



August F. Russo, Jr.

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August F. Russo, Jr., 83, of East Syracuse, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. He was born in Syracuse, son of the late August and Mary Russo, and graduated from North High School. Augie had a great devotion to his faith and family. He built a successful business as owner and operator of Russo's Auto Sales for over 40 years with the help of his wife and sons. Augie was a great lover of horse racing and was privileged to have owned several horses, especially a horse named "Scott The Great" who won the Grade I Poker at Belmont. Although the greatest joy of his life was his grandchildren. Augie had a great sense of humor and was the first to laugh at his own jokes. Augie did more than survive a massive stroke, with his wife by his side he conquered and exceeded all doctors' expectations.

He was predeceased by his brother, John Russo, and two sisters, Margie D'Avirro and Shirley Labruzzo.

Augie is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Marie (Desimone) Russo; four sons, Augie (Helen) Russo, Rick Russo, Ronald (Teresa) Russo, and Stephen Russo; his daughter, Lauren Duby, and son-in-law, John Duby who was more like a son to Augie; five grandchildren, Dr. Ronald, John Michael, Charlie, Danielle and Gianelle; one sister, Marion Mirizio; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 9 am on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, followed by a Funeral Mass in celebration of Augie's life at 10 am in St. Daniel's Church. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 4 – 7 pm on Friday, May 4, 2018 at the funeral home, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.



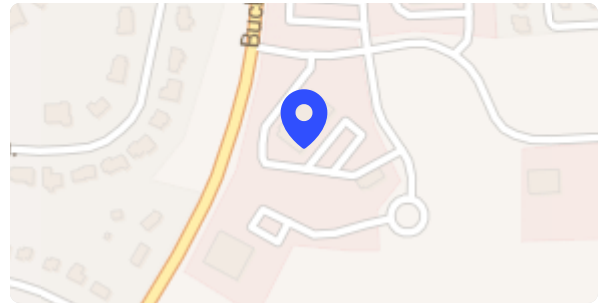
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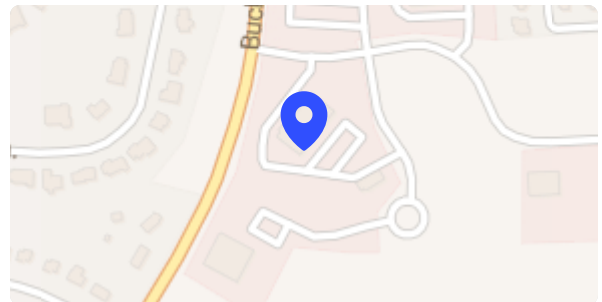
Visitation

- Friday**, May 4, 2018
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



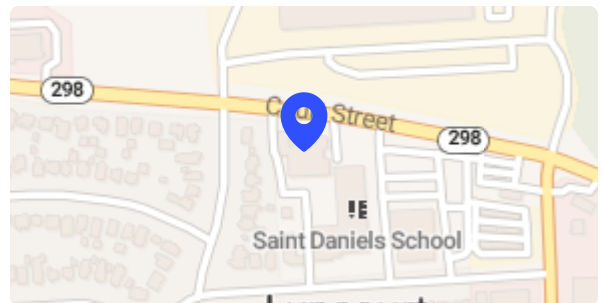
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- 9:00 AM ET
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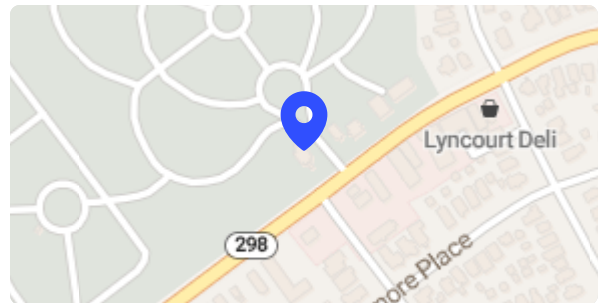
Funeral Mass

- Saturday**, May 5, 2018
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. Daniel's Church**
3004 Court St., Syracuse NY 13208



Cemetery Details

- Assumption Cemetery**
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208
- 454-3841**





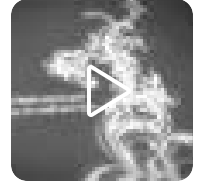
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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 4 at 10:40 AM



Mary Buck posted:

Dear Russo Family, I just wanted to send my sympathy to you all, Auggie was a great person....He helped me with a few cars through the years. He is now in heaven with Tony, having conversations they have missed..it was nice to see Auggie when he would come into the bakery and visit... May he Rest In Peace....and blessings to all of you at this time....Mary Buck

May 9 at 9:35 AM



Amy Vercillo shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We are all so sad to hear of Augie's passing. My father loved him like a brother, and always spoke of the joy of their friendship. People sustain a relationship like this over 70 years because both are willing to love unconditionally and make others a priority and certainly Augie always demonstrated these characteristics. We were all so jealous that he was my brother Vince's godfather because he always went out of his way to remember him and pay special attention to him. He had a busy family and business of his own but always made time for others. All the Vercillo's will miss him.



