



## John G. Peralta

April 15, 1955 - April 19, 2016

Peralta, John G. age 61, April 19, 2016. Beloved husband of Carrie (nee Lawson). Dear father of Barbara Josephine and Jessica Laine Peralta (Sebastien). Proud grandfather of Parker John Mitchell. Beloved son of Gasper (Theresa) Peralta and his late mother, Josephine. Loved son-in-law: Everette and Barbara Lawson. Loving brother of Marie (James) Adams, Ingrid (Bill) Shelton, and Carmella Peralta. Also survived by his extended family: Diana, Joe, Debbie, Jimmy, John, Julie, Jennifer, Christopher John (Agaytha) Lawson, and James Gregory (Janet) Lawson. Adored uncle of many nieces and nephews. He represented the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and was a warrior for labor. Memorial visitation Sunday 2:00pm to 9:00pm and Monday Memorial Service at 12 Noon at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, (3 blks east of Van Dyke Avenue) Utica. Memorials appreciated to American Cancer Society. Please share a memory with his family at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR **24**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Memorial Service

APR **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *I miss you so much I want you back so bad I love you dad*

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**jessica petalta** - May 09, 2016 at 07:36 PM



“ *John, I loved you. Natalie.*

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**Natalie Hill** - May 07, 2016 at 12:42 PM

MB

“ John manned the Teamster's giant black and yellow boycott banner for hours and days on end in front of the Santa Barbara News-Press during our fight out here against Wendy McCaw, the billionaire owner of the paper, one of the most intransigent bosses the Teamsters had ever encountered. John was a sweet and thoughtful man who told us stories about his own struggle at the Detroit Free Press and kept our spirits up during those first tough years after McCaw fired eight of us reporters. It was a terrible scandal, but just knowing that John and his sidekick, Doug Nowakowski, were coming out for the nth time to confront advertisers and raise the banner high always lifted our spirits and gave us hope. In the end, we lost our case to a panel of Bush and Reagan judges, but thanks in part to John's unflagging efforts on our behalf, we won where it really mattered. The community turned its back on the publisher and thousands of readers quit that ruined paper forever.

*We will keep John's memory always in our hearts as someone who lived the true meaning of solidarity. We have lost a loyal friend much too soon, and we will miss him.*

*In sympathy,*

*Melinda Burns, former senior reporter at the Santa Barbara News-Press*

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**melinda burns** - May 02, 2016 at 07:11 PM

LB

“ John had visited Seattle since 2009 to help us bargain the labor contracts between Teamsters Local 763 and The Seattle Times. As the business agent for those contracts, I learned so much from John. I enjoyed all the time I spent with him. He always had ideas for solving thorny problems. He was a warrior whom I teased about "going Italian" on the employer, always at the right moment. He absolutely adored his family. I'm still in shock that he is gone. He was here in January, and we made plans for negotiations later this year. He loved to come to Seattle and enjoyed Copper River salmon and the green lushness of our Emerald City. I'm so thankful I got the opportunity to know and work with him, but he is gone from all of our lives far too soon. My deepest sympathies to his wife Carrie, whom John loved so much. I would tease him and make smoochy sounds when he ended a cell phone call with her, because he called her "babe" and told her he loved her so much. John's family was the world to him. I am so sorry for your loss.

*Liz Brown, Teamsters Local 763, Seattle, Wash.*

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**Liz Brown** - April 26, 2016 at 03:49 PM

CH

“ My sincerest sympathy for John's entire family. A good man has passed way too soon. John and I were classmates from grammar school through graduation. What I remember about John is that he was every bit as nice as a kid and classmate as he was as an adult. The same kindness he showed to others on Facebook with same or opposing views is the same kindness he showed to classmates and friends. He will be remembered fondly. May God's love surround and comforter you.

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**Cheryl** - April 24, 2016 at 03:23 PM

PA

“ John and Carrie are our neighbors. From the day we moved in they have been warm and welcoming to us. John was always outside working on something. We always loved walking out our front door and seeing him smiling across the street, never had a bad word to say about anyone, or anything. John was always happy and positive. So full of life, we can't believe he is gone. He loved his family and was a true gentleman. John, you will be sorely missed. Praying for the Peralta family. ❤️ Josh, Pam, Samantha & Justin

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pam - April 24, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ I first met John back in 1965 (on our first day of school) and it didn't take long for us to become inseparable friends. Early on we discovered that music was a big part of our friendship, which led us on our special journey of making music. Over the years John evolved into a rock-solid drummer.

