



Gary Cartolano

October 17, 1949 - June 5, 2020

Gary Cartolano passed away suddenly on June 5, 2020 at the age of 70 Gary was born on October 17, 1949 in Detroit. He is the beloved husband of Donna. Loving father of Natalie Cartolano, Anthony Cartolano, Joseph Cartolano. Proud grandfather of Jacob and Anthony "AJ" Cartolano. Funeral services are private and have been entrusted to the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - Shelby Township.

Tribute Wall

AC

“ Me and Papa did a lot together he was like a second father to be and my best friend. Despite being the oldest in the family he would play basketball with me during the summer and we would play horse and around the world. I would usually win most of the time but Papa would have those surprise moments where he would beat me. We would play Marco pollo in the pool and throw that pool torpedo around and have a fun time.

Papa would be one of the only people besides my dad to show up to my baseball games. It was always nice to see him there or at school events.

Papa, my dad, and I went to baseball games and other events like that. We went to Mexico twice with Me, Nani, Joey, my dad, and Papa

Papa was always the one to answer the phone first and would drive me to work and we would talk about his cop stories. Papa taught me a lot of things he was usually very responsible with money so I became like that to.

Papa may have been grouchy at points but he had a heart of gold and did his best. But he was the best and really only grandfather I ever knew and I will miss the times we've had but all I gotta say is I love you Papa



Aj Cartolano - June 22, 2020 at 09:58 PM

TM

I'm so sorry for you AJ. I'm glad you have such great memories of your papa. That's a very special relationship the two of you had.

Tony Mikoy - June 22, 2020 at 10:26 PM

BP

“ *Our condolences and prayers go out to Donna and family on the loss of a great guy. He and his fun personality will certainly be missed by all who knew him.*

Bob and Ann Pawloski

Bob Pawloski - June 22, 2020 at 07:52 PM

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“ *I met Gary when he was just 14, my Dad Joe Montibello and Gary's mom Clara Cartolano were dating at that time and shortly thereafter married. Gary was a great person, with a big heart. He will be missed by all of us who were fortunate to know and love him. Benny, Vincent, Lynn Marie and I want to send our love and prayers to you Donna, Natalie, Anthony and Joseph.*

Elizabeth (Betty) Cicillini - June 22, 2020 at 03:39 PM

DM

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David W May - June 22, 2020 at 10:39 AM

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“ Mary and I have many fond memories of our friend and cousin Gary including dozens of Tiger, Lion and Red Wing games in which Gary would inevitably turn into an adventure of doing things we probably shouldn't do but did anyway and that is what made them even more special and memorable. Then there were the Concerts and Boxing at the Palace and misc. other things we did together with he and Donna, Gary had a way of being both aggravating and entertaining at the same time which endeared him to us and made us love him even more. Never a dull moment with Gary around.

Gary being a Detroit Police Officer had a lot of stories and for years and years he never told the same one twice, funny stories that would make you laugh until you cry... we are really going to miss those stories.

Friday June 5th is one of the worst days of our lives and we will never forget the empty feeling that that day brought, however we will always have the happy, funny memories to help offset the sadness of losing our good friend Gary Cartolano.

One day we will see you in Heaven buddy, but until then, try not to get under the skin of the relatives... too much.

Dave and Mary May

David W May - June 22, 2020 at 09:40 AM