May 7 at 5:53 AM



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Steve posted:

Yesterday I had just heard of Mr. Russo's passing! My sister Diane received a text from a family friend and then she told me and my family. We were sad to hear that and we are very sorry that we had missed his services! From my personal experiences of knowing Mr. Russo I will always remember him for his good nature and being just a great guy to be around and talk with. I can remember the times that we would talk at length about health and fitness. He was always so interested in his fitness regime like jogging and taking care of himself with good foods, supplements and such. I could understand why people liked him and why he was so successful in business. Mr Russo was always friendly, good natured, intelligent, had a great sense of humor and he always would talk to me as an equal. I will always remember his fantastic personality, his wit and his charisma. When I did have that opportunity to talk with him I always felt better when I left his company. He was a very unique and a very good man. I will always remember him and I will always be glad that I got to know him and share in his good company. My condolences to all of Mr. August Russo's family. I know that he will be sorely missed and pray for your peace and God's comfort in this time of grief. Steve, Tony and Stephanie Rivizzigno

May 6 at 3:02 AM



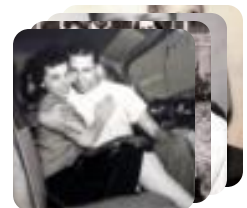
Ron Ziemba posted:

MR RUSSO was like my second father growing up, living across the street he always included me in so many of their family activities i have a million fantastic memories thank you AUGGIE I LOVE YOU SINCERELY RON ZIEMBA

May 4 at 6:50 PM



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared 63 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.



May 2 at 12:45 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Russo, Jr. family.



May 4 at 7:12 AM



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CC

Carolyn Crews posted:

I am 70 now but have fond memories of my boss, Tony Catania, introducing me to Mr. Russo so that I was able to buy my very first New car-1970 Plymouth Duster. I remember how he was very kind and helpful to someone who was on her own. RIP Mr. Russo. Carolyn Crews

May 4 at 4:53 AM

LV

Lou Valerino posted:

Always one to have a laugh and a good person to be around. . Lou valerino

May 4 at 2:00 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Russo, Jr. family.



May 3 at 5:08 PM

LP

Love Joanne And Michael Parent sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Russo, Jr. family.



May 3 at 2:56 PM

MH

Mary Lou Haskins sent a virtual gift in honor of August.



May 3 at 12:48 PM

PA

Pete Asterino posted:

I knew this beautiful person well over 75 yrs, my father knew his father, my grandson went to CBA with his grandson, one of the nicest people I have ever known. We were classmates at North, class of 53. Rest in piece old buddy.

May 3 at 11:56 AM



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PA

Pete Asterino lit a candle in honor of August.

May 3 at 11:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Russo, Jr. family.

May 3 at 10:29 AM



JD

John Dadario posted:

Marie and family, we were so sad to hear about cousin Jr. If anyone is going straight to heaven it will be Jr. At work he always made me laugh, he was loved by everyone there. He always reminded me so much of my Dad. We will truly miss him. God bless you all love cousins, Linda and John Dadario

May 3 at 9:15 AM

BI

Bitt sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Russo, Jr. family.

May 3 at 8:16 AM



KP

Kathleen Poplawski lit a candle in honor of August.

The Russo Family, So very sorry to read of the passing of Auggie ...He was such a nice man... always helped the Fallico kids with cars... Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very very difficult time. John and Kathleen (Fallico) Poplawski

May 3 at 7:42 AM





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CE

Carmen D'eredita posted:

Dear Marie and Russo Family It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that we learned of Augie's passing; and share in your sorrow. We were friends for a very long time, and classmates too. In a somewhat sketchy world of buying and selling cars Augie was a refreshing departure. Honest, fair, reliable and sincere and you had no reservations about sending him referrals. He was the family car dealer for so many of us. Always friendly, affable, and loyal to his old friends. The nondescript sales trailer with a deck and the stodgy office space were reminders of doing business the old fashioned way, the handshake was the guarantee. I would stop by often, chat, go across the street for coffee or such, rekindle old stories and catch up on the news of family, friends and how the horses were treating him. Remember seeing him before his optimistic trip to Boston and lastly in the hospital after his tragic stroke. I will stop by again Augie, to say goodbye and thanks. And after will take a ride down memory lane: the family fruit stand on Salina Street, Big John's Luncheonette on Butternut Street, Cozy Retreat on Park Street, North High School on Pond Street, and lastly, Russo Auto Sales on Erie Blvd.....and we'll wave goodbye for old times sake, mindful that difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations. Rest in peace. Carmen & Connie D'Eredita

May 3 at 7:19 AM

MS

Marie Scicchitano posted:

Augie was one swell guy. He always had a kind word for everyone. The love he had for his family and friends is well known. When you needed a friend, Augie was there for you. Always ready to bring your spirits up. He is leaving us but his good nature will be with us always. Old friends Marie & Frank Scicchitano

May 3 at 6:34 AM

LP

Lynn Pickell posted:

sorry to hear of your loss. He and my dad were friends and I remember going to his business many times as a child and he always had a wonderful smile. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.

