



Carmen P. DeFranco

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Carmen P. DeFranco, age 69; beloved husband of Linda (nee Kanor); loving father of Cheryl Duman (Ron), Carmen J. DeFranco, Anastasia DeFranco (Mike Milliman), and Christina DeFranco; cherished grandfather of Scott, Julie, Kayla, Hevin, Mason, Spencer, Carmen D. and Bethany; dearest brother of Anthony DeFranco (Kim), Cheryl Clegg (Paul) Denise O'Reilly (Dave, deceased) and Debra Leahy (Mike); uncle, great uncle, cousin and friend of many.

Friends may call at GOLUBSKI DELIBERATO FUNERAL HOME (AT VODRAZKA FUNERAL HOME) 6505 BRECKSVILLE RD., INDEPENDENCE, FOR A MEMORIAL GATHERING ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 FROM 10:00AM - 2:00PM. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to the American Cancer Society at donate.cancer.org



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MM

Mason Milliman posted:

He was the best grandpa I could ever have and losing him was the hardest part, I couldn't believe it when my mom came home and told me that he was gone. So Carmen (grandpa) I will never forget you and you'll always be the best grandpa, Rest In Peace.

December 21 at 8:00 PM

TC

Tina Cianci posted:

Oh Carmen! You were one of the best, made out reunions so fun!! You are so missed already! Xoxo

December 1 at 8:00 PM

TR

Tom Rudar posted:

RIP Carmen. A great cousin and family man, you were so much fun to watch as a little guy and a blast at all of our family get-togethers ever since. I know you're now celebrating your life up in Heaven with all of our fantastic family who passed before you. We will see you again. But not yet.

November 30 at 8:00 PM

PC

Pete Cianci posted:

I will never forget the great times we shared and all the laughs. Also your yea, yea, yea saying while we laughed. One of a kind cousin. Pete and Patty Cianci

November 27 at 8:00 PM

RR

Rick Rudar posted:

Rick Rudar Fort Myers RIP in Carmen, Love ya Cuz.

November 22 at 8:00 PM

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DH

Darlene And Bob Houry posted:

Bob and I both offer our most sincere condolences. I always considered myself the youngest of the 5 oldest cousins. On Christmas Eve, as our parents continued to celebrate at Grandma and Grandpa's on East 118th Street, the 5 of us would share a bed Anthony, Gail, Cheryl, Carmen and me. I would hear about the horrible crimes in the city from my boy cousins. I don't know if Gail and Cheryl blocked their ears. If I were older and knew better, I would have. Those frightening stories turned into happy memories of spending time with my cousins. I still remember their excitement as our car drove down the street when we went to visit. Uncle Vic's here! Uncle Vic's here! When I was around 10, my mom and Aunt Dolly decided Carmen and the twins should swim at Stafford Park. I think I was their escort, since I was the one who lived in Maple Heights. I remember standing in 4 feet of water and watched as Carmen jumped off the diving board. (No one jumped from that diving board until you swam the length of the pool, which Carmen didn't.) But he jumped off and I remember a lifeguard fishing him out with a long pole. Then, when they blew the whistle for a safety check, I watched as Carmen jumped back in. Once again, they blew the whistle at him. My 10 year old self was amused. More recently, Bob and I had sent a get well card to Carmen, and he called to thank us for it. I remember the kindness and sincerity in his voice as we all discussed our aches and pains. I told him I loved him and I would pray for him. He thanked me. I tried to call once more, but I'm sure he would rather spend his remaining time with his immediate family. I left a voicemail, put him on our prayer list at church, and waited for the news. Carmen has come face to face with our Savior! I think heaven will be just like going home, because our loved ones who have passed on are there. They're waiting to welcome us. I look forward to that day when I can see them all again. I've missed them since they left. Carmen, I will pray for the comfort and peace of your wife, children and siblings. They hurt and miss you. I pray that the emptiness in them will be filled with happy memories, and their tears will turn to laughter once again. Rest in heaven, dear cousin. Thanks for the memories.

November 19 at 8:00 PM

ML

Michael S Leahy posted:

I will always remember the story of him hunting and he stopped to lean on a tree and looked over and shot a BIG deer. Everyone helped him drag and gut the deer and he didn't have to do anything!

November 19 at 8:00 PM

PC

Peter Cianci posted:

Carmen was a great man and great cousin, I can remember all the fun times when we would get together, the family reunions will not be the same without him, my heart is broken you will be missed.

November 19 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carmen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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