



## John R. Tonozzi Jr.

August 28, 1952 - October 24, 2022

Born in Fresno, California on August 28, 1952, John passed away peacefully at home on October 24, 2022, with his family by his side.

John was loved by many and will be greatly missed. He was best known for his witty sarcasm and subtle one liners. His personality was much bigger than his stature. He always had a joke ready no matter the conversation.

John was a “master goldsmith” by trade for over 50 years. He began working for Edmond's Jewelers in the early 1970's. He later opened his own business, Tonozzi's Jewelry Repair, where he and his wife Susan (affectionately known as Susie) worked side by side. John was a gifted and talented man, who was respected by his business associates and clients throughout the years.

John had various hobbies and made many friends along the way. He loved playing Racquetball, and especially enjoyed the playful banter on the court. John was also a woodworker and created incredible and detailed wood projects. He entered many of his projects in the Big Fresno Fair, always to win “Best in Show.” Most recently, John hand-crafted custom wood knife handles, which he liked giving to family and friends.

An avid fisherman his entire life, John handmade his own fishing lures for catching trout. He fished all of the lakes up and down the valley in his North

River Boat, which was his pride and joy.

In earlier years, John was a member of the Kerman and Tulare Kart clubs and enjoyed years of racing his lucky #9 go-kart.

John is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 36 years, Susan; daughter Janae Carlson (Michael); son Johnathen Tonozzi; grandson Rhett John Carlson; sister Donna Lewis (Ernie); brother Tom Tonozzi (Shelley); and beloved nieces, nephew, and cousins.

A special thank you to dear friend, Dr Brent Wilson (directing physician) Compassionate Care Home, Health and Hospice and the entire staff of Compassionate Care. Also, thank you to Father Pat, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, for his spiritual presence during our time of need.

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ I had the privilege of being John’s FedEx delivery driver for many years. John, Susan and their employees were always kind and friendly. I will always hold a special place in my heart for their family and the memories. Blessings and prayers for all.

Cheri - December 28, 2022 at 02:34 PM

JH

“ I worked side by side with John at Edmonds Jewelers, in the early days of our careers. He was great to work with and always funny. My best wishes to the family.

Jim Heinrichs - December 26, 2022 at 12:18 PM

JR

“ I valued and appreciated our friendship. We worked together at Edmonds Jewelers and developed a friendship that I will remember always. I loved playing racquetball with Johnny. He was such a competitor and always brought his "A" to the court. I will miss him. Rest in peace my friend.

Joseph Riojas - November 26, 2022 at 06:04 PM

GB

“ John was truly a one of a kind. The RB courts won’t be the same. You will be missed.

Greg Benafield - November 06, 2022 at 09:28 PM



“ Our deepest condolences from the Peña family. From what his son Johnathen told us about him he was a great man. Rest in paradise John R. Tonozzi Jr.

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**Jesus Pena Jr.** - November 05, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ John (Johnny) was a great racquetball player who could hold his own on the court with anyone. I had the privelege of playing with him for years but more than that I was blessed to call him my friend! I carry the knife John gave me and it is one of my prized possessions. My wife, Emily and I would go to no one but John and Susan for our jewelry. Our daughter and Son and Law wear wedding rings from them as well. We miss you dearly, John, and remember "they aren't playing with children" in heaven either. Mike LaRue

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**Mike LaRue** - November 03, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ Not only was John a friend he was always the one I could rely on to fix or create my customers jewelry needs. There were many times when I'd try to sell him on the way to fix or do something he wasn't comfortable doing, he would often say "Mikey sit right there and you do it" pointing at the bench next to him! John John John..... I'm gonna miss you buddy!



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**Mike Mazman** - November 02, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White*  
*was purchased for the family of John R. Tonozzi*  
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November 01, 2022 at 03:55 PM