



## John D Musso

March 2, 1954 - November 7, 2023

John Musso (1954 – 2023)

John Dominic Musso, 69, of Locust Grove, Virginia, passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2023, after a brave battle with Myelodysplastic Syndrome. Born March 2, 1954 in Pueblo, Colorado, he was the only son of Dominic and Frances Musso. John was the oldest of three children growing up. He graduated from Pueblo County High School, and then went onto attend the University of Southern Colorado, the University of Northern Colorado and completed his education journey, with his master's degree at Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. After college, he met the love of his life, Anita, in the medical field and they spent the next 40 years together building a beautiful life.

John is preceded in death by his loving wife Anita, and parents Dominic and Frances Musso. He is survived by his daughter, Kristin (Brandon) Smith; sisters, Donna (Mike) Hill, Janice (Eric) Kamen; nephew, Nicholas (Antolina) Hill; niece, Michelle (Chris) Sutton; great nieces, Allie Rae and Anabella Sutton and great nephew, Barrett Hill.

John dedicated his life to serving others. Through his time as a medical professional, and into his career in education, he loved seeing others succeed and hearing from his past students over the years. John first taught at Beulah Elementary School, and then became a principal at Rye Elementary. He was then promoted to Associate Superintendent for District 70 Schools in Pueblo. John also worked for Harrison School District in Colorado Springs and Pueblo

District 60, both in financial roles. John then moved to Washington, D.C. to become the Chief Financial Officer for D.C. Public Schools. He retired as the Executive Director for the Association of School Business Officials, an organization that brought him so much support and joy throughout his career in education.

John loved to get up and go! He never held himself back from new adventures. For many years, he rode RAGBRAI with friends across Iowa and he loved to travel. Later in life and upon retirement, John enjoyed many wonderful trips throughout the United States and parts of Europe. He often said his favorite trips were those spent in Hawaii, as well as Disney World with Anita, Kristi and Brandon. John also had a love for cooking and baking, often with family and friends in mind. He truly left a legacy in this world and we are all better for knowing him and for loving him.

A visitation for John will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Roselawn Cemetery Chapel. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Wednesday, November 15th at 10:00AM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution in John's name by visiting [donorschoose.org](https://donorschoose.org) to support a teacher in need, today. We ask that you also visit John's memorial webpage to share memories and condolences with his family at time. <https://www.roselawnpueblo.org/obituaries/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Roselawn Funeral Home Chapel  
1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **15**. 10:00 AM (MT)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1145 S Aspen Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006-1699  
(719) 544-1886

## Burial

NOV **15** (MT)

Roselawn Cemetery  
1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

# Tribute Wall



“ John was a dear friend and great mentor to me. I remember him always having the most endearing word for his lovely wife and daughter. My life would have taken a total different trajectory had it not been for his gentle and respectful guidance, leadership and expertise. He was truly a good man and was a man of his word. He was only interested in bringing the best of out of others. He will be missed greatly!

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**Nicole Conley** - December 19, 2023 at 03:55 PM

GB

“ I am sorry your brother passed away . I pray your family and relationships comfortable. by Gregory Bower

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**Gregory Bower** - November 20, 2023 at 11:43 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry for the loss. John was the best principal I had! It was an honor to have him hand me my diploma when I graduated Highschool! He will be greatly missed. The family are in my prayers!!!!

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**Julie Pluchta** - November 18, 2023 at 12:30 AM

ME

“ I have so many fond memories of John, a man who was like a second father to me, and then to my family, over the years. His heart was bigger than most, he had an innate generosity like no other. Everything from making hundreds of "from scratch" Italian cookies, for weeks before for my wedding (with Kristi by his side), to building unforgettable Disney memories for my son. At times I can be an uptight person, often hoping for a 'no hiccup' vacation, and I recall the last vacation we took with John, he gently reminded me through his actions to enjoy the small moments and take it all as it goes. From hearing others speak today at the funeral, it is clear that leading by example without judgement and supporting others, was a constant thread weaved through his life.

We are so grateful to have known and loved him for almost 25 years, along the side of Kristi and Brandon. We will always remember that glimmer in his eye and 'let's have fun' smile. He will be missed beyond measure, but we know that he will forever be watching all those he loved fiercely from above.

I've attached one sweet photo we took together on our many trips to Disney. John, we will think of you each time we visit the mouse's house.



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Megan, Ryan and Greyson Engelhardt - November 15, 2023 at 01:43 PM

CT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.

*Terrell & Dazzio family*



Crystal Terrell - November 15, 2023 at 11:53 AM

KS

“ John Musso's leadership had global reach. The impact of his knowledge and wisdom has resonated in countries on the other side of the globe. John was a wonderful person who will be missed by all who knew him.

Karen Starr - November 14, 2023 at 10:42 PM

AK

“ Aubrey K. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D Musso.

