



## John A. Ranno Sr.

June 24, 1927 - May 30, 2021

SHIRLEY: John A. Ranno, Sr., 93, a resident of Shirley for nearly fifty years, died Sunday, May 30, 2021 at Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Ayer.

His wife of sixty five years, Mary A. (Addonizio) Ranno died in October 2016.

John was born in Revere, June 24, 1927, a son of Aurelio and Carmela (D'Amore) Ranno and was a 1948 graduate of Revere High School.

From 1945-1956 John served his country for four years in the United States Army.

For nearly forty years, John and Mary were sole proprietors of their family bakery business. In 1957 they opened their bakery which became known as Anita's Donut's and Cakes in Belmont before relocating to Ayer in 1973, and continued to operate it until 1992.

For the next sixteen years, John served as the crossing guard at the Lura A. White School in Shirley.

An active member of St. Anthony's Church in Shirley, John served as an usher and was a member of the Holy Name Society. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree and was an avid Boston Red Sox Fan.

He leaves three sons and daughters in law, John A. and Debbie Ranno Jr., of Pine Island, FL, Richard A. and Angelina Ranno of West Palm Beach, FL, Gary J. and Tina Ranno of Leominster; two daughters, Anita M. Perry and her husband, Charley of Leominster, Elisa R. French of Fitchburg; his daughter in law, Debra A. Ranno of Merrills Inlet, SC; a brother, Anthony Ranno of Revere; fourteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his son, Dana A. J. Ranno of Shirley in 2004 and was the brother of the late Constance LaSala of Revere and the grandfather of the late Laura E. Ranno.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 AM Thursday, June 3, 2021 at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Mr. Ranno's family will receive family and friends at calling hours, 4-7 PM Wednesday, June 2nd at Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Rte. 2A Ayer. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to Beacon of Hope, 62 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Anthony's Cemetery

Shaker Road  
Shirley, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer  
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-2355

## Funeral Mass

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church  
14 Phoenix Street  
Shirley, MA 01464

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Because Grandpa John was such a loving and sparkly man who was always kind to everyone, I believe this quote describes him:*

*“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”  
- Maya Angelou*

*Grandpa, You will never be forgotten. Deep condolences to all the Ranno family.*

*With love and misses, Maria Byrne Peterson*

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**Maria B Petersl** - June 02, 2021 at 05:16 PM

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*From Maria B Peterson bedfordgoddess@comcast.net*

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**Maria B Peterson** - June 02, 2021 at 05:19 PM



*Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. God will have his loudest prayer right beside him! John was such an intrinsically good man. I was inspired to know John pretty well over the years. John had a kind, forgiving, and thoughtful heart to all. It was a great loss to all of us to lose the deep, powerful, and unshakeable Faith of both John and Mary. They are now with eternal life and rewarded forever for their unceasing love, Faith, and devotion to their family, church, Shirley, and the entire Nashoba Community. They have run the good race, fought the good fight, all the way to the end! God Bless, John!*

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**Arthur Eddy** - June 03, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John A. Ranno Sr..*



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June 01, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Johnny, Gary, Ricky, Anita, & Lisa:*

*Robyn and I are so sad to hear of the passing of your dad. John was a man to admire, and he wore his feelings on his sleeve. He was a friend of mine, and I will miss him. He loved his Redsox, and I loved watching the games with him. I will remember our talks at the corner on Lancaster Road where he stood his post carefully watching over the children he cared for as they walked to school. Those days were full of laughter too. No matter what time of day if I were working the cruiser the back door was always open, and I could not leave unless he fed me something, and when I left, he would say be careful. The Good Lord received an incredibly special man.*

*We will be saying prayers,*

*Dale & Robyn Prentiss  
Alva, FL.*

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**Dale S Prentiss** - June 01, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of John A. Ranno Sr..*



June 01, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Ranno Sr..*



June 01, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *To the Ranno family, so sorry to hear about John's passing. Bobby Gardner*

**Bobby Gardner** - June 01, 2021 at 08:03 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of John A. Ranno Sr..*



May 31, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of John A. Ranno Sr..*



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May 31, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John A. Ranno Sr..*



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May 31, 2021 at 03:47 PM