May 3 at 6:34 AM



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JB

John Bittner posted:

To my dear friend Steve and his family. My deepest condolences and prayers go out to you and your family. Always had a smile for us when we would come around, and maybe a joke or two. I know he was very proud of you. Rest in peace Mr. Russo.

May 3 at 6:29 AM

LP

Love, Pj sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Russo, Jr. family.



May 3 at 5:53 AM

DC

Dave Cutler posted:

A longtime friend who I lost touch with the last few years. My best memory is when Augie invited my wife and I into the paddock at Saratoga to watch Scott get saddled before a race. He was so proud! Rest in peace Augie! Condolences and best thoughts to Marie and the family. Dave Cutler

May 3 at 5:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Russo, Jr. family.



May 3 at 4:50 AM

RV

Ronald J Vassallo posted:

Russo Family, I just want to send my sincere condolences to your family. Mr Russo was a one of a kind man! Every time I saw him all he did was make you laugh and smile, and he was one of the most genuine men I have ever met! If my dad were here he would be telling old stories of when they were young and making me laugh at just how funny and entertaining he was. They are together now catching up on lost time!! I love you all and I am truly sorry! Ronnie Vassallo

May 3 at 2:59 AM



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Robbiewells/Lasvegas posted:

Russo Famiglia, So sorry to read about my Buddy Augie passing away. I used to stop & see him every week at the car lot just to pass the time the with him. We had a lot of the same friends and talked about everybody and laughed our butts off too. Rest In Peace My Friend as You Have Earned it. May God Bless You Augie & your Family too.

May 2 at 8:01 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Russo, Jr. family.



May 2 at 5:46 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Russo, Jr. family.



May 2 at 1:47 PM



Ronnie, John Michael, Charlie, Danielle & Gianelle sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Russo, Jr. family.



May 2 at 12:45 PM



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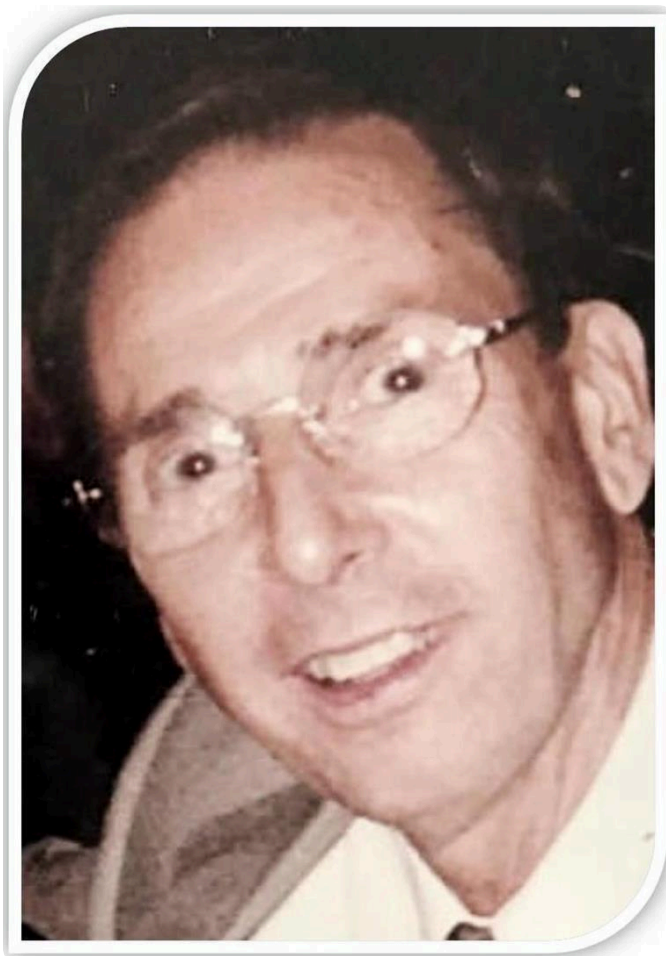
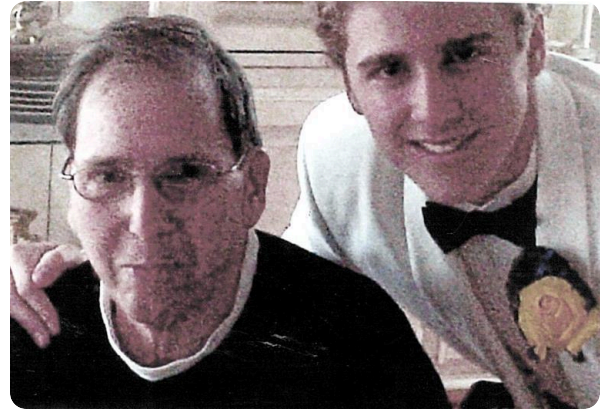
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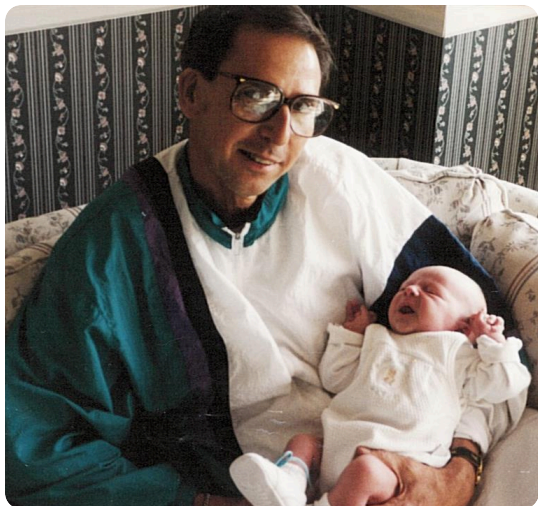




