

DINO 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. Dino struggled with depression and mental illness. But it did not define him.

Dino lived a full life and brought much joy and happiness to those around

him. He was a longtime 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 (wife, Amy); his loving nieces: Teresina (husband, Nicholas) Francis and Alessandra Cardamone-Rayner; and his nephew, Raphael Cardamone-Rayner (wife, Krista.) His beloved sisters, Gina Cardamone-Rayner and Antoinette Cardamone, predeceased 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 Pizzeria in Brookline, where he met many genuine friends.

Dino graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School in 1981 and attended college at Indiana University in 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 on the CMU campus from 2012 until 2023 as a custodian, employed by UG2, which ultimately became Aramark Facility Services. During this eleven-year period, Dino was a proud member of the BJ32 - SEIU union. He made many fine friends there.

Dino will be remembered as a unique and loving person, for his passion for music, as a humble and compassionate man, and for his love of true friendships.

He fought a battle with the dreadful disease of depression, yet his life was contrasted with hope, joy, and accomplishment. The sense of hopelessness that surrounded him toward the end of his life is now gone. Dino is at peace, and for that, we are grateful.

But he will be sorely and deeply missed. He has left friends, family, co-workers, and loved ones with a lifetime of warm memories and precious moments.

A Memorial Service is being planned by Dino's family for some in the Summer of 2024.

Please visit the link below to RSVP if you would like to attend this memorial service: <https://tinyurl.com/Dino-Cardamone>

The family requests that, instead of flowers, you donate to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: <https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.event&eventID=2078>

Dino's family would also like to remind anyone who may need someone to talk with during a moment of distress, to seek a trained and compassionate crisis counselor who can listen and offer support in 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.

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