

# DINO ANTHONY CARDAMONE



Dino Cardamone died by suicide on Monday, January 15, 2024, after jumping off the Birmingham Bridge in Pittsburgh, PA. Dino was found resting in peace in Crescent Township along the Ohio River on Thursday, February 15, 2024, after a thorough search. Dino struggled with depression and mental illness. But it did not define him. He lived a full life and brought much joy and happiness to those people

around him. Dino was a long-time Pittsburgh native, residing in his multi-generational family home in Brookline. Dino is survived by his 97-year-old mother, Mary Jean Cardamone (deceased father Louis J. Cardamone); his brother, Marco (wife Paula) Cardamone; his daughter, Lucy (mother Kim) Dellera; his brother-in-law, Red Cardamone-Rayner; his loving nieces, Teresina (Nicholas) Francis and Alessandra Cardamone-Rayner; and his nephew, Raphael Cardamone-Rayner. His beloved sisters, Gina Cardamone-Rayner and Antoinette Cardamone, preceded him in death. Dino was a man full of life. His true passion was music. He was a gifted musician who began studying piano at a very early age. He loved to share his gift with others by playing at local venues, most recently at Antonio's Pizza in Brookline, where he met a lot of true friends. Dino graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School in 1981 and attended college at Indiana University at Pennsylvania (IUP) from 1981 to 1984. Early in his career, Dino worked as a computer programmer for ARC of Pittsburgh, a non-profit social organization whose mission is to promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, while actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. He also worked as a database programmer at the University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development. Dino was also a computer consultant at Cafe Allegro, his family's well-known restaurant that operated on the South Side of Pittsburgh from 1986 until 2008 when it closed its doors. More recently Dino worked for the past 11 years on the campus of CMU as a custodian, employed by UG2 which ultimately became Aramark Facility Services. Dino was also a proud member of the BJ32 - SEIU union during this 11 year period. Dino will be remembered as a unique and loving person, for his passion for music, as a humble and compassionate man, and his love for true friendships. He fought a battle with the dreadful disease of depression. But his sense of hopelessness is now gone. Dino is at peace, and for that we are grateful. But he will be sorely and deeply missed. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, you make a donation to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, <https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.event&eventID=2078>. A memorial service is being planned by Dino's family for sometime in the Summer of 2024. Please inquire to Dino's brother (Marco) if you would like to attend this memorial service: [mcardamone@mergingmedia.com](mailto:mcardamone@mergingmedia.com). If you need someone to talk with during a moment of distress, trained compassionate crisis counselors can listen and offer support with finding helpful ways to cope. Please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988 or Text HOME to 741741 to reach the Crisis Text Line. Arrangements by **BEINHAUERS**, 2630 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216 (412-531-4000). Services and interment will be private. Please add and view tributes at [www.beinhauer.com](http://www.beinhauer.com).

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