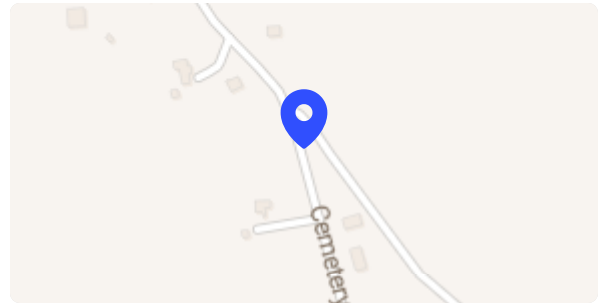


## Graveside service

 **Thursday**, October 30, 2025

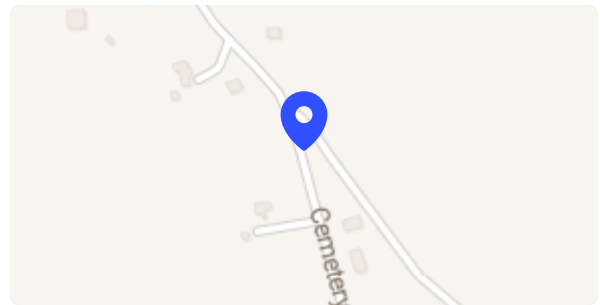
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 **Union Center Cemetery**  
Cemetery Rd., Union CT 06076



## Cemetery Details

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## Tribute Wall

**John E. Ponkala**



**Paul P** posted:

I always enjoyed when John came over to say hi while living on Willie Circle. Mr. and Mrs. Ponkala were great neighbors and I was often welcomed in to watch sports on TV, shoot pool in the cellar and share a meal at their table. Mrs. Ponkala was a Mets fan and Mr. Ponkala was a great basketball player. I offer my prayers during this difficult time and I have sincere sorrow. Paul P.

October 29 at 5:32 PM



**Cindy Fagan** posted:

I am sorry for your loss. I can remember meeting Johnny when he was at Sonja's. His laughter and his love life was wonderful.

October 26 at 4:49 PM



**Brenda Burkey** posted:

Mel and I would like to extend our sympathy. The first time we met John he pointed at me and said 'wonna woman'. He thought I looked like Wonder Woman. We have chuckled about that many times over the years.

October 26 at 3:28 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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