



Mr. Stephen M. "Steve" Coppola

February 14, 1965 - October 16, 2020

MARCY - Mr. Stephen M. "Steve" Coppola, age 55, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2020 after a valiant battle with cancer. His passing occurred in accordance with his wish to be in the comfort of his home with his fiancée Deana by his side.

Born in Syracuse on February 14, 1965, Stephen was the son of the late Philip J. and Dorothy A. (Kelly) Coppola. He was a graduate of Whitesboro High School/Class of 1984. Steve shared in a 6-year relationship with his fiancée Deana Verrenti, the most important person in his life. His exuberant nature led to many wonderful times, and Deana reciprocated by giving Steve a life of peace and serenity. Theirs was a loving relationship. They journeyed together through his illness with optimism. She was his best advocate and took superb care of him.

A valued, steadfast worker, Steve was employed by the Oneida County Sheriff's Department, and subsequently accepted a position at the Central New York Psychiatric Center as a NY State Correctional Officer. He carried out the responsibilities of his profession with integrity and equity, serving in the capacity of a law enforcement officer for over 23 years, retiring due to his illness.

An engaging, energetic man, Steve worked hard to acquire his home, and he treasured it. He was a perfectionist not only in maintaining his house, but also in meticulously mowing the lawn. His swimming pool was a particularly great addition to his homestead and a place where he relaxed and entertained

friends. He made a trip to the gym on a daily basis to work out and challenge his physical endurance and mental stamina; the highlight of his day was to meet up with his buddies and socialize. With a smile on his face, Steve was a happy, helpful, hospitable soul and the life of the party. He loved the sun, the ocean, and visiting St. Pete's where his dad had once resided, but it was the city of Clearwater that caught his eye. Steve also had a passion for boating on the waters of area lakes and the Thousand Islands. And, he loved to eat! He had a preference for Italian food, and it was easy for him to put away a pound of pasta. Tuesday nights were spent at Pellitteri Joe's. He definitely enjoyed dining out! When it came to sports, he was a Dallas Cowboys fan. He was blessed with the love and respect of Deana's family and he was so thankful for the love and support they gave to him. A recent communicant of Historic Old St. John's Church, Steve was prayerful, and mindful, and when physically able, he attended weekly Mass on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. He leaned on the Lord during his illness, and humbly participated in healing Masses celebrated by Fr. Amadeo Guida. He thought of other people before himself. He truly was a "gentle giant."

In retrospect, Steve had a will to win, and he fought for the things he wanted. He worked diligently, and gave so much of himself to accomplish what he desired, ...with strength, hope, and confidence.

Steve is survived by his devoted fiancée Deana (DeMonte) Verrenti; his son, Joseph "Joey" Carlomusto; sisters, Donna M. Aumiller, and Lori (Joe) White. He also leaves his aunts and uncles; nieces, Danielle Aumiller, and Gianna Giglio; and nephew, Vincenzo Giglio. In addition, he leaves his fiancée's family, Pomp and Anne Marie (Centola) DeMonte, Laurie and Frank Giglio, John DeMonte; and his incredibly devoted friends and co-workers who were an important part of his life. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Anthony and Anna Coppola; maternal grandparents, John and Agnes Kelly; and brother-in-law, Ryan Aumiller.

Deana is grateful to Dr. Alicia DeTraglia, the 6th Floor Oncology Unit at MVHS at St. Luke's Health Care Center, all of whom provided tremendous care to

Steve, and offered emotional support to Deana during the trying summer of care; and the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care for their gentle, compassionate vigilance and availability.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Steve's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 9:30 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Social distancing, registration for contact tracing, and a mask covering your nose and mouth will be required. Memorial contributions in Steve's memory may be considered to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. online at <https://hospicecareinc.org/donate-online/> or to the American Cancer Society online at <https://donate3.cancer.org/>; envelopes will also be available at the service. During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Steve's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **23**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Historic Old St. John's Church

240 Bleecker Street

Utica, NY 13501

(315) 724-6159

<https://www.historicoldstjohnschurch.com/>

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Steve was a wonderful man a true gentle giant with a great humor I very much enjoyed working with him @CNYPC. A man you could really count on. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.
Sincerely Michael Chapman

Michael Chapman - October 28, 2020 at 09:44 AM

DN

“ My sympathies to the family
A very honest, funny , hard working person
Dr. Namassivaya

Devayani Namassivaya - October 22, 2020 at 08:29 PM

KL

“ Karen Latus lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Stephen M. "Steve" Coppola



Karen Latus - October 21, 2020 at 02:46 PM

KL

“ Donna,Darryl,Danielle Lori, and Joe- Steve was so very lucky to have you as his family. My deepest condolences go out to all of you.
Rest In Peace, Steve.
Karen Eyerman Latus

Karen Latus - October 21, 2020 at 02:46 PM

CL

“ Christine Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen M. "Steve" Coppola



Christine Lawrence - October 21, 2020 at 02:00 PM

CL

Donna, Lori and family ~ My heart aches for you. Steve was very special back in high school and that never changed. He had a larger than life physical presence, always had a big smile for all he greeted and a radiant personality to match! Everyone who knew Steve says the same thing. I will never forget Steve and will always hold you all in prayer. God Bless You.

Christine Lawrence - October 21, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Stephen M. "Steve" Coppola.



October 21, 2020 at 10:12 AM

LC

“ Linda Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Stephen M. "Steve" Coppola



Linda Clark - October 20, 2020 at 10:11 PM

LC

Deana and family, I am so sorry for the passing of Steve. He was always great to work with. He was a man with a larger than life personality - every knew who Big Cat was. Prayers and love to your family. Rest now, Steve.

Linda Clark - October 20, 2020 at 10:14 PM

LS

“ I went to high school with Steve and we became good friends. He was an usher in my wedding. Steve was a gentle giant in funny pants. My thoughts and prayers are with you Donna and Laurie.

Lisa Cuda Spann - October 20, 2020 at 07:23 PM

RL

“ Loved working with Steve at Walmart DC6038. I'm definitely blessed to have known him. A life too short but made a big positive impact on my life. God Bless you, Steve my friend.



Randy Lynch - October 20, 2020 at 05:56 PM

DL

“ Lori , Joe , Donna and Joey I am so sorry for the loss of your brother and your Father , Joey . The bond between siblings is a bond that is special and irreplaceable . Have peace knowing that Steve is thankful for the love and care you both provided him thru his journey to that celestial place . You all are in my thoughts and prayers . God bless

D. Lewandrowski - October 20, 2020 at 03:25 PM

Gina
Cianfrocco-
Schillaci

With our deepest sympathy love and prayers! Steve will be fondly remembered❤️ Gina & Phil Schillaci

Gina Cianfrocco-Schillaci - October 22, 2020 at 10:52 PM

AM

“ Ann Marie (McCabe) Mott & Luis Mott purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Stephen M. "Steve" Coppola.



Ann Marie (McCabe) Mott & Luis Mott - October 20, 2020 at 02:02 PM

AC

“ We Are So Sorry For Your Loss Steve Was such a Great Guy, Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With the Family. Andy & Linda Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - October 20, 2020 at 08:48 AM

Frank LaDue

“ Frank LaDue lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen M. "Steve" Coppola



Frank LaDue - October 20, 2020 at 08:29 AM

SB

“ to the coppola family so sorry for your loss. i had the opportunity to know and work with steve over 20 yrs ago at wal mart distribution center what a great guy he was. i ate breakfast with him plenty of times on our first break ohh the laughs we had. he was a giant of a man for sure but a teddy bear at times, steve you will be missed and may you rest in peace.

sal barbero - October 20, 2020 at 02:16 AM

VC

“ Donna and Lori,
I'm so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was always so nice
growing up. My prayers are with all of you.
Vikki (Bravo) Commisso

Vikki Commisso - October 19, 2020 at 09:34 PM

RL

“ So sorry for Steve's family. Great guy who made many laugh. May
he Rest In Peace. Will never be forgotten. Ralph Lupia

ralph lupia - October 19, 2020 at 07:05 PM

AG

“ Donna, so very sorry for your loss. May your memories be his
special gift to you.
Sincerely,
Annette Guido
Guilderland, NY

Annette Guido - October 19, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Mr. Stephen M. "Steve" Coppola.



October 19, 2020 at 11:56 AM

JS

“ *John And Annemarie Spina lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen M. "Steve" Coppola*



John and Annemarie Spina - October 19, 2020 at 11:53 AM

KM

“ *I loved working with Steve. He always had a smile on his face and a warm hello for me.
God now has a wonderful angel in His midst.
To Big Cat's family, I am so truly sorry for your loss. He will always be remembered one of the good guys at Central. ❤️*

Karen Voss Makuch - October 19, 2020 at 11:48 AM