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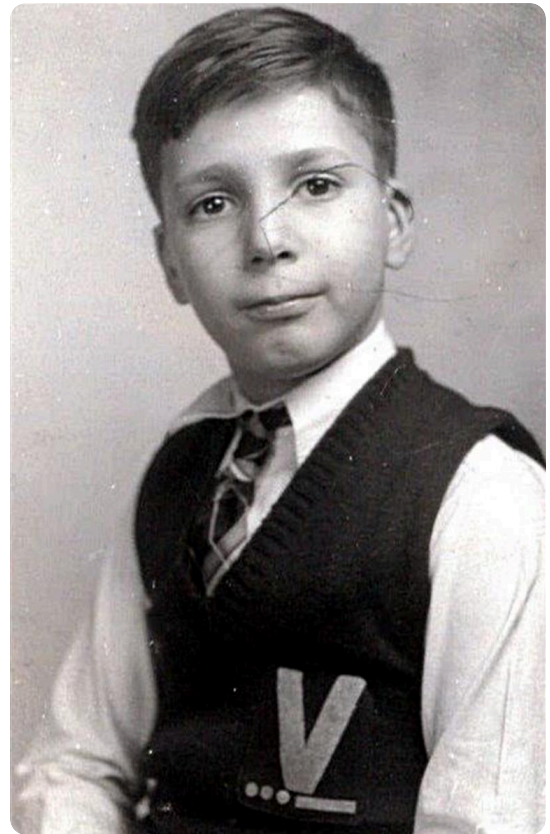




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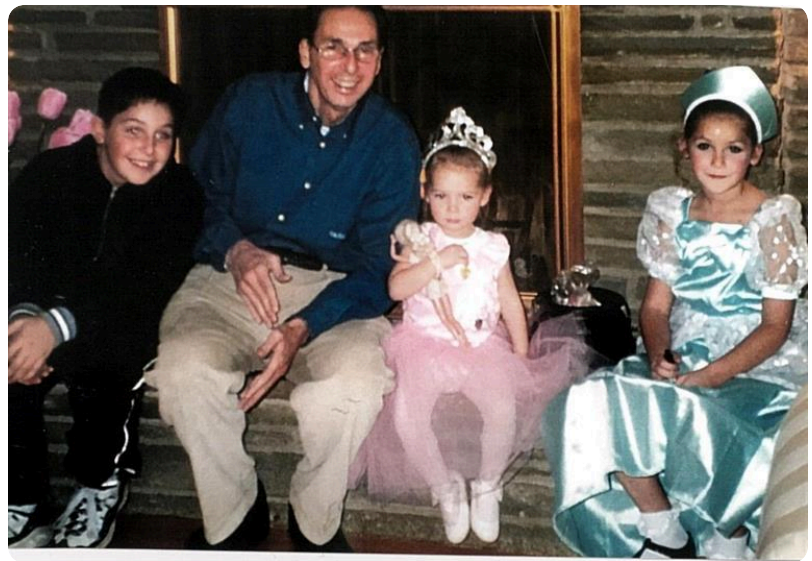
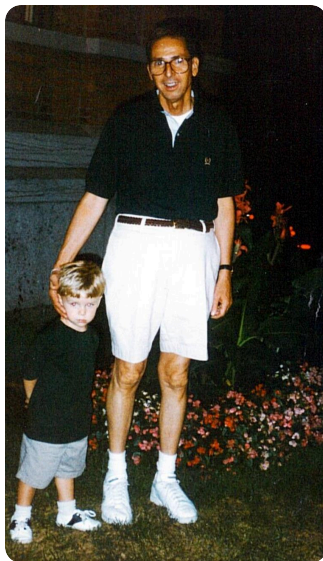
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my papa!!! i die for him 