As we grew older, the band took a back seat to family and jobs but thankfully, I never lost touch with John. As an International Representative for the Teamsters, he was a relentless fighter for workers rights. Johns passing is a big loss to the labor movement! Most importantly, he was a wonderful, dedicated family man who spoke to me openly about his love for Carrie, and his daughters Barbie and Jessica. His grandson Parker was the love of his life, whenever John talked to me about Parker; I would see his face light up with joy.

I am very fortunate to have had John touch my life in so many ways, and I miss him dearly.

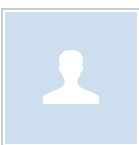
Until we meet again,

Take it from the top, One-Two, One-Two-Three-Four.....

Phil Cangemi



Phil Cangemi - April 24, 2016 at 09:30 AM



“ Violets And Butterflies was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.



April 24, 2016 at 07:50 AM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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April 23, 2016 at 07:39 PM



“ *I loved John, he was one of my favorite people on this earth! He really believed in people, I never heard him say anything bad about anyone. (even during the news paper strike) He loved his family! They were his world. I am honored he was a part of my life. I will miss him the rest of days.*  
*Love, Dre*

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**Andrea McKernan** - April 23, 2016 at 06:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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April 23, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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April 23, 2016 at 12:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.*

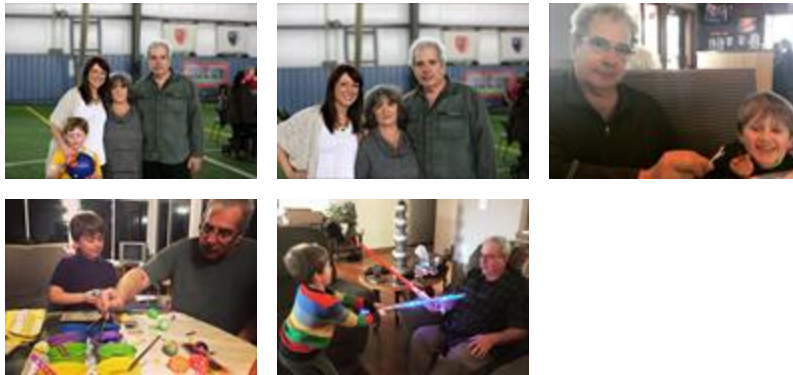


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April 23, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ *43 files added to the album John*



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**jessica peralta** - April 22, 2016 at 10:53 PM



“ *Santa Barbara Teamster journalists & friends purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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**Santa Barbara Teamster journalists & friends** - April 22, 2016 at 08:28 PM

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“ *The Printing Mailing Trade-District purchased the Ghirardelli & Fruit Condolences Gift Basket for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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**The Printing Mailing Trade-District** - April 22, 2016 at 07:38 PM

CD

“ *Dear John,*

*Your are one of my oldest friends and I am greatly saddened by your passing. I thought much today of our many adventures in music and life; of your wonderful parents and their embrace of our dreams, and of the many extraordinary accomplishments of our young lives, and so I thank you for helping to make my childhood memories a source of joy to which I replay often for inspiration and grounding.*

*I will remember and miss you until the day I join you again - Gods speed.*

*Your friend and Band-mate,*

*Chip*

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**Chip DeLuca** - April 22, 2016 at 07:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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April 22, 2016 at 06:56 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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April 22, 2016 at 05:22 PM



“ *Sean and Debby Mulherrin William & Emma purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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**Sean and Debby Mulherrin William & Emma** - April 22, 2016 at 05:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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April 22, 2016 at 04:56 PM

Ronnie Pineda

“ *Unselfishly devoted to his Family, Friends and Workers across this Country. Humility in abundance when in the company of those he cared for and ferocity when fighting for workers he equally cared for. Until we look upon one another again, you are and will always be, My Big Brother Johnny! Love you, I will miss you, but I will never forget you.*

*Ronnie Pineda  
Retired President,  
GCC/IBT Local 140-N*

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**Ronnie Pineda** - April 22, 2016 at 03:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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April 22, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ *Joseph A Molinero purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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**Joseph A Molinero** - April 22, 2016 at 12:48 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. No one is ever totally prepared for the death of a loved one. When death strikes the pain and grief can be intense. God promises that the dead will live again.-Isaiah 26:19*

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**Ms. Dee** - April 22, 2016 at 08:55 AM

GW

“ I met John during the newspaper strike. He was always a quiet and reassuring presence. Seeing him gave me strength. Having known him he will remain a part of my life. George Waldman

George Waldman - April 22, 2016 at 05:50 AM

MD

“ Mike and Audrey DeLuca purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of John G. Peralta.



Mike and Audrey DeLuca - April 22, 2016 at 01:14 AM



“ 4 files added to the album John



Ingrid Shelton - April 21, 2016 at 08:54 PM

SL

“ John was the greatest. Always an encouraging word. Quick to smile. He will be missed greatly. Prayers for his family . Sandy Lambert



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**sandra Lambert** - April 21, 2016 at 07:56 PM

DN

“ Doug, Tammy, and Kayla Nowakowski purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of John G. Peralta.



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**Doug, Tammy, and Kayla Nowakowski** - April 21, 2016 at 07:33 PM

DN

“ Douglas N. purchased the Delicious Delights Basket for the family of John G. Peralta.



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**Douglas N.** - April 21, 2016 at 07:33 PM

MN

“ John was such a kind man. He was so dedicated to the Teamstrs labor movement. He always did an excellent job with the power points at the Spring and Fall delete meetings. I'm glad our paths crossed in this life. My deepest sympathy to John's family and friends. Marian Novak

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**marian novak** - April 21, 2016 at 06:40 PM

HH

“ I remember years of working side by side, pleasure trips on the boat, visits to a happy home with two lovely children, giant oscars, and watching John pound the drums with his band as the beautiful Carrie hovered near ready to give John a cold drink and wipe his forehead. I remember thinking he was a very lucky man. So sorry for his loss.

Harvey Hurwitz

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Harvey Hurwitz - April 21, 2016 at 05:30 PM

MN

“ Michigan.com, Detroit Free Press & The Detroit News purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of John G. Peralta.



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Michigan.com, Detroit Free Press & The Detroit News - April 21, 2016 at 04:38 PM

RP

“ John was one of the most giving energetic and enthusiastic people I have ever met in the labor movement, his love and passion in helping people achieve more for themselves was unmatched. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

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Rickey Putman - April 21, 2016 at 03:40 PM

T7

“ Teamsters Local 763 purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of John G. Peralta.



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Teamsters Local 763 - April 21, 2016 at 03:26 PM

NC

“ I am honored to have called John Peralta my friend. For years I watched as John, Marty Keegan and Doug Nowakowski tirelessly fought the fight against injustice in Santa Barbara giving a voice to those newsroom employees that needed to be heard. Last year I was fortunate to have the opportunity to sit with John at the bargaining table for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Mailers negotiations and he truly was the peoples champion when it came to demanding respect for the working class. I cannot express the admiration and respect I have for Johns commitment and dedication to worker's rights and he will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace, my brother John.

Nick Caruso

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**Nick Caruso** - April 21, 2016 at 02:56 PM

BK

“ I don't know how to express the deep sorrow I feel for my family and the loss they have suffered. Knowing the depth of love they have for each other I know they will recover because they do share the love and pain they are going through. Each one suffers a different type of pain a different depth of pain. Each will have separate memories and special melodies that will be heard or thought of for years to come. Please keep the faith, although the pain will never actually leave it will lessen and some of the memories that brought you tears will one day remind you of happier times that you spent together. My love and wishes for God's Blessing to be sent to you all you are all in my heart forever.

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**Barbara Kirkland** - April 21, 2016 at 02:35 PM

JM

“ Words cannot express how much I and the Newspaper Conference will miss John. He was more than a loyal friend ,He was over all a wonderful kind person who we all loved very much I will miss him  
JoJo Molinero

Joseph A Molinero - April 21, 2016 at 11:58 AM



Ronnie Pineda

Your team has lost one of it's greatest fighters Jojo! John is irreplaceable and his absence will be forever noticeable. His legacy with the Teamsters is beyond commendable and will be a lasting Tribute and inspiration for future Teamster Leadership and the members.  
Ronnie Pineda

Ronnie Pineda - April 22, 2016 at 03:36 PM

MG

“ I am very sad to hear the news about John....His heart was bigger than the world...I know the Lord open the gates of heaven and said, job well done my son come on in..I pray for his family and all who had the privilege to know him...Thank you for letting us be your friend....and for all that you did for us...you truly believed in the cause and stood for it...even when you were sick you still was trying to get a contract for local 2040...that"s something that sticks in my heart and I will NEVER forget!!! R.I.P John until we meet at that Great reunion...With Love, and Prayers Marianne Guthrie

Marianne Guthrie - April 21, 2016 at 11:39 AM

TG

AMEN

Terry Guthrie - April 21, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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April 21, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *How do I even begin to share my memories of John? I remember John walking proudly down Mound Road, fist in the air with a big smile on his face, leading us in the fight for justice during the Detroit Newspaper Strike. John, the devoted and loving, father, husband, grandfather and friend. When I think of John, his beautiful, smile and genuine kindness is what I remember the most. No matter the diversity, conflict or dilemma that was happening in his life, John always took the time to give you a kind word and a smile to brighten your day. I really, really loved this man. John made a difference in this world for so many people. I will miss his beautiful soul.*



*Donna*

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**Donna Cangemi** - April 21, 2016 at 10:17 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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April 21, 2016 at 09:13 AM

RZ

“ When I was pregnant with my second child John would come around to collect the dues, he would say save it for the baby I got it, he was always so kind and caring !!!! He is one man I've always kept close to heart since the strike !!! Definitely a warrior angle !!!

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**Roseann Zerilli** - April 21, 2016 at 08:45 AM

SH

I ca&n't believe he's gone I just talked to him 2 weeks ago we will miss him dearly and think of him fOndly and with love ♡ he was a great man with a huge heart and a beautiful soul!

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**Stephanie Hall** - April 21, 2016 at 09:10 AM

MS

“ I met John in 2007 when I purchased the vacant lot next to his home and several years later we became official neighbors. From the first encounter John was open and personable. John and I spent many hours over the years discussing anything and everything that was on our minds. His primary focus was on family and was often seen with his grandchild in one hand and a fishing pole in the other. He was also interested in neighborhood activity, professional topics and current events. Nothing was out of scope. We both enjoyed the informal comfort of strolling over to each other homes and engaging in each other's projects or just standing around talking. Carrie and my wife Cindy did track us down every now and then when we went missing. John was an avid boater and I'll miss his departures and arrivals, day and night, and the occasional sightings on the lake. We miss him already.

*Mike & Cindy Shellie*

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**Mike Shellie** - April 21, 2016 at 08:20 AM

MP

“ *During the Strike I learn We were 2nd Cousins I was Proud To Can Him & His Lovely Family My Cousins. Mike Peralta*

Mike Peralta - April 21, 2016 at 06:29 AM

JM

“ *John and I years ago shared drumming duties for one of the bands we were in. John on drums myself on congas. I remember John as being very down to earth and a fun person to be around. I recently had reconnected with him on facebook. I was very blessed to have known him. He will surely be missed.*

John Masi - April 21, 2016 at 05:44 AM

TK

“ *John was a student of mine at Stevenson HS. He always had a smile for everyone. He made me happy to see him. Surely this fact made him a success in life. God bless his family*

Tom Kroll - April 21, 2016 at 04:27 AM

JL

“ *"A working class hero is something to be".—John Lennon*

*We all lost a hero!*

*I will miss my friend.*

Jim St. Louis - April 20, 2016 at 10:22 PM

CP

*John considered you a friend forever Jimmy.*

Carrie Peralta - April 21, 2016 at 01:57 AM

BG

“ I had the pleasure and joy of working with John on the Santa Barbara News-Press campaign in the late 2000s, with him on the front lines letting that unionbusting billionaire newspaper owner and her management minions and her advertisers know that indeed, an injury to one is an injury to all. I admired his determination, his energy, his willingness to fight on through the frustration of the endless collective bargaining and legal process (that languishes on to this day), and his sense of justice and fairness in the pursuit of better lives for workers in the newsroom presided over by a wealthy autocrat publisher and her tyrannical thoroughly dishonest "City Editor". Most of all, there was no doubt about his heart, which beat for labor's cause, no matter how dire or difficult the situation was.

*RIP, John. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.*

*Buddy Gottlieb*

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**Buddy Gottlieb** - April 20, 2016 at 10:13 PM

BP

“ We are so sorry to hear about Johnny's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Even though we did not see one another that much, since the Detroit Newspaper strike, we thought about you and John often. John was a wonderful guy and will be really missed. We love you. Love The Prainito Family

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**Bea Prainito** - April 20, 2016 at 10:07 PM

CP

*Thankyou so much Bea John loved you guys.*

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**Carrie Peralta** - April 21, 2016 at 02:00 AM

JO

*I had the honor and good fortune to work with John early on in my Teamster career. He and I spent some quality time running around New Jersey working on a newspaper campaign together. I will always remember him and a dedicated trade unionist and an even better friend. The world suffers without him in it.*

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**Jennifer O'Dell** - April 21, 2016 at 06:56 AM

TG

“ *John was a great union rep .... one of the best ..... he was also a good friend, who would do anything for anybody. I love this man ..... R.I.P. , my brother*

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**Terry Guthrie** - April 20, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John G. Peralta.*



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April 20, 2016 at 07:14 PM

PK

“ *When you needed a friend to walk through the gates of hell with, John Peralta was the man. 20 years ago I had the privilege to meet him. Family, Friends, Union, Just Causes That was John. The Gates of Heaven are wide open for you, with a tee shirt that reads WELCOME MY BROTHER. John Gasper, I loved you and what you were not afraid to stand for. Peace Holmes. Paul Kulka*

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**Paul Kulka** - April 20, 2016 at 06:20 PM

CP

*Thankyou so much, John loved you Paul I think my heart is broken.*

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**Carrie Peralta** - April 21, 2016 at 02:07 AM

JR

“ *The loss of this Great man is a loss to us all. I only met him a few years ago but it does not take long to know when you have met one of the Great Ones.  
He will be dearly missed.*

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**Jason Lee Richert** - April 20, 2016 at 06:05 PM

MA

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**Manian** - April 20, 2016 at 05:05 PM

BA

*We are all so sorry to hear of John's passing. I know he was a good friend to my husband, Dan Dengel, and to me and my son as well. So sorry for your loss.*

*Barbara and Bobby Dengel  
Robert and Barbara Crancer*

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**Barbara** - April 20, 2016 at 06:05 PM

MA

“ There are no words to express how deeply sorry we are about the loss of John. We are in shock to hear the news. Through the years, we saw John fight injustice wherever he could. John's dedication to labor's cause is inspirational to all who knew him. He will be deeply missed in so many ways. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and the family.

*Peace and Comfort,  
Libby & Steve Manian*

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**Manian** - April 20, 2016 at 04:42 PM

FP

*You are such an important role model for all of us. Wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. Things that come to mind when I here the name John Peralta are kindness, integrity, honesty warrior, and now angel. RIP my friend. I will love and miss you forever and never forget that smile and laughter that is you my brother.  
Frank Prainito*

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**Frank Prainito** - April 20, 2016 at 09:26 PM

AY

“ The kindest spirit of any man I've ever known. A dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and a true friend. I've known John and his family for many years, but became really close with him and his family through the labor struggles with the Detroit Newspapers. He was the stand-up guy, never afraid, and always walked the talk. In a labor movement full of staff just doing a job, John was a true believer in the cause. Many times and not knowingly, he gave me strength and encouragement and now he will never know. I am proud he was part of my life, he is a Brother to me and will be missed. Thoughts of peace and love for the entire Peralta Family.

*Alex Young*

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**Alex Young** - April 20, 2016 at 03:25 PM

CP

*Thankyou so much Al, John did consider you his brother, h e always had a special place in his heart for you and Sonia and of course your beautiful girls I am at a loss but one thing I do know you have always been a true and forever friend. I think my heart is just well and truly broken.*

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**Carrie Peralta** - April 21, 2016 at 02:20 AM