

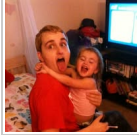


Daniel G. "Donato" Matrese

March 29, 1958 - December 23, 2021

Dan Matrese, 63, of Cleona, passed away on December 23, 2021, after being struck with the Covid virus. Born in Albany, NY on March 29, 1958, he was the son of the late Neil and Louise (Fleig) Matrese. He graduated from Bishop McDevitt in 1976 and had recently retired. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Stephen Matrese. He is survived by his siblings Neil Jr. (Diane), Adeline Hankins (Ronald), many nieces and nephews, and his companion Arlene Nelson. Dan loved tinkering with cars and was a kind, thoughtful, and warm person who loved his family and friends. Due to the Covid virus surging at this time, services will be private. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont, NY. Dan's family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the doctors, nurses, and aides at Good Samaritan Hospital for their dedication, compassion, and kindness.

Tribute Wall



“ No one reached out to tell me that Uncle Danny was sick, I wish he had been vaccinated (my Dad may had been younger, but he always looked out for him and he was telling him that he shouldn't wait, if you want your doctor to say it's ok, call him now), the world needs more people like him. Sometimes he could be a little daft, but he had such a wonderful heart and nothing really prepared me for losing him, especially after losing my Dad not that long before.

He took my to mass with him as a child and even though I didn't believe in some of the this Catholicism teaches, he made me feel open to debate and question, we had honest discussions, like GASP!!!!🤔 ADULTS/EQUALS.

Once we stopped at a hospital to visit someone (I later realized that it was a memory care facility and this was most likely someone he knew from working meal on wheels, when they fell off hid roster, he was never done. I truly believe after seeing my grandfather in hospice and him interacting with the patients, his calling was to be a CNA or RN, possibly even for hospice. His heart was unmatched.

When we made that stop, he told me I could stay in the car, but I refused. Then he explained that he was visiting people with memory problems. I went. It was my first exposure to dementia (I don't even think I started school yet). I realized it was best to play along with their delusions and told my uncle to go ahead. Several people tried to give me birthday money, so I made excuses (I think that got the nurse's attention- I'm not sure why memory care patients had cash) and one wanted to buy us sodas (I accepted that offer after checking that he wasn't diabetic (I knew some diabetics) or anything- I got grape soda, grape & orange are good bets with off brand soda)-- I felt a little like a celebrity, but I let them talk as we move to the day room. I think it had been a while since anyone listen to them. We were there a while (longer than planned), I remember Uncle Danny checking on me a few times [okay quite a few] before we left. I think we went to McDonalds or somewhere like that because we missed lunch and dinner.

I had so many questions for him. The most important of which was how people could neglect family like that.

My biggest question he couldn't answer... how could God allow this? How many way? could people suffer? (The breadth of my knowledge on human illness was just starting)

I learned SO much on that day! Some overprotective people many think that I was too young, but that experience helped form the empathy that makes me who I am. I would not trade it.

Stephen Matrese - May 21, 2023 at 01:52 PM

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“ *Neil, Addie, Arlene and family,*

We were saddened and so very sorry to hear about Danny's passing. He was truly a special person and a dear friend to my brother, Nicky. We all have so many happy and funny memories of them together.

Quiet, caring and kind, Danny always had a smile and a nice word for everyone he met.

His presence will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Sending our thoughts, love and prayers to all of you.

*Pat, Rita, Brian and Kevin Taylor
Carmie Scamardella and family
Yolanda and Vinny Pazzano*

Rita - January 06, 2022 at 10:22 AM