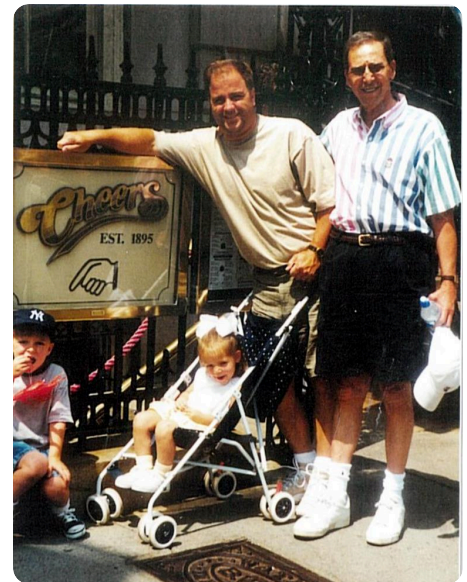
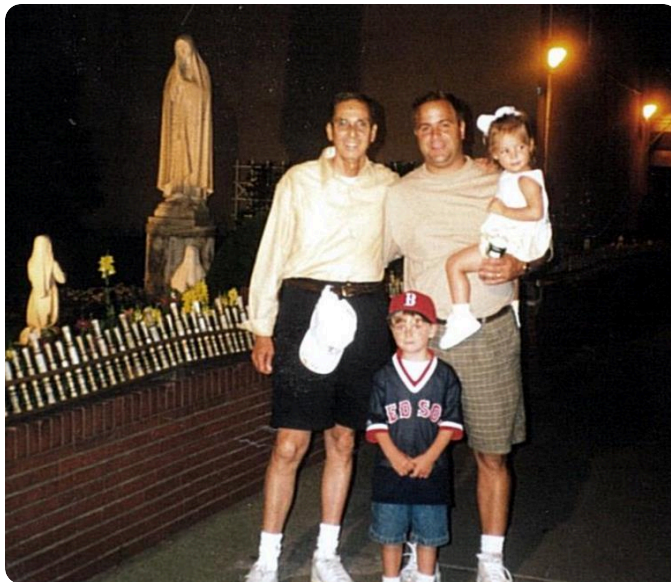
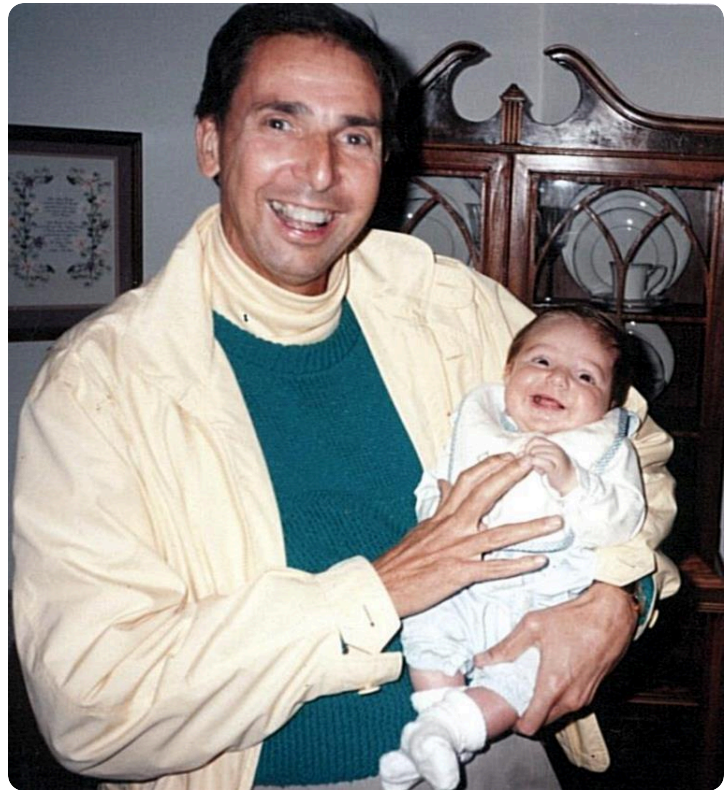
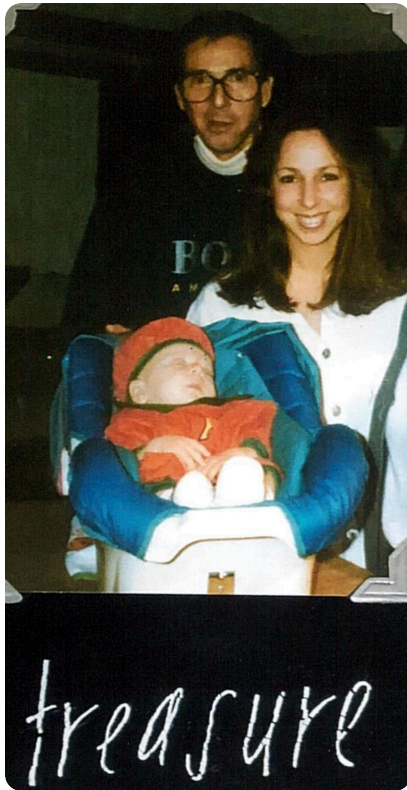




