



## John Anthony Ficarrotta

September 27, 1955 - August 7, 2020

John Anthony Ficarrotta, 64, passed away on August 7, 2020 after a 2-year battle with brain cancer. He fought for his health and strength throughout his illness. He left this world far too soon, but peacefully, surrounded by his family in his home in Las Vegas.

Born in New York, New York on September 27, 1955 to Ann and Sal Ficarrotta, John found an early and lifelong passion in music. He graduated from the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA, was a gifted trumpeter and pianist, and composed and taught music throughout his life. In addition to music, John was also a talented salesman, financial consultant, entrepreneur and business owner.

Most recently, John taught and conducted Orchestra classes at Chaparral and Durango High School for 11 years, gave private music and piano lessons, and passed on his love and appreciation of music to his children and grandchildren.

John is survived by his wife Connie, his father Salvatore, and his brothers Frank and Salvatore Jr. He leaves children Justin, Erica, Amberly, and Taylor, and grandchildren Cameron, Skylar, Avery, and Caleb. A memorial and celebration of John's life will be held on Saturday, August 22.

"... and in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make." - The Beatles

### A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree. I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter, the song. The good life I lived while I was strong. Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you. Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through. My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest. Remembering all, how I truly was blessed. Continue traditions, no matter how small. Go on with your life, don't worry about falls. I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin. Until the day comes we're together again."

# Tribute Wall

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“ My name is David fine. I lived with John when we went to Berklee together. I was also in the band with him during the summer of 1974. I remember him as a smart, fun living young man. I actually met John's parents and Augie in Lynbrook. I have great memories of those days. May he be at peace.

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**David Fine** - December 11, 2022 at 08:41 PM

SG

“ John had a gift for bringing out the best of his students, and he changed my life and put me on a path I never imagined. I miss you, thank you so much. Respect to the family, I can only imagine your loss of such a great man. Rest in peace.

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**Sahara Glazier** - May 11, 2021 at 02:14 PM

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“ Tomorrow is your birthday; you would be turning 65. After 52 years of friendship, it seems strange not to be making our usual birthday wishes and more recently, our chats about getting older, family and reminiscing life in general. Gone way too soon. You still had so much to contribute to the world. Happy Birthday dear one and RIP.

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**Susan Lisker** - September 26, 2020 at 06:17 PM

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“ I will never forget everything that he's done for me through out high school. He gave me hope on dark days, and enjoyment of music on the best days. Thank you for All the little and big moments I will never forget.

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**Donovan Flores** - September 15, 2020 at 05:32 PM

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Justin Ficarrotta - August 29, 2020 at 05:57 PM

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“ *Still heartbroken beyond words. Dad was a teacher, mentor, hero and friend. He fought to the end to live for the people he loved, and I will miss him forever.*

Justin Ficarrotta - August 29, 2020 at 05:57 PM