



Michael Villanova

May 27, 1962 - November 14, 2023

Michael Villanova, age 61, passed away in Fort Lauderdale Florida on Tuesday November 14, 2023 soon after a beautiful celebration of his daughter's marriage. Michael was born to John T. Villanova Sr. and Rose Marie Villanova (DeStefano) on May 27, 1962 in the Bronx, NY.

Michael had a commanding presence and a wonderful charisma. His quick wit and originality offered decades worth of laughter and love with his family and friends. You could say that there was never a dull moment with Michael. While intimidating to some, Michael had a kind heart and a sensitive soul. Michael was a protector- he always made his family and friends feel safe when he was by their side.

Michael was in the transportation business for most of his life- a legacy passed down from his father. Michael was an extremely intelligent and savvy businessman. He was able to handle any situation that came his way. Michael successfully operated his numerous companies over three decades. Today, his businesses will be passed down and serve as a testament to his tenacious spirit.

Michael's biggest accomplishment was being a loving and devoted father to his daughter Michele. Michael was always there to take care of his daughter and help in any way necessary. Since Michele was a little girl, Michael would

bring her everywhere- they were always together. Michele always adored her father and stood by him as his biggest supporter. Michael loved Michele unconditionally and spent his entire life working to provide for her and spend time with her. He also hosted many of her childhood friends on vacations over the years further exemplifying the generosity and love that he shared with Michele. Michael and Michele celebrated with each other in good times and leaned on each other in tough times. They will always remain best friends.

Michael took pride in having nice things. He always had a love for speed- especially when it came to his cars. His most recent cars were a 2020 BMW M8 and a 2018 Jeep Trackhawk. Michael shared his love of cars with his daughter and bonded over that. Michael also owned jet skis, a speed boat, and motorcycles throughout his lifetime. These vehicles personified Mike V's bold personality.

Michael's other greatest love was his sport fishing boat. Every summer Michael made sure to get the family together to take vacations on the boat. He took the family places such as Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Montauk, Block Island, Newport, and many more. Some of Michael and his family's greatest memories were on those boat trips. Over the years, he hosted dozens of close friends as well who to this day still treasure those moments as some of the highlights of their lives. Michael was also an avid fisherman competing in several tournaments with some of his closest friends. Michael was the proud captain of the Meditation I and Meditation II- his passion for boating and immense knowledge of mechanics and navigation further exemplify Michael's genius and uniqueness.

Michael left a long-lasting legacy of amazing memories and will be forever missed. His powerful spirit will live on in the hearts and minds of those closest to him.

Michael is predeceased by his father John T. Villanova Sr. He is survived by his daughter Michele Villanova and husband Kerie Blades, his mother Rose Marie Villanova (DeStefano), his estranged wife Renee Morella-Villanova, his brother John Villanova, his sister Mary Rose Villanova, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

If you would like to send flowers, a recommended local florist in the area is Anna's Flowers in Jupiter, FL (561) 746-1288.

Previous Events

Livestream

NOV **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTcwMDUzNDYyMTI4MjA0MSZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Visitation

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Funeral Mass

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church
204 N U.S. 1
Tequesta, FL

Livestream of Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Michael, may you have a swift and peaceful passing to the other side. I'm sure everyone there, your dad, Nanny and Frank George and many more are all waiting for you! I know you'll be watching over your beautiful family, especially your loving daughter and mother. You will be missed here by many❤️

JoEllen and Alfred Conti - November 22, 2023 at 08:53 AM

JG

“ The Michael I knew had the wings of an angel to carry him throughout his life. A shield of courageousness to protect his always loving, tender heart. I'll always remember the joy on your face celebrating the marriage of your beautiful daughter Michelle. And the tremendous love you had for her and your family. You wore love like the gleam in your eyes and the beam on your face. Rest peacefully Michael in Your new home with God and loved ones gone before you in heaven. Love Forever JoAnn and Tony.

JoAnn Greco - November 19, 2023 at 12:13 PM

MV



michael villanova - November 20, 2023 at 04:35 PM

JM

“ Meeting you and your Family in Pt. Pleasant and never leaving! We stayed on your Beautiful boat and had AMAZING times, and sooooo many laughs! ❤️ You were so kind to my Travis, give my Son a hug for me💔💔

Jenna Mael - November 19, 2023 at 06:51 AM

JW

*We were Michael's neighbor at the Hutchinson Island Marina for 2 years.
He and I became friends. Everything in his obituary is Michael. You could not have described him more perfectly.
He loved his family and told me how proud he was of his daughter whom he said worked very hard.
He had a great heart.
A lovely man.
Bob & JJ Wilson
The Kelly Rose*

Judy Wilson - November 24, 2023 at 09:48 PM

CL

“ *Too many to share !! And too many missed !!*

Charles LoCascio - November 18, 2023 at 05:11 PM

SP

“ *My heart goes out to the entire Villanova family. I was Michael's accountant for over twenty years. I will miss him. During that time I have many fond memories of him. I always respected his intellect (street smart like nobody I have ever met)and his toughness. He also had a great sense of humor and nice personality. Rest in Peace*

STEVEN PORDY - November 18, 2023 at 10:46 AM

FP

Angel that was and gonna be your nickname I can't believe you sent me your pic was letting me know you gonna be gone the next day I can't believe when your little Michele call me I think was a jock still on my heart can't give you last hug to many memories you gonna be the angel to to many people's love you forever 📍📍📍🙏🙏🙏🥂☕

fatima penna - November 18, 2023 at 02:35 PM

TP

Dearest Michelle, my deepest condolences to you and your family and friends that loved your Dad. My son Kevin admired and was grateful for the friendship they shared. I'm forever grateful for his kindness and compassion he showed to Kevin. Your Dad is a beautiful angel watching over you 🙏❤️🙏😊

Tracey Powell - November 19, 2023 at 04:02 AM

FP

“*Fatima Penna sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Villanova*



fatima penna - November 18, 2023 at 12:41 AM

KM

“*“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.” - Unknown*
Accordingly...Michele, Kerie, Rose, Johnny, Renee and all of the Villanova family and 'family adjacent' will have LOADS of memories that they will have forever, because the love we all had for Michael will remain in one way or another until we all meet again. God granted the gift of family and joy for Michael in his last hours and I am grateful for that Blessing in all of this.
God bless your soul Mike, keep watch over us all - we need it as much now as when you were here among us sharing laughs and experiences that won't soon be forgotten or lost. Rest in Peace.

Kimberly Morella - November 17, 2023 at 02:00 PM

MB

“ *My deepest condolences for Michele and her entire family.* ”



Mike Balles - November 17, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Michael Villanova.* ”



November 17, 2023 at 01:19 PM