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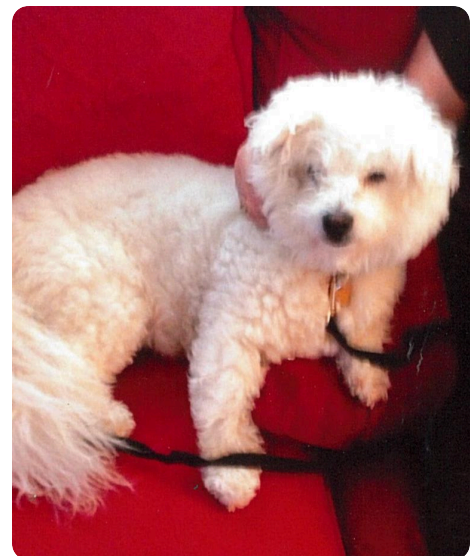
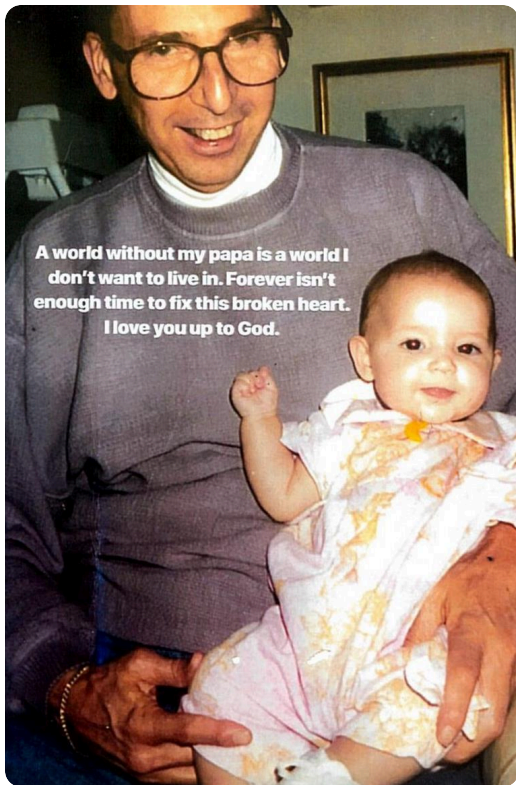




