



## Vito Leonardo Di Maria

July 17, 1972 - August 8, 2022

Vito Leonardo DiMaria, peacefully, passed away at age 50, on August 8th, 2022. At the time of his death, Mr. Di Maria was in Transylvania, North Carolina where he was working the summer season in Lake Toxaway as a waiter for Osteria del Monte.

Vito was born on July 17, 1972 in Gerritsen Beach Brooklyn, NY, the youngest son of Sicilian immigrants. As a child Vito developed a life-long love of sports when he played baseball for Gerritsen Beach Little League and football team, the 'Hurricanes'. He graduated grammar school from Resurrection Catholic School and started building culinary arts skills working in the family's Italian delicatessen, 'Leo's', by age 13. The DiMaria's loved and were respected in the Gerritsen Beach community and lived in an apartment above the deli. By the age of 13, Vito was running the deli, from dealing with the vendors, to do ordering, to working the counter and sweeping the floor! Vito finished his formal education, earning his New York State High School diploma.

Vito loved New York, but loved to explore. He, at various times, lived in Pennsylvania- working at his relatives' pizzeria or Italian Ice company. He, also, lived and worked at fine dining restaurants on Long Island's Gold Coast, as well as, in the Palm Beach area in Florida. All of these various adventures, being able to speak English, Italian and Spanish, along with Vito's natural charm gave him the expertise to become a successful and much sought after

waiter.

For the last two decades, Vito worked as a waiter in the some of nations' finest restaurants. He waited on celebrities, always handled with finesse (even with the occasional difficult customer), and made many long-term, warm relationships with his beloved regulars. For the past few years, Vito spirited between North Carolina and Florida, when the Summer season ended, to work the Winter season, where he lived with his dear Mom.

Vito was extremely proud of his Sicilian heritage and was an expert on the movie 'The Godfather'. Upon the birth of his great- niece, Althea Pastina DiMaria, Vito was determined to make matching Godfather shirts for the two of them, with the infamous saying "Leave the gun, take the cannoli!"

While Vito's greatest passion was his family and friends, he also had a passion for FOOD... United States of America...The New York Yankees....dogs...motorcycles and, of course, he loved a good long nap! Vito was a 'once in a lifetime' person. While many have wept over his passing, there has been much laughter that turns into tears from a "Vito story".

Vito was predeceased by his father Leonardo DiMaria and his brother-in-law, Jay Cohen. He is survived by his beloved mother, Marianna DiMaria; his loving brother and sister-in-law, Nick and Jeannie DiMaria; his loving sister, Maria Cohen; and his loving sister and brother-in-law, Sara and Paul Mitrovich. Vito, also, left behind his adored nephew and his wife and their daughter, Nicolo and Liz DiMaria and (great niece) Althea; adored nephews, Vincent and Joseph DiMaria; and, adored niece, Annamarie Mitrovich. Vito, also, leaves behind many aunts, uncles and cousins in the United States, Sicily and Italy.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers a donation be made in Vito's name to

<https://www.heart.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give>

Ciao Bella.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Memorial Park

19351 SE County Line Road  
Jupiter, FL 33469

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Prayer Service

AUG 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

AUG 18. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

AUG 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

## Entombment

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Riverside Memorial Park  
19351 SE County Line Road  
Jupiter, FL 33469

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sorry to hear of Vito’s passing. May god bless his soul. I wish I could have tracked him down to reminisce memories of childhood. Rest easy friend*

Sean Greenwiod - November 08, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Vito Leonardo Di Maria*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *We asked for Vitto every time we came to Osteria de monte in Sapphire NC. What a joy and pleasure to have him every time. We will miss his sense of humor and amazing joyful nature. May he rest in peace. Missed by so many.*

Carol and Dave Fevola - June 17, 2023 at 08:39 PM



“ *Joe Lombardo lit a candle in memory of Vito Leonardo Di Maria*



Joe Lombardo - June 03, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ *Vito may u rest with jesus n allll the angels. See u soon. Gerard tate n family*

gerard - August 22, 2022 at 05:40 PM

RW

“ My dearest Vito, I can't believe that you're gone. My heart goes out to your mom, brother & sisters. I remember how you always made me laugh when I would come & visit you & your family. You always made us feel like family. Fly with the angels.

