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## JOHN FRANZREB III



John Franzreb III a lifelong equestrian from Staten Island, NY was a giver and didn't want anything in return. He is known by many as the nicest man they'd ever met. John was known as kind, humble, "larger than life" personality and positive attitude, and his smile was contagious. He was a true gentleman - one of a kind. He treated everyone with respect from all walks of life.

John was a highly revered horseman who operated Clove Lake Stables and served as ringmaster at horse shows nationwide including the prestigious Pennsylvania National, Washington International, The National at Madison Square Garden, and Devon - and whose charitable endeavors outside the arena exemplified his exceptional kindness and generosity.

At his Staten Island family farm John taught adults and youngsters the art of riding and understanding horses. He also trained and

organized horses for use on camera in TV and movie sets.

John was the embodiment of integrity and leadership, possessing strong moral principles and a firm work ethic instilled by his family, which was deeply rooted on Staten Island.

As a junior rider, John rode through the pony and junior ranks until his junior horse became injured and could no longer compete. That same year at the age of 17 he was brought into the family of Madison Square Garden as a professional horseman and ringmaster.

John's horn was gifted by August A. Busch Jr., who owned Anheuser-Busch, "The horn will now be donated to the National Horse Show Museum in Kentucky, where it will remain permanently, said Franzreb's wife of 56 years, Judy.

John was a husband, a father, and a grandfather who would go above and beyond to make good things happen. He taught respect and responsibility and to care deeply for those who mean the most to you.

John was recognizable as the man wearing the traditional -ringmaster's outfit, sounding the horn to call the beginning of each class at the show.

John Franzreb III, the ringmaster of ringmasters.