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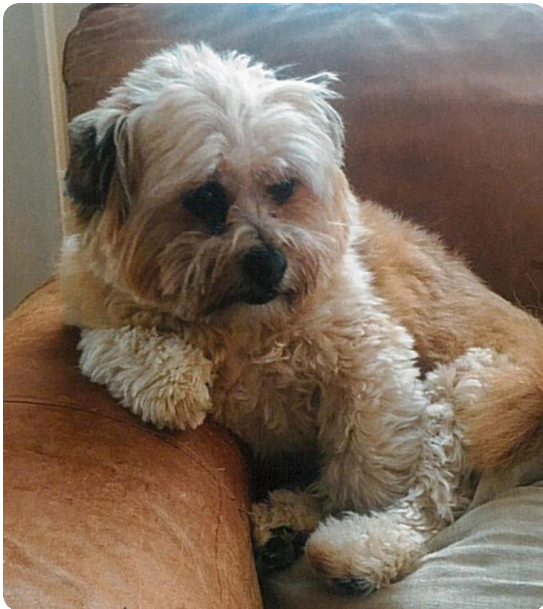
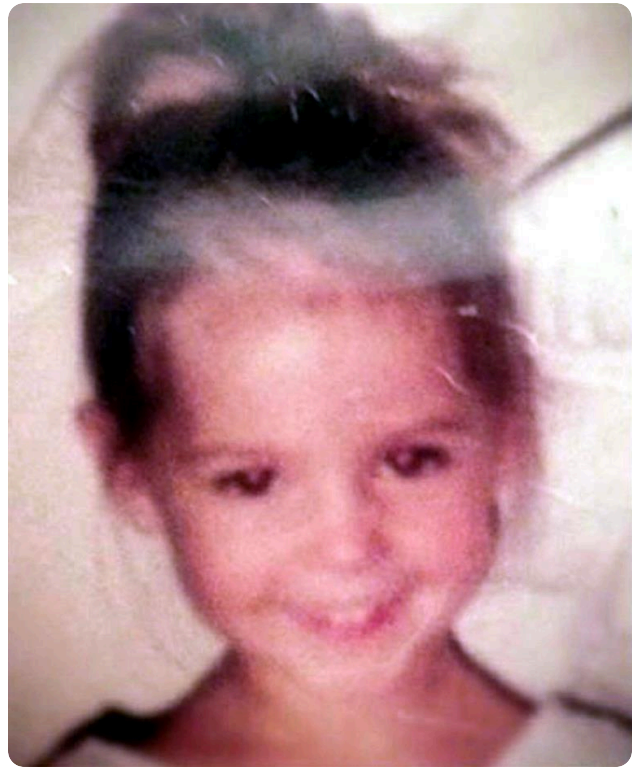
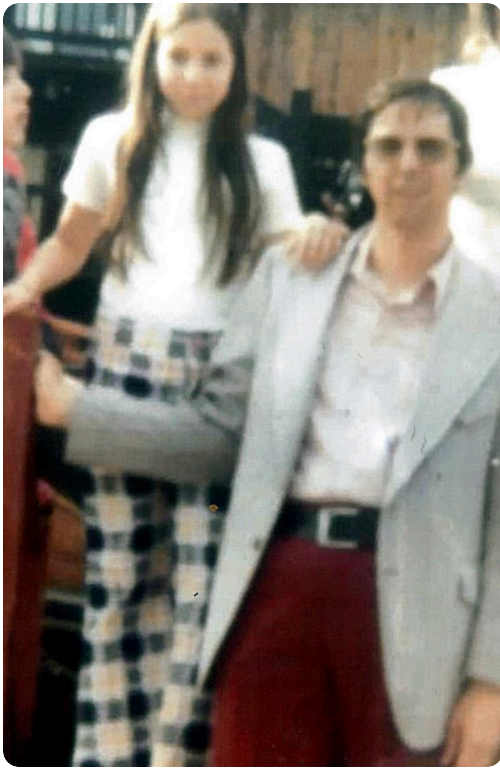




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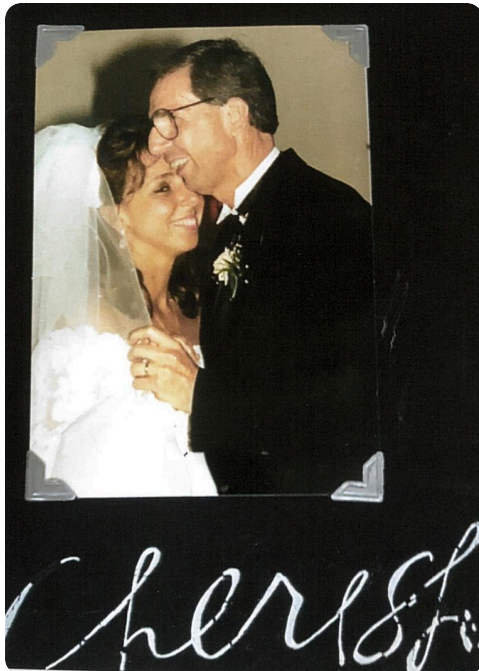




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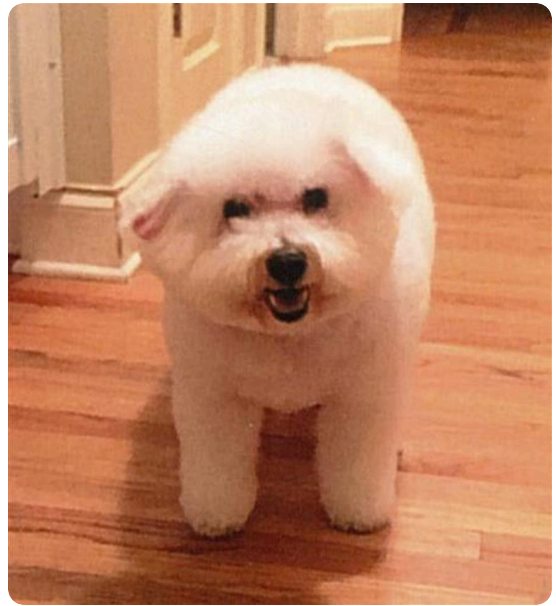




