



Joseph R. Cautela Jr.

June 19, 1952 - December 16, 2020

NORTH GRAFTON: Joseph R. Cautela, Jr., 68, of North Grafton, died Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

Joseph was born on June 19, 1952 in Dorchester, Massachusetts to Joseph and Claire (Walsh) Cautela. He grew up in Natick, Massachusetts. He graduated from Natick High School in 1970 and went on to work as a copier salesman for over thirty years. He was also a part-time DJ.

Joseph had a passion for sports, movies, TV, music, and history. He was an avid Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan, known for watching every game that was broadcasted. One of his favorite places was the movie theater, he looked forward to taking his children to see all the new Star Wars and Marvel movies on opening night. He loved watching television and one of his favorite memories was binge-watching Game of Thrones with his late partner Maryann. He was a music enthusiast and loved blasting rock music at the highest volume that his speakers could go. Also, he was known for his avid interest in studying controversial historical events. Everyone knew not to bring up the JFK assassination around him unless you had three hours to spare for a history lesson. He was known for his intelligence, big heart, and loving attitude.

He is survived by his two children: Elizabeth Cautela and Joseph Cautela III of Hudson, his brothers: Robert Cautela of Merrimack NH, Christopher Cautela of Waterford NY, Salvatore Cautela of Saratoga Springs NY, Mark Cautela of Lexington, his sister Carol (Cautela) Landers of Shirley, his best friend William Lane and his wife Victoria Lane of Oxford, several cousins, and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by two brothers: Richard Cautela and John Cautela, his parents: Joseph R. Cautela Senior and Claire Cautela, his step-mother Joan (Julie) Cautela (Gleason), and his dear friend and companion Maryann Orrico.

A private burial will be held at a later date and a celebration of life party will occur in the

summer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to the March of Dimes nonprofit organization, as he often volunteered to DJ the Worcester March of Dimes road race.

Comments



“ I am so so very saddened to find this news out. I had the honor of caring for joes mom Claire before she passed as well as helping joe for a few years with some tasks around the house that were getting to be to much for him. I was also very sick at the time joe fell ill an we slowly separated i got a new phone and lost contact with him. I went to go visit him yesterday only to find out on google that he had passed and my heart is absolutely broken. I want to send my deepest condolences to buffy and Joe as you guys were all he loved to talk about. He loved you both so very much! He was so proud of all you two have accomplished!! Also your grandma claire adored the two of you and always talked and talked about all the great things you guys were doing and how much she loved your visits but hated when you guys came in bad weather or when it was dark out. Also i still eat egos french toaster sticks to this day because she reminded me how good they were :) She was the sweetest. I will miss them both so very much. I hold them both dear to my heart. Sending all my love and condolences to the family

Brenna - February 01 at 07:42 AM



“ I vividly recall our trip to the west coast and California as we went to Disneyland for a couple of days' SeaWorld, Universe studios and even a private tour of Warner Brothers studio. The Mecca of tv and Iconic movies. Oh yes and a casino playing cards which Joe tripled \$50 I gave him. We even recorded a music video together at universal studios " Old time rock 'N roll c" Cover of Bob seger's song. Joe You are always in my heart and look forward to rocking with you again in heaven someday.

Christopher Cautela - January 11 at 04:47 PM



“ Christopher Cautela lit a candle in memory of Joseph R. Cautela Jr.



Christopher Cautela - January 11 at 04:39 PM



“ Peace and Love, Sincerely, Xavier, Rob & Suzanne purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Joseph R. Cautela Jr..



Peace and Love, Sincerely, Xavier, Rob & Suzanne - December 29, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ Joe was part of the special team they kept sacrifice on the move playing from the Weighstation down the Cape too Smith College to Holy Cross to the Kenmore Club ,Yesterdays the Paradise in Boston back too the Cricket Lounge He was a great guy I'm saying prayers for him right now God bless Joe

T J Kelly - December 28, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ I worked with Joe as a DJ and we always had so much fun. We danced. We sang. He will be missed. My heart goes out to Little Joe and Buffy.

sarah jordan - December 23, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ Where does one start when talking about a local legend? Memories are too numerous, but do include walking to and from school, hanging out at his house with the Woodland Street (and beyond) gang, driving around in one of his classic cars (polite term for junkers), trips to Honey Farms for Mountain Dew (post Coke Cola days), Oblate's Annex and radio room, riding our bikes to South Natick for drinks at the drug store, the trip with his parents to North Conway, NH, talking about the soon to be released Beatles albums. Joe was best man at my wedding, going as far as his T-shirt having my wife's name and mine on it. Joe was always there when you needed him, and although we parted ways when I left Mass. for a new job, we did occasionally touch base. We reconnected again a few years ago on Facebook (I once made the grave error of mentioning I thought L.H. Oswald had some role in the assassination of JFK). Local legends are not supposed to die at a young age, and we are now left with only memories. Rest in peace my good friend.



Stephen Clark - December 22, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ My favorite memory of Joe was when he worked at snap on tools and he and his friend would come to my apartment every Thursday night to watch Soap during their dinner break. Loved Joes smirk and his infectious laugh. I will miss him dearly as many other will as well.

mickie giannetti Tirrell - December 22, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ Joe was one in a million. Very sorry to your family and especially Buffy and Joseph as I am sure they will miss their father very much. To all the good times spent with you, Joe - rock on and I will see you

Carol Giannetti Ward - December 22, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ I have so many memories of Joseph, I've known him my whole life. From DJ'ing together for years to family events (my uncle thought he was another Williams) to Savin and beyond, but, the one i will share was when he flew down to Florida to drive me back to Mass as I was pregnant and he didn't want me to drive alone. (Mind you, he got off the plane and into a car, he didn't want to have one for in Florida) and realizing that he had a captive audience for 28 hours. For 28 hours I listened about the Kennedy assassination.... He was my brother and my friend and my heart is heavy. I love you Jospheh, thank you for all you were to me. Until we meet again my friend.

Judi Williams Baldini - December 22, 2020 at 07:38 AM



“ I wanted to let all of you know how sorry my wife, Cathy, and I are to hear about Joe's passing. I worked with Joe for a number of years and what I will remember most is his deep throated chuckle when he laughed. It simply was an infectious belly laugh that spoke to the kind and loving guy Joe was each day of his life. Thankfully, I never asked Joe about JFK, but I was on the receiving end of several spirited conversations with Joe. The world has simply lost to many wonderful people this year and Joe is another one taken too early. Our deepest sympathies to all who loved Joe. Gerry and Cathy Crean

Gerry Crean - December 22, 2020 at 07:38 AM