Aubrey K. - November 14, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ Canadian ASBO friends of John have planted five trees in memory of our friend and colleague. John was a humble, kind and passionate man. He was a massive supporter of all things school business related. He led our association to new heights during his tenure. John always had time for folks, especially us Canadians :) Rest well kind sir! ❤️

Aubrey Neil Kirkpatrick - November 14, 2023 at 03:47 PM

ES

“ Farewell to a beloved colleague. John was a class act, a gentle and professional leader. And that smile! John was a joy to work with.

Ellen Skoviera - November 14, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John D Musso.



November 13, 2023 at 08:33 PM

AI

“ ASBO International planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D Musso.

ASBO International - November 13, 2023 at 08:33 PM

JK

“ John was a mentor who introduced me to CASBO and ASBO. He encouraged me to take on a leadership role at the state and national ASBO. I eventually had the privilege of working with John as my SBO. I learned a lot from this special man.  
Jill Kidd

Jill Kidd - November 13, 2023 at 07:08 PM

LL

*John was a true gentleman, kind and considerate.  
He epitomised leadership with strength, vision, warmth and encouragement.*

*Shining a light, internationally, on the importance of an accredited role of the SBO/SBL in education and educational outcomes for all students.*

*His love for his family was a reflection of the man.*

*Linda Lee*

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**Linda Lee** - November 14, 2023 at 04:12 PM

TG

“ *Here's another photo I found, when he visited us in Austin (2017).*



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**Tom Greer** - November 13, 2023 at 05:45 PM

TG

“ *I'm saddened to learn of John's passing. I first met him early in my tenure at Texas ASBO. He'd visit our conferences frequently and was very friendly. I've attached a photo of him speaking in front of our Alamo set at our 2009 Annual Conference in San Antonio.*



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**Tom Greer** - November 13, 2023 at 05:42 PM

MJ

“ John was an amazing and caring leader for ASBO International. Probably never seen before him. I was a young Executive Director and emulated John and his leadership. So grateful to have known him, smoke a few cigars together and serve the ASBO community together. Have been missing him already since his retirement, but now say goodbye with many thanks and the fondest memories.

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**Michael Jacoby** - November 13, 2023 at 03:13 PM

MD

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your father, Kristi. My condolences to you and your family. I'll be thinking of you.

*Michele Dagnillo*

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**Michele Dagnillo** - November 13, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ I was so very fortunate to have known John and to work directly for him for a few years. He was the kindest, most compassionate man I ever worked for. Prayers to the family. He is leaving a giant hole in our hearts.

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**Tina Branom** - November 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM

EY

“ John was an amazing leader and mentor in the ASBO community. I am grateful to have been one of those individuals who benefitted from his guidance and mentorship; without his wisdom and positive influence in my life I would not have become the person I am today. Thank you, John, for everything. Sending my love and prayers to his family and friends. God bless you.

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**Elleka Yost** - November 13, 2023 at 10:10 AM

VS

“ From the wharf Colonial staff. The family have our condolences and you all will be in our prayers. Love to you all. vangie, Tony,Abebe, Addis , Michael, Jelalu and Shibeshi.

Vangie Smith - November 12, 2023 at 07:30 PM

TS

“ John was a wonderful colleague thoughtful and compassionate friend. I'll never forget John coming to my wife's funeral in Sheffield UK. It was typical of John. He knew his friend was struggling and he wanted to support in the best way he could by being in the UK. We had many happy times on the UK and the USA - but whenever he came to the UK he would ask on arrival if we could have fish chips and mushy peas.

*I know his efforts in the UK in helping develop the school business management profession leaves a permanent legacy.*

*We are grateful for his leadership and support and will never forget him*

Trevor Summerson - November 12, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John D Musso.



November 12, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John D Musso.

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November 12, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John D Musso.



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November 12, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ John and I first met in the early 1990’s as CFOs for our respective school districts, Pueblo County and Canon City schools. We would meet and travel together to Denver during the spring legislative sessions promoting the needs of our school districts. From those early days it seemed that John and I had similar interests, and our paths crossed many times. We both served as members and chairman the board of COLOTRUST, a liquid asset fund in Colorado. Colorado ASBO and ASBO International were both associations we belonged to and where we both served on the board. In the early 2000’s John took a position with the Washington DC schools but our association with ASBO International was our link. At the same time John ran a candidate from Colorado/Maryland DC schools for the board of ASBO International. John was successful of course and we both served simultaneously on the ASBO board for two years. Within a few years from here, John was appointed to be the Executive Director of ASBO International which he successfully led for e many years.

Throughout these events John made many friends along the way but more importantly he earned the respect of many as his dedication towards education shined through. John will be remembered for the countless lives he touched, and we will all miss him.

