



Russell J. Carfagno, Jr.

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It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Russell Joseph Carfagno, Jr, 54, of Syracuse, NY, on November 15, 2024. He passed peacefully at home surrounded by family after a hard-fought battle against cancer.

Russell is survived by his wife, Suzette; daughters, Brooke Ann and Alyssa Marie; father, Russell, Sr.; sister, Mary Kay, as well as many other cherished friends and family members.

Throughout his life, Russell was deeply committed to his craft of woodworking and later his passion for the cannabis industry. As an entrepreneur and researcher, he was devoted to both the community and the growing industry. His efforts have played a pivotal role in shaping a field that he truly believed in, and his legacy in the industry will continue to grow. He found immense joy in music, particularly in the live performances of his favorite musicians, David Byrne, Paul Thorn, Johnny Lang, Steve Kimmock and Jerry Garcia.

Family and friends are invited to gather for a celebration of Russell's life on Friday November 22, 2024, from 3 - 6 pm at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice of CNY.

Russell will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his memory will live on through those who were lucky enough to call him a friend.

“Fare you well, I love you more than words can tell” Grateful Dead “Brokedown Palace”
Listen to the river sing sweet songs to rock my soul.



Events


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Visitation

 **Friday**, November 22, 2024

 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212





Tribute Wall

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Amy Porcaro posted:

In 1988, we found ourselves amidst the vibrant, swirling colors of Grateful Dead concerts, where the music weaved our souls together. At the Capital Centre in Landover, Maryland, we witnessed the legendary last "Ripple," a moment that feels like a personal message. "Ripple" will forever symbolize the lasting impact Russ had on my life and the lives of others, even in moments when it might not have been immediately apparent. His kindness, passion, and spirit continue to create ripples that touch and inspire those who know Russ. Life took us on different paths, but three years ago, we reconnected, and it was as if no time had passed. Our shared love for live music, the joy of being around dogs and in nature, our dedication to family, and our commitment to kindness brought us even closer. We followed our passions with unwavering dedication, living out our dreams during those years apart. Your spirit, my dear friend, will always be with me, dancing to the rhythm of our favorite songs and reminding me to live with your kindness and passion. The ripple you created in my life will continue to spread, touching others with the same warmth and love you shared. As I continue to attend concerts, I will carry your spirit with me, seeking the perfect sound and feeling your soul dance within me. You, my friend, are a ripple in still water. "Listen to the river sing sweet songs to rock my soul", Fare you well, my friend. Your memory will forever rock my soul.

November 22 at 8:00 AM



Meghan Cornish posted:

I'm so sad to learn this news! We went to school together and I have some fun memories of those years! Rest easy Russ !!

November 21 at 9:09 PM



Sondra Murphy posted:

Russell made us the most beautiful Black Walnut, linear grain-matched Kitchen in the entire world! Every time I walk into our kitchen, I say "thank you Russel". Tom and I extend our deepest condolences to you and your family during this time of great sadness. We hope you will find comfort in your memories and your faith will bring you peace and strength. Tom and Sandy Murphy

November 21 at 4:28 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Russell.



November 21 at 4:06 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Carfagno, Jr. family.



November 21 at 4:06 PM



David M Bauer posted:

Russell was a true friend to whoever befriended him. I met Russ through my brother Doug. They both worked together at Wood etc. I then ended up working in the office there. That is when Russell started to teach me how to make cabinets and countertops. We then furthered our friendship because I was a (Taper) as was he. We saw many shows together. Russ attended my wedding and I moved away, never losing contact. I must thank him for introducing me to Max Creek and many other bands. He was truly a Grate person and I am truly Grateful to be his friend. Russell, I wish you the best as you start your new journey (Tour) and may you be happy and continue to see many shows. Peace my brother. We will meet again someday on the avenue. RIP!
BrotherDave Bauer

November 21 at 12:38 PM



Louis Flask posted:

Suzette and family, On behalf of our son, Patrick, Russ's good friend for many years, we extend our deep condolences and good wishes at this difficult time. From what Patrick has told us about Russ, and what we learn of him from the many tributes, Russ was a very special person. Your loss is considerable. Christine and Louis Flask

November 21 at 11:26 AM



Pistol Pete posted:

Russell was one of the kindest, most talented individuals I've ever met. He'd make you smile everytime you'd run into him. Everything he touched turned to gold. Russ will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. My heart ❤️ goes out to his wonderful Family. Buddy, hope you're up there listening to Jer, Phil, and Brent playing live again. See you on the flip side andlisten to river sing sweet songs, to rock your soul.

November 19 at 7:34 AM



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Phil Ruffini posted:

Remember Russ as always having a grin when he'd pay us a visit a work (Rumetco). We will miss his presence and offer our condolences to his family and all those who knew and loved him. R.I.P., my friend.

November 19 at 7:06 AM



Bobby posted:

So many memories of you my friend. The numerous shows we we taped together. Spending countless hours "burnin" shows at your house. The miles & smiles we shared travelin to shows. Costa Rica. A mentor to me in the world of music you are for certain. Your cut off dungarees. The who you are to Suzette & the girls. The friendship & time you gave to me will be missed but will be cherished for ever.

November 18 at 1:57 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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