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**RoseAnn Lentini Willis** - August 19, 2022 at 11:58 PM


LD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Leonardo DiMaria** - August 19, 2022 at 04:13 PM

 Paul Mitrovich

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**Paul Mitrovich** - August 18, 2022 at 02:27 PM

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Paul Mitrovich - August 18, 2022 at 02:19 PM

NS

“ Vito really was one of a kind and will be missed by so many! Every memory I have with him makes me smile and laugh! It was truly a blessing getting to know and spend time with him! I am so sorry to the whole family for this incredible loss!



Nicole Stabile - August 18, 2022 at 12:14 PM

Paul  
Mitrovich

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Paul Mitrovich - August 17, 2022 at 11:53 PM

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Mitrovich

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Paul Mitrovich - August 17, 2022 at 11:50 PM

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Mitrovich

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Paul Mitrovich - August 17, 2022 at 11:47 PM

Paul  
Mitrovich

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Paul Mitrovich - August 17, 2022 at 11:45 PM

LN

“ We were so sorry to hear about Vito.  
He would sit down at our table and had so many hilarious stories to  
tell. We laughed together so many nights. The world will never be  
the same without Vito. RIP my friend.  
Colleen & Larry Nyman

L. Nyman - August 17, 2022 at 08:17 PM

FD

“ So very sorry for your loss.  
RIP Vito 🙏🙏🙏  
Jane and Frank Dileo

F J Dileo - August 17, 2022 at 12:34 PM

AM

“ Angela and family, may your memories of Vito  
be warm and plentiful. Prayers and hugs are  
with all of you. My condolences, Ami



Ami - August 17, 2022 at 11:31 AM

RO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rose - August 17, 2022 at 05:19 AM

JW

“ Vito... I just learned today. Suzanne and I are  
heartbroken. We've only lived in Sapphire for  
less than 3 months... and in that short time  
you quickly became our friend (within  
moments of meeting you) and made such a  
big and positive impact on both of us. We will miss you terribly, Vito.



Jim Wallace - August 16, 2022 at 05:56 PM

BS

“ *Bridget Stabile lit a candle in memory of Vito Leonardo Di Maria*



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**Bridget Stabile** - August 16, 2022 at 05:05 PM

JC

*Sorry for the lost of little Vito*

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**Joseph Colasuonno** - August 17, 2022 at 07:58 AM

LD

“ *Leonardo DiMaria lit a candle in memory of Vito Leonardo Di Maria*



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**Leonardo DiMaria** - August 16, 2022 at 04:46 PM

FF

“ *My deepest condolences to the DiMaria family. Vito left so many memories up until my husband Leo passed away, and I will always remember him when I look at my front door (I'll explain in person). He had the biggest bear hugs and was always respectful. I'm sure Vito and Leo along with Nardo will give each other bear hugs. Rest in eternal peace Vito. Love, Fran Fiordilino*

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**Francesca Fiordilino** - August 16, 2022 at 02:36 PM

MA

*So very sorry to hear of the untimely passing of Vito. My heartfelt condolences to the entire Di Maria family, especially to you, commare Marianna. My heart goes out to you. No parent should have to bear this horrific pain. Vito will be remembered with a smile. May he rest in eternal peace in the arms of the angels. Until we meet again, good by Vituzzu. Marie Alastra and Tommy*

marie alastra - August 17, 2022 at 09:44 PM

RT

“ *Rose Tangredi lit a candle in memory of Vito Leonardo Di Maria*



Rose Tangredi - August 16, 2022 at 02:10 PM

RT

*They broke the mold, then they made you.  
xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxox*

Rose Tangredi - August 16, 2022 at 02:11 PM



*So sorry for your lose,, RIP*

Charles Ogden - August 16, 2022 at 09:01 PM

SO

*I'm so sorry to hear Vito passed away. My prayers go out to the Di Maria Family. I had the Honor to call Vito my close childhood Friend. Until we meet again. Rest In Peace Vito!!*

Sean O'Rourke - August 21, 2022 at 11:12 PM