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Stephen J. Cardamone, 70, of Ithaca, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Norristown, PA to the late John and Catherine (Kay) Cardamone and graduated from Elmira Free Academy. On August 13, 1983, Stephen married Carol Jo Grabowski and started his career working at National Homes in the early 70's and worked his way up to starting his own business, Cardamone Home Builders. Steve built hundreds of beautiful custom homes throughout the tri-county area including Chemung, Steuben, and Tompkins counties with his sons by his side. He built Spring Creek Apartments and developed several housing communities throughout his life.

Steve, his family, and friends shared many special memories at Turning Stone Casino, Atlantic City, Sylvan Beach, Ithaca Yacht Club and at his condo on Jupiter Island, FL.

He was an avid boater, collector of sports cars, enjoyed gambling, playing Blackjack, watching the NY Giants, and was a 3-time winner of the Island House Harry Wolfington Backgammon Championship.

Steve will always be remembered for having a huge heart, his unknown acts of kindness, his strong work ethic, and his over-the-top attention to detail. He loved waking up every morning to go to work.

Steve was extremely proud of his family, he created his life legacy by living the true American dream, building from the ground up, hard work every single day and by enjoying the life he lived, with remarkable generosity.

As well as his parents, Steve is predeceased by, his brother John Cardamone, and mother-in-law Barbara Grabowski



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Steve is survived by his devoted wife, Carol (Grabowski) Cardamone; his children, Corey (Kim) Bourgeois and their children, Zach, Bailey, Molly, Charlie, Cullen and great-granddaughter, Kaiyden; Stephen (Amy) Cardamone and their children, Stephen III and Gabrielle; Shelly (Gary) Southard and their children Jack, Meg and Sofia; Scott (Michelle) Cardamone and their children, Scott II and Ryan; Kristi Bourgeois and her children, Hayden and Kori; his brothers, Benjamin (Patricia) Cardamone and Robert Morrow; father-in-law Joseph Grabowski; sister-in-law Pamela(Ken)Lewis, brother-in-law; Thomas (Lisa) Grabowski; his beloved fur baby, Maci Jo; along with several nieces and nephews.

Public Calling hours will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021 from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in St. Catherine of Siena Church, 309 Siena Dr. Ithaca, NY 14850, followed by a Funeral Mass in celebration of Stephen's life at 12:00PM, NOON in St. Catherine of Siena Church: due to Covid restrictions, there will be limited seating available and funeral Mass will be a live streamed starting at Noon at: www.stcathofsiena.org. A Private burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Horseheads, NY.

Steve's family would like to extend a special heartfelt thank-you to, Amanda Sidle, Dr. Tony Sanito, James Larounis and Tom Pirro, Sr. for their love and support during his courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Steve's honor can be made to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, 388 Upper Oakwood Avenue, Elmira, NY 14903 or your own favorite charity in his name.



Events


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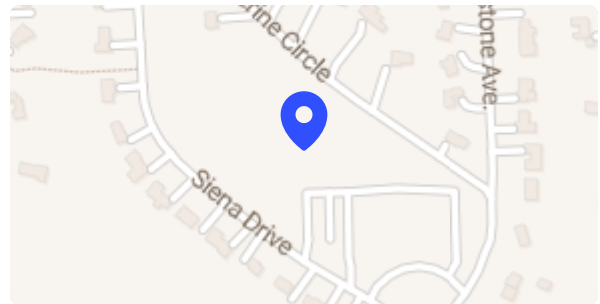
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Visitation

 **Monday**, March 15, 2021

 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM ET


 **St. Catherine of Siena Church**
309 Siena Dr., Ithaca NY 14850

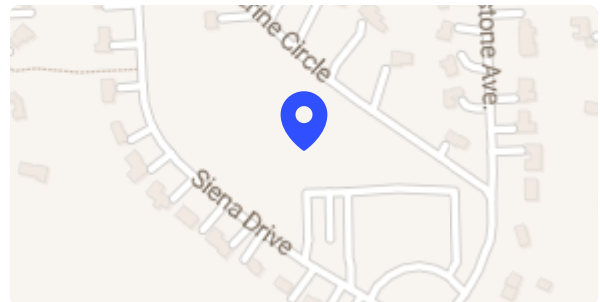


Funeral Mass


 **Monday**, March 15, 2021

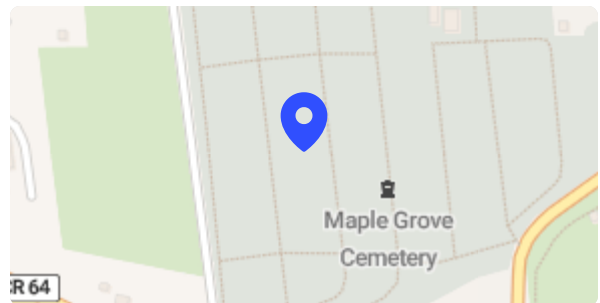
 12:00 PM ET

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Cemetery Details

 **Maple Grove Cemetery**
715 W. Broad St., Horseheads NY 14845





Tribute Wall

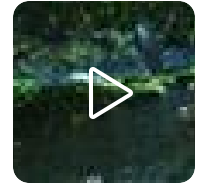
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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.

March 12 at 7:24 AM



Pam And Ken lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

These beautiful words say it all about Steve. What a way to work yourself up from nothing to the hard working man he was and living the dream. But he earned everything he had for his hard work. Even when he was battling cancer and had a good day, he'd be at work. He treated his in laws like they were his own parents by being kind and generous. Steve, you'll never be forgotten by our family and I'm sure our mother is feeding you cake right now! RIP!

March 10 at 3:53 PM



Mary, Bill Coc posted:

There are way too many memories to just pick one, but the one I think of often is when we had high winds on Jupiter Island and Steve and Bill went out to the beach and were pretending to be weather reporters while we filmed them. Holding their hats, pretending to be blown around and yelling the forecast! So funny ❤️ Steve will be so missed, a shining star up above 😊

March 10 at 3:06 PM



Media

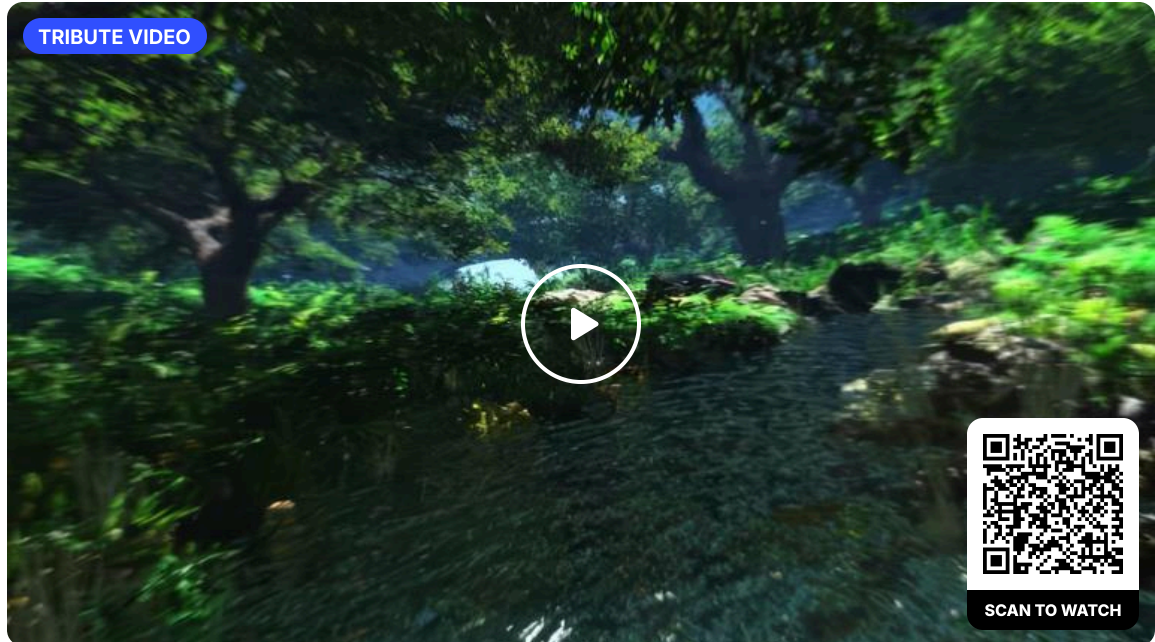
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Patrick Roach March 14 at 11:10 AM

Very nice



Sean Kutzler March 13 at 4:05 PM

What a great man. I knew Steve from work when I did a lot of his excavation with Scott Hicks. He worked everyday, rain , shine, cold or hot he usually set the pace for everyone. Always was good to me and I admired him a lot. Rest in peace Steve, you will be missed dearly. Sean Kutzler.



James Dejager March 12 at 1:30 PM

A wonderful tribute for a life well lived. — The DeJagers



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stephen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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