



John "Salti" Saltijeral

May 4, 1953 - July 19, 2017

John "Salti" Saltijeral passed away peacefully in his home after his two year battle with cancer surrounded by his loving family. John was born on May 4, 1953 in Durango, Mexico. He was the son of Francisco and Apolonia Saltijeral and the brother of Carmen (Felipe) Rocha, Alfonso Saltijeral, Jesse (Betty Jo) Saltijeral, Lupe Gomez and Frank (Shelley) Saltijeral.

He was a police officer for the Aurora Police Department. He served proudly for 30 years, retiring in 2004. He felt a special responsibility to serve the people of Aurora. He was one of very few who could translate and was called on by the hospital and other officers to help out whether he was on or off duty. He received many commendations from his superior officers for his high degree of professionalism and courage while on patrol or on dangerous assignments for the vice division. He received many letters of thanks from citizens who appreciated his help and concern during their difficulties. His contributions were also noted by the county, state attorneys, and the U.S. attorneys as well as a senior attorney for the federal government in Washington, D.C.

John always had an entrepreneurial spirit. He opened Pancho's Tacos in 1988. As the business grew, he expanded to Pancho's Family Restaurant in 2003. The restaurant continues to thrive because of his vision. The celebration of his Mexican roots was seen vividly in his restaurant. He created a sense of

community where you always felt welcomed and always had a good time while enjoying good food.

John's greatest joy was being with his wife, his children, and grandchildren. He was a loyal friend and a loving brother. He especially loved hosting family parties and going to his grandkid's sporting events. He could be spotted by the outfield fence in his tie dye shirts and eating sunflower seeds.

Survivors include his wife Mary Jane (Weigel) Saltijeral; his children Eve (Nathan) Powell, John Jacob (Claudia) Saltijeral, David Saltijeral, Elizabeth (Stephen Walan) Saltijeral, Isabel Saltijeral and his six grandchildren Cesar Saltijeral-Powell, Christopher Nally-Saltijeral, Jacob Saltijeral, Mary Elizabeth Saltijeral, Alexandra Powell and Braeden Powell. He is also survived by his godsons Kyle Saltijeral, Clay Saltijeral, and Michael Armstrong.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son Francisco William.

Funeral from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY will be Monday, July 24, 2017 at 12:30pm to Holy Angels Church at 1:00pm. A concelebrated Mass will be offered by Fr. Michael Lavin and Fr. Jerome Leake with entombment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 12:00pm until 7:00pm with the Rosary to be recited at 12:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY 220 N Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for John's family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hope Wall School or Holy Angels Food Pantry.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Rosary

JUL **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUL **24.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of John "Salti" Saltijeral



Daleiden Mortuary - July 21, 2017 at 11:22 AM

LG

*John was a great person.
God bless him.
So sorry for your loss
May he Rest In Peace
Blessing to the family in this time of sorrow.*

Lydia Gonzalez - July 22, 2017 at 12:19 PM

KA

“ My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of this fine man.

Kris Allison - July 24, 2017 at 12:20 PM

CS

“ I will always remember Salti with a smile on his face. My deepest sympathy to you Mary Jane and all your family. I'm sure he will be missed greatly but I am also sure he will always be watching over you and protecting you.



Cynthia Sellen - July 24, 2017 at 10:03 AM

JP

“ It was with great sadness that we learned of John’s passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences and prayers, we hope that in a small way they help through these trying times. Julio and Manuela Plata

Julio Plata - July 23, 2017 at 07:17 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of John "Salti" Saltijeral.



July 22, 2017 at 07:28 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John "Salti" Saltijeral.



July 22, 2017 at 07:24 PM

BJ

“ I remember when Salti started at A P D. He was a great cadet, I saw him sworn as an officer. Saw him become one of Auroras best ever
Also saw him become a great family man and successful business man.
We are so sorry for this loss and our prayers go out for his great family. BILL & Sharon Jacobs

BILL & Sharon Jacobs - July 22, 2017 at 06:15 PM

BI

“ *A great buddy will be missed but never forgotten.*

bill - July 22, 2017 at 11:08 AM

JG

“ *A twinkle in his eye and a smirk. John always looked like a kid running away after throwing a lit firecracker into a group of nuns. That's how I remember Johnny. José González*

jose gonzalez - July 22, 2017 at 08:15 AM

YF

“ *Your Midway Dental Family purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of John "Salti" Saltijeral.*



Your Midway Dental Family - July 21, 2017 at 04:26 PM

TP

“ *So very saddened to hear of John's passing. What a loss to his loving family and the whole community. He was a special, giving, kind and friendly man! Prayers and sympathy to his family.*

Tom & Joleen Petit - July 21, 2017 at 12:35 PM

Honesty

"The first thing is to be honest with yourself. You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself."

“ *Groing up with Kyle I was able to get to know most of the family. I am saddened for your loss. John and the entire Saltijeral family are in my prayers.*

Brian Medernach - July 21, 2017 at 06:54 AM

JR

“ *Jan Richmond lit a candle in memory of John "Salti" Saltijeral*



Jan Richmond - July 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

so many fun memories as neighbors on May Street. Hugs to the whole family.

Jan Richmond - July 21, 2017 at 12:01 AM

WT

“ *Salti was a great guy and well liked by the entire Tweedy family! Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family!* 🙏🙏🙏

William Tweedy - July 20, 2017 at 11:52 PM

LG

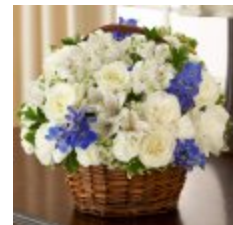
“ *My deepest condolences to the Saltijeral family!*



Leticia Green - July 20, 2017 at 11:34 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John "Salti" Saltijeral.*



July 20, 2017 at 09:36 PM

LM

“ *Salti was a compassionate police officer and a loyal friend. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May your memories of him bring you comfort and peace.* ”



Laurie Mickelberg - July 20, 2017 at 09:23 PM

ES

“ *Someone so special can never be forgotten. The words that come to mind to describe him are cool, fun, awesome, chilled out, funny, family man. Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. We love you Tio Johnny!* ”



EDUARDO R SALTIJERAL - July 20, 2017 at 08:32 PM

JS

“ *Recordaremos a Juanito con su sonrisa, su puro y siempre dispuesto a ayudar una gran perdida. Un abrazo a mis queridos primos y a sus hijos y esposa* ”

Jorge Saltijeral - July 20, 2017 at 06:36 PM

ML

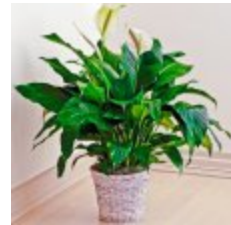
“ Prayers for all who are grieving his death. May you remember the happy, joyous and special moments you shared with him. As you grieve may you find comfort in the love and care of family and friends. Most Rev. Dr. Bruce D. LeBlanc (a friend of Dr. Janet Weigel)



Most Rev. Dr. Bruce D. LeBlanc - July 20, 2017 at 06:24 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of John "Salti" Saltijeral.



July 20, 2017 at 06:07 PM

DB

“ R. I P

Diana Benavidez - July 20, 2017 at 05:40 PM

 Jaime Frost

“ Glad to have met Mr. S, through David at West. Our trips to Pancho's were a blast. Your father will be missed. Jaime Frost(Whitt)

Jaime Frost - July 20, 2017 at 05:18 PM