*Bert Huszcza*

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**Bert Huszcza** - November 12, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ John was a professional business administrator and served the profession with dignity and respect. I admired his contribution to ASBO International and respected him when I was president in 1997. Clair Belsher

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**Clair Belsher** - November 11, 2023 at 05:37 PM

JH

“ I’m saddened to hear of John’s passing. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends. John was so kind to me as ASBO executive director and I always enjoyed talking with him at the annual conference. May he rest in peace. He will be missed by many, no doubt.

Jason Helsen - November 11, 2023 at 02:48 PM

BS

“ John was a mentor. He touched and supported my educational career in many thoughtful ways. John was always very professional and was always willing to give a helping hand. He will have a last legacy to all who knew and loved him. Betty Schmidt



Betty Schmidt - November 11, 2023 at 09:54 AM

LM

“ Larry & Betsy Mosley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D Musso.

Larry & Betsy Mosley - November 11, 2023 at 04:09 AM

LM

“ Larry & Betsy Mosley purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John D Musso.



Larry & Betsy Mosley - November 11, 2023 at 04:09 AM

MJ

“ We loved John and his family as one of our own. John's legacy will exist forever. He did so many wonderful things, beyond counting, for school districts and professional organizations on the local, state and national levels. He is among the most intelligent, loyal caring and capable leaders that we have ever known or had the opportunity to work with in our professional careers. We have so many good thoughts and memories of John. He was one of the greatest among us.

Mike and Berta Johnson - November 10, 2023 at 12:28 PM

MF

“ Mike and Berta Johnson and Family. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John D Musso.



Mike and Berta Johnson and Family. - November 10, 2023 at 12:13 PM

MF

“ Mike and Berta Johnson and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D Musso.

Mike and Berta Johnson and Family. - November 10, 2023 at 12:13 PM



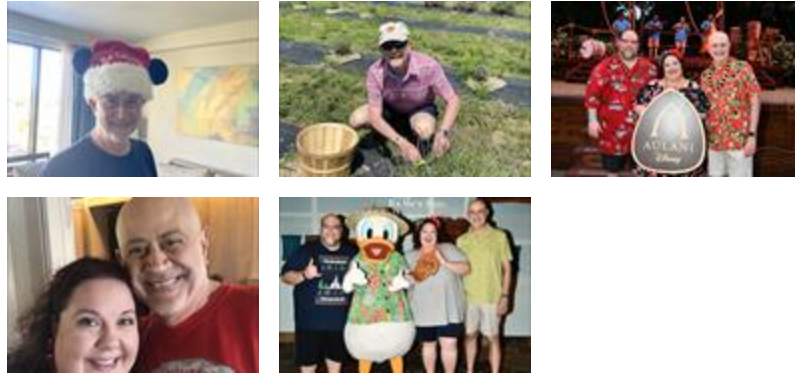
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John D Musso.



November 10, 2023 at 12:11 PM

KR

“ 24 files added to the tribute wall



Kristi - November 10, 2023 at 01:21 AM

VD

“ John was the best friend and boss a person could ask for. We have so many memories of long work days, family outings and talks, going to miss you so much. Kristi, Donna, Janis and family prayers and hugs for each and everyone of you. Jack and Velma

Velma Dilka - November 10, 2023 at 12:55 AM

SB

“ John was such a lovely man; kind and thoughtful. His love of family was evident always. He was a wonderful leader for ASBO International. I'm proud to have called John a treasured colleague, mentor, and friend. Sending love to Kristi and Brandon. Fondly, Sharon Bruce, CT ASBO Executive Director

Sharon Bruce - November 09, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John D Musso.*



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November 09, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ *Cousin Stacie Dazzio Sliman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D Musso.*

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**Cousin Stacie Dazzio Sliman** - November 09, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John D Musso.*



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November 09, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *JCI Atlantic Coast COA Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John D Musso.*

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**JCI Atlantic Coast COA Team** - November 09, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John D Musso.*



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November 09, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *I grew up with Kristi, from the second grade through graduating from County High. I was able to see firsthand what a dedicated father and husband John was. John was one if a kind; he was friendly, kind, intelligent and very easy to speak to. He was also very humble and grounded, where others with similar qualities tend to be self important and egotistical. John definitely was about others before himself. He always carried a proud love and pride in his family. Kristi definitely made his world spin round. John was definitely one of a kind, and the world is now a bit dimmer, but starlit skies above just gained another jewl.*



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-g. Allenbach - November 09, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ *John was a wonderful Executive Director for ASBO International. His service to so many will be remembered. May his family enjoy the many positive memories of his life and take comfort with those. Respectfully, Dr. Clark Godshall, New York, Past ASBOI President.*

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Clark Godshall - November 09, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John D Musso.*



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November 09, 2023 at 01:46 PM