



## John Albert Disibbio

December 31, 1914 - August 24, 2012

Bluefield, WV - John (Giovanni) Albert Disibbio, 97, peacefully departed our world into the loving arms of the Lord on Friday, August 24, 2012, surrounded with the company and comfort of his children. Born on December 31st, 1914, in Bluefield, WV, he was a retired Locomotive Engineer with Norfolk and Western (now Norfolk and Southern) Railroad to which he dedicated 42 years of service. Known affectionately as "The Godfather," John lived almost his entire life in Bluefield, WV. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nicola and Ethel Peck Disibbio; sisters Maria Genovesi and Evelena Phillipee; brothers Thomasina Disibbio and Luigi Disibbio; and his beautiful wife of 51 years, Ovelia. Since his retirement, John had been a fixture at Bluefield High School football games and Retired Norfolk and Western Railroad Employees Club retirement dinners. He was an active member of the Fratelli Tricolore Lodge number 2631 of the Order of Sons of Italy in America, and a member of The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He enjoyed playing cards every week and could play a variety of instruments, most notably the harmonica. He loved country music, and above all, he cherished spending time with his family. He is survived by his sister Betty Akers of Rocky Gap, VA. His four children; Nancy Lee and her husband Kenneth Pruett of Bluefield, WV; John Thomas Disibbio and his wife Iris of Sugar Grove, VA; Ben Gerald Disibbio and his wife Karen of Bluefield, WV; and Richard Dallas Disibbio and his wife Kathy of Dublin, VA. His 10 grandchildren; Kimberly Farmer, Kimberly Disibbio, Kenneth Pruett, Christopher Disibbio, Jeffery Disibbio, Nicole Marsh,

Hope Woolwine, Jay Disibbio, Keith Pruett and Richard Disibbio, Jr. Additionally, he was blessed with 15 great-grandchildren. "Uncle Johnny" also had special nieces for whom he cared deeply; Valerie Hager, Angelina Genovesi Barbara Custalow, Susan Sizemore, Kathy Howard and Debbie Davis. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday August 28, 2012 At Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Paul J. Wharton as Celebrant. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Princeton where Grandsons and Granddaughters will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home Monday August 27, 2012 from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m., at which time a Christian Wake Service will be held. The family suggests that memorial contributions, if desired, be made to Amedisys Hospice Care of Bluefield, Rt. 2 Box 182, Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Disibbio family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Albert Disibbio*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *johnny and family,our prayers and thoughts are with you,we know your dad will be deeply missed.He had one heck of a good ride, We love you all.*

**Tommy & Gail** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Benny,Karen and family,so sorry for the loss of your dad.Sending thoughts and prayers to all of you.*

**Debbie Mariotti** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Ben I am sorry to hear about your dad. It sounds like he lived a full life. I pray the Lord will comfort you during this tough time. Hope to see you sometime soon. God Bless.*

**Perry Cook** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *To all of Disibbio family.I would like to express my deapest regrets for the death of you father ,grabdfather etc.I woud like to express special feelings of sorrow for my long time associate and boss Ben Disibbio and his immediate family.God be with you. Dave Cook*

**Dave Cook** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GF

“ Ben and Karen and the rest.... So sorry to hear of your loss. May prayers be with you and the days to come for peace and comfort.

Gina Parcell Froy - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AA

“ sorry to hear about your dad he was a good man my parents like your whole family. Ill be home in oct sometime maybe we can get together one day. God be with you and your family your friend andy

Andy Atwell - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Joe and Karen Simon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MS

“ Uncle Johnny was like a father to me. I remember the many nights spent at his house and how he would "get on me like I was one of his own"...My heart felt condolences to the entire family on their loss....Love, Michael

Michael Smeltzer - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BM

“ John and Iris, Having just lost my father 3 weeks before you, I can well understand how saddened you are. Mr. Disibbio was a great man and is survived by a wonderful family. Take joy in all the years you had with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this most difficult of times. He will be missed, but if you look around at your families, he is still there with you every day.

Bill Moore - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TG

“ To the Disibbio family, I was deeply saddened to hear of Mr. Disibbio's passing. He was a great man, and I can remember him and all of you as far back as when I was four years old. My love for football was aided by the Disibbio family and continues to this day. Find comfort in the fact that heaven became a little richer when Mr. Disibbio walked through the gates. God bless you all.

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**Tom Goforth** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LC

“ I was heartbroken when Dad called to tell me that Pop had passed away. Stuart and I both have many fond memories of Pop over the years. We are so glad that we were able to come to his 90th birthday celebration. He always had a sparkle in his eye whenever we saw him. We will both always hold a special place in our hearts for both Pop and Mama D. Much love to the entire family!

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**Lora Covey** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Disibbio Family as you mourn the loss of your Father.

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**Tony Reed** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

WH

“ Johnny and Family, My heart is saddened for your loss. I will always cherish the memory of your Father playing How Great Thou Art on his harmonica. This song was played at my Father's Funeral. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you Peace during the next weeks ahead. Love Wanda

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**Wanda Harrelson** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone at this most difficult time.*

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**Gary & Brenda Witt** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AF

“ *Nancy Lee and family, I'm so saddened to read of the death of your father. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.*

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**Anna Harris Fry** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BD

“ *We would like to send our prayers to the Disibbio family. There are no words that can make the pain go away but wonderful memories will always follow with love and laughter. GOD bless all of you.*

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**Barry/Barbara Duncan** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SN

“ *Ben and Karen I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Shelby Neal** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BY

“ *Johnny, we are so very sorry for the loss of your father. We didn't personally know him, but all the heartfelt stories you told us about him, made us feel like we did. His love for living life to the fullest was shown in your stories. You are in our heart and prayers.*

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**Bryan & Sue Young** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BA

“ Johnny and family, I know how much you will miss your Pop. Being a part of the N&W railroad family, I have known your Mom and Dad all my life. I am so glad that you had your Pop for so many years. As you know, my Mom was his neighbor when they were children. He was a wonderful man! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Brenda Hill Asbury** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM