



Mr. Victor F. Cardillo

May 2, 1954 - July 16, 2019

WESTMORELAND - Mr. Victor F. Cardillo, age 65, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side as he departed in peace.

Born in Utica on May 2, 1954, Victor was the son of the late Rufino J. "Fino" and Beverly A. "Bev" (Giffune) Cardillo. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School, Class of 1972. He continued his studies at Utica College of Syracuse University graduating in 1981 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

On October 16, 1982 he married Donna Scarfo. She was his one true love and the absolute light of his life. They spent the next 36 years completely inseparable, building a life full of love, laughter and adventure. He absolutely treasured her.

Victor began his career working with his family at their Lansing Body Works Repair Shop alongside his beloved cousins Michael and Art Cardillo. He was then employed as an instructor at Cortland BOCES teaching auto body. Victor later transitioned to the Westmoreland Central School District where he served as the Transportation Supervisor for 29 years, retiring in 2017. He was grateful for the relationships he made during his tenure at the bus garage and within the district. Victor was affectionately known throughout the community and was honored to have served as the Westmoreland Fire Commissioner for ten years.

Victor was proud of his Italian heritage and he was the cornerstone of the

family. He was full of wisdom and advice, he was generous and he gave his love unconditionally. His reach was great and his heart was big. Victor could make anyone laugh with his quick wit and sense of humor. There was nothing he couldn't fix or build. He always kept his candy basket at arm's length. He had a tremendous love for classic cars. You could always find his fur baby Bella by his side.

His greatest accomplishments in life are his two children, Victoria and Patrick. He was just so proud to be their father. Working within the school district, Victor loved that he was always just across the parking lot while they were in school, and this is where he became everyone's second father. He was a strong force, a guiding hand, their biggest supporter and the epitome of love and sacrifice. Victor devoted his life to his family and was the happiest when the whole family was together. He will be deeply missed.

Growing up Victor loved spending his summers at the family cottage, at Verona Beach on Oneida Lake with his parents and siblings. You could always find him boating, water skiing or fishing. Later, Victor and Donna purchased their own place, where he would spend every weekend throughout the summer with his wife and children in the Thousand Islands. There is no place he would rather be than driving his boat, "The Great Deal," down the St. Lawrence River with his family by his side. He cherished the relationships and the memories he made in Fisher's Landing with the "Shady Bay Crew." Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Donna; and their children and their loved ones, Victoria Cardillo and Anthony Mangano, and Patrick Cardillo and Cheyenne Hawkins; and his siblings and their loved ones, Joseph P. Cardillo and Timothy Wissenbach, Rochelle A. Cardillo and Mary T. Allanson, Gina M. Cardillo, and Marisa and Matthew Brooks. He also leaves aunts, Mary Utter, Carmela "Kernie" Mear, and Mary Giffune; uncle, Victor Cardillo; cousins of the Gilberti, Giffune, Cardillo and Mear families; father-in-law, John J. Scarfo; brother-in-law, Anthony J. "Scarf" Scarfo; sister-in-law, Joanne French and Peter Cucci and Joanne's children, Mark and Katie French, Michael and Carrie French, and Robert and Jamie French; and his

great-nieces and great-nephews. He also leaves the many lifelong friends who turned into family and remained by his side until the end, Michael and Debra Bay-Borelli, John and Toni Vaccaro, Joe Carzo, Don Zogby, Gary Meola, Peter "Moe" and Terri Gagliano, and Pete and Teresa Fobare. He was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Josephine Scarfo; aunts and uncles, Pasquale "Pat" and Florence Cardillo, Ernest Mear, Allen and Rosemary Gilberti, and Kenneth Giffune; and cousin, Gayle Wilcox.

The family is grateful for the members of the Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corps (COCVAC) and the Westmoreland Fire Department whose promptness and expertise afforded the family precious time to say goodbye; and the St. Elizabeth ICU Nursing staff who walked the family through this difficult time with compassion and professionalism.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Victor's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00am at the funeral home for family and close friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to COCVAC www.cocvac.org and Christopher's Challenge www.christopherschallenge.org. Committal prayers and Entombment will follow at Crown Hill Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Memorial Park

Paris Road
Clinton, NY
(315) 737-8008

Tribute Wall



“ *I spent the best summers of my life as a friend of Victor at Verona Beach. It's been many years since I've seen him but he will never be forgotten.*

Julia Condolora - January 15, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ *I was saddened to read of Victor's untimely passing. I knew Victor as a young boy at camp and family functions and had the pleasure of meeting him later in life as a husband and father. He was a wonderful human being with a kind heart and outgoing personality. My condolences to his family and siblings who I'm sure will forever cherish his memory.*
Carol Gilberti

carol gilberti - July 22, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ *Pat, family and friends,*

So sorry over the loss of your dad. We can tell that he was a wonderful individual, and will be missed by so many people.

Thoughts and prayers are with all of you along with deepest condolences. God Bless!

Lisa Klippel Randazzo's mom and dad, Bob and Dorie



Bob and Dolores Klippel - July 22, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo.



July 21, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo.



July 20, 2019 at 10:16 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo.



July 20, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo.



July 20, 2019 at 10:09 AM

RL

“ Robert S Lalli lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo



robert s lalli - July 20, 2019 at 08:45 AM

LC

“ Luanne Castellano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo



Luanne Castellano - July 20, 2019 at 12:05 AM

DM

“ Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo



Don Marino - July 19, 2019 at 11:39 PM

MA

“ Donna, Patrick, Victoria, Joe, Shelly, Gina and Marsia,
There are no words to express how sorry I am for your loss! Vic was just about the " Best " of the best. Always with a smile and a joke and a kind word. 40 yrs of many happy memories! Love, Mariruth

Mariruth - July 19, 2019 at 10:36 PM

KW

“ Donna & Family, I am so sorry to hear of Victor's passing, May you find strength and comfort during this time from your family and friends. You have many memories that will never fade and victor will always be with you in spirit and in your heart for all the love and happiness you have shared.

Condolences to you and your family.

Kathy Wilcox

KATHERIN M WILCOX - July 19, 2019 at 07:08 PM

MC

“ To Donna, Patrick, Victoria, and the rest of Victor's family, I cannot express how sad we are about losing our cousin. My brother Art and our friends are remembering him every moment of the day in our talks. We will always treasure our young adult lives that we shared, like the Friday night fish fries etc.at Little Louies. We had fun times! Working at the shop with a family member like Vic was a great way to enjoy work.Victor will be in our hearts forever. Rest in peace Hec. Love, Mike and Kathy.

Michael Cardillo - July 19, 2019 at 06:20 PM

MR

“ Melissa J Richards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo



melissa j richards - July 19, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo.



July 19, 2019 at 04:07 PM



“ Scott and Donna Cornell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo.



Scott and Donna Cornell - July 19, 2019 at 11:48 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo.



July 19, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo.



July 19, 2019 at 10:44 AM

GP

“ So sorry to hear of your beloved brother! Your family has done so much for so many through the years especially your beloved dad 'Fino' who gave and helped so many especially the veterans! Always fond memories from the old Hilton Ave. neighborhood and environs...I'll never forget...thanks for making my life brighter ...I always remember your grandmom - your dad's mom - on her top floor porch leaning over and waving and smiling...blessings,
Gerald F. Plante (Stockade) Schenectady NY

Gerald F. Plante - July 19, 2019 at 07:09 AM

BB

“ My condolences to the Cardillo family. I am so sorry Donna. I pray for you and your family during this difficult time. Stay strong. God will be by your side.

Brenda Pendrak Barrett - July 19, 2019 at 06:01 AM

LW

“ So very sorry to learn of this..prayers to all. Lucy Wheeler

lucy wheeler - July 18, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo.



July 18, 2019 at 06:49 PM

TF

“ *The DeVinney-Boymel family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo.*



The DeVinney-Boymel family - July 18, 2019 at 05:15 PM

FF

“ *From, The Parzych Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mr. Victor F. Cardillo.*



From, The Parzych Family - July 18, 2019 at 10:40 AM

GP

“ *Growing up in the Old Neighborhood (a block from Proctor High School) was a special place with many wonderful people. Victor Cardillo and his family are some of those individuals. We younger kids always saw Victor with a smile. My big bro Bernie (four years older than Victor) always had him laughing. Those are some of my fondest childhood memories. As he grew older and moved out of the Old Neighborhood, Victor returned to visit his parents and aunt, and still remained pleasant with a smiling 'hello' to my parents and siblings. The world has lost a kind, gentle, decent man too soon. My genuine sympathy to the Family Cardillo as you move along without Joe's daily presence. Blessings.*

*Girard A. Plante
Newton, Massachusetts*

Girard A. Plante - July 18, 2019 at 09:36 AM

BB

“BRADLEY!” - As he would say nearly everytime I seen him as a kid running around the park for as long as I can remember. Boating trips up the Rideau on "great deal" and one hell of a guy as I got to know him through the years. Thoughts and prayers are with you all through this unimaginable time. He will be forever missed and never forgotten.

Brad Bouthillier - July 17, 2019 at 08:21 PM

TB

“ We are so saddened by the news of Victor's passing. He will be missed and never forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. With Love, The Bauer Family

Tanya Bauer - July 17, 2019 at 04:47 PM

MM

“ so very for your loss, what a all around great guy. caren and i will sure miss him. love and prayers to the family. michael & caren mazzullo

michael mazzullo - July 17, 2019 at 04:22 PM

BB

“ So sad for the family and friends, way too young. Sincere condolences to the family !
Great guy, I will never forget when we saw each other it was “Bruce is on the loose”
RIP BUDDY

Bruce Bouthillier - July 17, 2019 at 03:35 PM

TS

Donna, Patrick and Victoria, Diane and I are so sorry for your loss. Vic and I went way back to the corner lounge days. He will truly be missed. May God be with you all.

Tony and Diane Scalise

Tony & Diane Scalise - July 17, 2019 at 04:33 PM

JC

Victor and I were the best of friends at Proctor High School. We had great times skiing, hunting, fishing and driving our cars, especially Victor's Corvette 454. He loved cars and working with his family at the Body Shop. I have wonderful memories of the Cardillo family and Victor's friendship over the past 50 years. Donna, Victoria & Patrick, we are so sorry for your loss and will miss Victor but always keep him in our prayers. Joe & Pam Carzo

Joe & Pam Carzo - July 18, 2019 at 08:43 AM

AF

Dearest Donna, Patrick and Victoria...Al and I are at a loss for words. our hearts are filled with sadness for your family and your dreadful loss. We love you all and our sympathy and warmest thoughts are with you now. Al and Zoe Fowler

al & zoe fowler - July 20, 2019 at 03:50 PM