



Lt. John Germano

April 30, 2019

Lt. John Germano of the Dekalb County Police Department, age 52, of Buford, GA passed away Tuesday, April 30, 2019. He is survived by son, Michael Daniel Germano, Buford; daughter, Victoria Jennie Germano, Buford; father, John Germano and mother, Santa F. Germano, both of Lakewood, NJ; sister, Linda (Walter) Pevny, Sugarloaf, NY; and aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. Mr. Germano was born on July 5, 1966 in Hackensack, New Jersey. He was a graduate of Pascack Hills High School in Montvale, NJ, and of GA State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Mr. Germano was a veteran of the U. S. Marines, and he was a Dekalb County policeman. He was of the Catholic faith. Funeral services will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, 4400 South Lee St, Buford, GA 30518 with Deacon Don Nadeau officiating. The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 5 at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *To the Family of John Germano,*

I had the honor of working alongside John—Detective Germano—during my time with the DeKalb County Police Department, when I was assigned to the Major Crimes Unit as a Robbery Detective. John was the kind of officer you respected immediately—motivated, dedicated, and passionate about the job. He had a presence that made an impact, and it was clear he was meant for great things.

What weighs heaviest on my heart is that the last time I saw John at work was during one of our darkest days—when we responded to the cold-blooded murder of our friend and former colleague, Detective Dennis Carmen Stepnowski. That moment remains etched in my memory, and hearing about John’s passing brings back all of the weight of that loss.

I only recently learned of his passing while reconnecting with some of our fellow former officers from DeKalb County. It broke my heart. I pray that God has welcomed John into eternal peace, and that His comfort surrounds your entire family during this time.

John was one of a kind—respected by all who worked with him, admired for his heart, and remembered with honor.

God bless you, my Brother. Semper Fi.

With deepest sympathy,

Daniel H. Rodriguez

Former Robbery Detective, Major Crimes Unit

DeKalb County Police Department

Daniel Rodriguez - June 20, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ *Lt. John Germano*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *I miss you more and more evrey day dad. It's been about 4 years now. I still come back to look at what people said about you. To remember who you were as a person and father. I love and miss you. Until we meet again.*



Victoria Germano - November 02, 2022 at 10:47 PM



“ *Shane Cheek lit a candle in memory of Lt. John Germano*



Shane Cheek - March 11, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ *It was an honor to work beside John for many years and even more of an honor to call him a friend. I enjoyed the many times we met up for a cup of dunkin's and thanks for introducing me to lox n bagels. You were someone I looked up to and an inspiration to many. May you rest in peace. Prayers for his family and friends. Love you brother.*

Shane Cheek - March 11, 2021 at 06:42 PM

LR

“ Victoria, your father told me 2 days before he passed how much he loved you and wanted to find a way to let you know that. Please know he cherished driving you to school every morning and loved you so much. Michael, he was so incredibly proud of the man you have become and looking forward to the summer with you.

Lisa Russell - May 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Rest in Peace, my friend. John Germano. "Speak the names of the dead, and they shall live again." (Ancient Egyptian proverb).

Allan H. Bright

Allan Harbison Bright - May 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ It's hard to believe your gone, you will be greatly missed, you were a great guy, great listener, and an awesome dad who truly loved V & Michael. I hope you found peace...

Sonia - May 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your dear loved one, Lt. Germano. As you go through this sorrowful time, you can be assured that God does care about you. God promises that he "is near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34:18) Please take care.

S. McConnell - May 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ John,
You were a man's man. You were a legend in this place and a great detective. I am glad god put you before us. It was truly an honor to have known and worked beside you. You have no idea how many officers respected you. Until we meet again, god bless John.

Ariel Toledo - May 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

D#

“ G-Man..... This is undoubtedly a hard one to accept but our faith teaches us that GOD doesn't make any mistakes. Thank you for being a GREAT supervisor and TRUE friend. You made work fun and many of us who worked with you enjoyed every moment of it. Gonna miss you MARINE!!!!

Det. E. Stubbs #2320 - May 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ RIP John .. you will never be forgotten. Great man, great leader, great Police Officer

Greg Greene - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ This news has been so difficult to absorb...John was a dear, close friend as well as one of the most capable detectives I ever had the pleasure of working with. I pray for his family during this time of pain and reflection of a life well lived...

Bob Slezak - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ John,
I am at a loss of words. You will be sorely missed my friend. I cherished the time I spent coaching with you, watching our girls cheer, and your honest personality!
Rest In Peace my friend

To Victoria,
Your father was your biggest fan. He loved to watch you in competition, It could be softball or cheer, he just loved watching you compete. I was there and saw it every time. He is very proud of you.

To Michael,
Your father was also your biggest fan. I don't know that I have ever meet you in person, however, I know all about your football and baseball skill at North. He would always keep me very informed on your stats. He is very proud of you.

Drew Garland

Drew Garland - May 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ You have my deepest sympathies and condolences. John was likely the best officer I had the privilege of working with and no doubt saved numerous lives and tragedies from occurring through his unrelenting efforts during his lengthy career. Godspeed my friend.

M.D. Zimmerman

MATTHEW ZIMMERMAN - May 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Thank you for always being a mentor to me. I will cherish the conversations and I will truly miss you sir. RIP

JW Stahl - May 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM