

MATTHEW L. NAPOLITANO



Age 48, of Gibsonia, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

Matt graduated from Franklin Regional High School in 1994 where he was a member of the Varsity Baseball team and Golf team. An avid Penn State fan, he went on to graduate from The Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Professional Golf Management. He spent the last 25 years in Sarasota,

Florida working as a Head Golf Professional at Longboat Key Club and several other prestigious golf courses in the area. Most recently he was Operations Manager at Amazon before relocating back to the Pittsburgh area.

Matt is survived by his son Gabriel Napolitano; his parents Michael and Nancy Napolitano, brother Michael (Jeni) Napolitano, sister Carole (Ryan) Stroup; his seven nieces and nephew - Adella, Sienna and Luca Napolitano and Brianna, Karalyn, Isabella and Josephina Stroup. He also leaves behind his Uncle Marty Napolitano and Aunts Maureen Napolitano, Carolyn Kociban, Donna Kociban and Andrea Rozlosnik and cousins Donna Weiderstein, Lori Soles and Linda Hansen. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Michael and Diamande Napolitano and Genevieve Kociban, cousin Martin Napolitano and his Uncle Dennis Kociban.

To know Matt was to know love, friendship, laughter, and kindness, with a dash of mischief. He was passionate and loved with all of his heart - loyal through and through. He was a father, a son, a brother, an uncle, a nephew, a cousin and a friend. Matt was a man of few words but had the ability to make people laugh in any situation. His wit was impressive to say the least. To be around Matt was to understand happiness, joy, comfort, and humor. Over the years, Matt and his son would spend many evenings cooking together, creating delicious Italian dishes. But more than cooking, he loved to eat his son's homemade pasta pomodoro and his mother's home cooked meals, especially her greens and beans and meatballs. We can only wish we could possess half the traits Matt had - he was one of the most amazing, kind, loving and generous people you could ever know. What we all wouldn't give for one more moment with him; to hear his infectious laugh just once more; to receive just one more bear hug; to get one more ball lesson, one more piggy-back ride, one more moment of mischief or have just one more cigar with him. So many moments of joy and memories that we will never forget and will hold close to our hearts forever.

Viewing will be held at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME**, 5864 Heckert Road, Bakerstown, PA 15007, on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Richards Catholic Church, Sts. Martha and Mary Parish, on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Holy Savior Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Liver Foundation at liverfoundation.org or you can donate to Matt's son Gabriel to help with any expenses - checks can be made out to Gabriel Napolitano, sent to 204 Rose Circle, Gibsonia, PA 15044. Please offer condolences at www.schellhaasfh.com.

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