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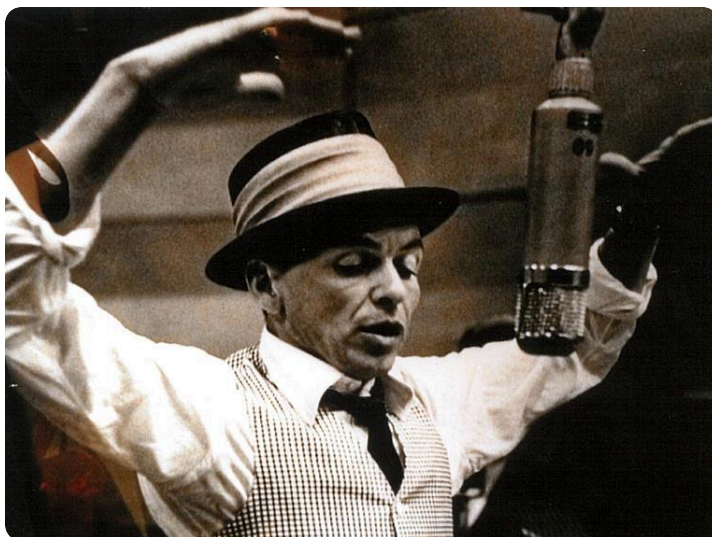
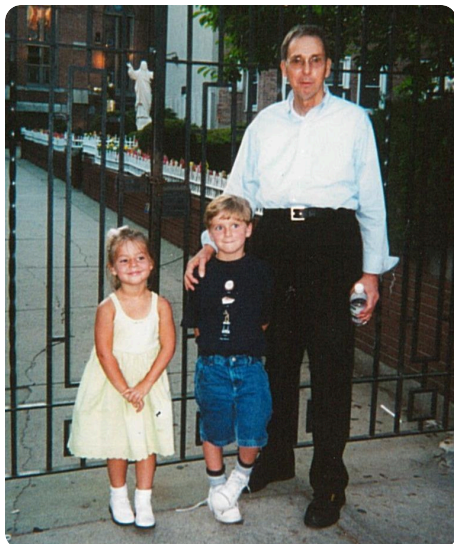




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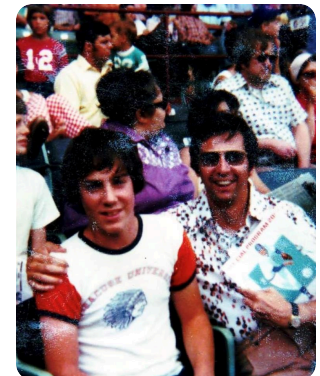
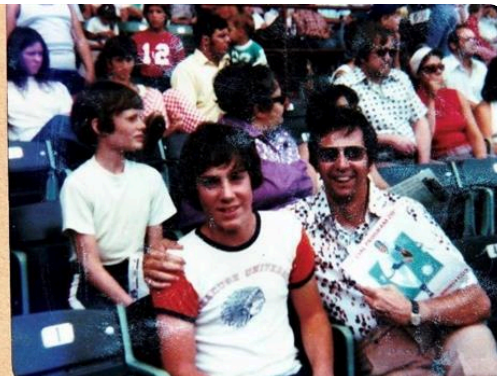




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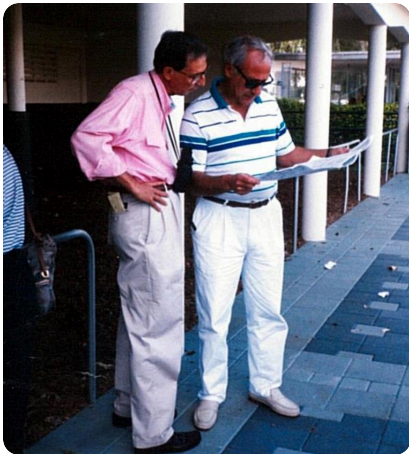




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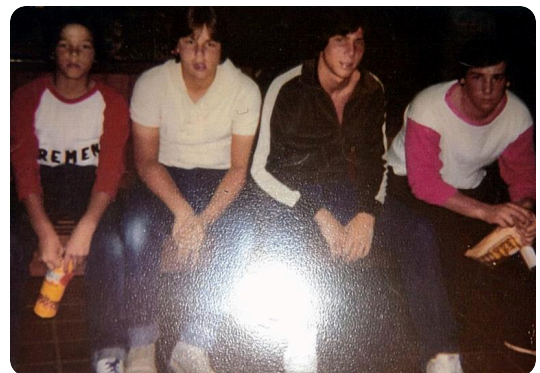
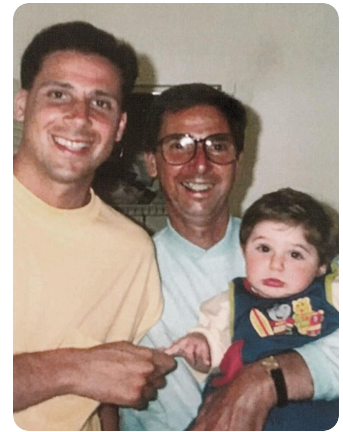




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