



## J. Dennis Cafaro

December 17, 1947 - November 13, 2019

Colonie - J. Dennis Cafaro, 71, entered Eternal Life on November 13, 2019 with his beloved family at his bedside after a 10-month battle with cancer.

Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Angelo A. Cafaro Sr. and Jennie R. Cafaro (Simon). After growing up in Colonie, he graduated South Colonie High School in 1966. He went on to study at Junior College of Albany, later graduating from Oklahoma City University in 1970 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. He was a proud brother of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, where he was voted "Best Member of the Year." After college, Dennis enjoyed a successful 35-year career as Manager of Office Operations/Business Manager at CHA Consulting, where he was admired by his colleagues.

Dennis' ultimate passion was serving his community. From 1995-2005, he was a Trustee of the South Colonie Board of Education, which included 2 years of service as the Board's President. He co-founded South Colonie's Dollars for Scholars chapter. South Colonie Schools honored Dennis' years of service to the district by inducting him into their Hall of Fame in 2006. He was very dedicated to his faith as a 32-year parishioner at the Church of St. Clare in Colonie, where he spent many years on the finance committee. He served as

a coach for Colonie Little League and was the Assistant Pack Leader for the Colonie Cub Scouts.

For years and to this day, Dennis spent his summer weekends boating and camping with his family on Sacandaga Lake. He enjoyed annual vacations to Cape Cod and cruises with his dear friends. He loved his monthly guy's night out at Ralph's Tavern, where he was always DD. His hobbies at home included listening to his music, spending time at his desk & computer and doing home improvement projects.

Dennis' greatest gift was being the ultimate family man. He was an amazing father to his children. He cherished his four grandchildren. He was the "World's Greatest Husband" to his wife Jean, where in 45 years she never once had to put gas in her car. He was loved by his brothers for his positivity, leadership and selflessness. He was the caregiver to both of his parents as they aged and always did it with a smile.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Jean, his children Dana Renzi (Alessandro), Philip (Michelle), his grandchildren Taylor and Hadley Cafaro, Biagio and Giada Renzi; Brothers Angelo Jr. (Patricia), Steven, David (Michele McCabe); Sister-in-laws Gail Borst (John), Donna Sanfilippo, Anne Howell (Michael); Brother-in-law Arthur Sanfilippo (Carol) aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and dear friends.

The Cafaro Family would like to extend their sincere thanks to Dr. Susan Weaver and the NYOH staff, as well as Dr. Alan Boulos and the Albany Medical Center team for their compassionate care.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Dennis' family Monday, November 18, 2019 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Funeral services Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 9:30 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to Christ Our Light Church, Loudonville, NY at 10:00 am where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family, light a virtual candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

Those wishing to remember Dennis in a special way may send a contribution to South Colonie Dollars for Scholars. PO Box 12413, Albany, NY 12212 or online at [Southcolonie.dollarsforscholars.org](http://Southcolonie.dollarsforscholars.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery

2501 Troy Road  
Niskayuna, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
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## Service

NOV 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light Catholic Church  
1 Maria Drive  
Loudonville, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of J. Dennis Cafaro*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 15, 2019 at 04:35 PM

GG

*What an incredible tribute to a great man. Anyone who got a chance to know Dennis was truly and deeply blessed. Dennis was a special man who took the time to speak to you anytime you were in the same room. He will be greatly missed but always in our hearts and minds. God has given Dennis to us for a short time on this earth but now gets to have him in eternity. Rest In Peace Dennis. God bless and hold you.*

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**Greg Garrison** - November 15, 2019 at 08:49 PM

RP

*Phil and Michelle, My condolences to of your family on the loss of your dad. A good man gone too soon.*

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**Rosemary/Ralph Planz** - November 16, 2019 at 12:39 PM



*On the Death of a Beloved*

*Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,  
We know our soul's gaze is upon your face,  
Smiling back at us from within everything  
To which we bring our best refinement.*

*Let us not look for you only in memory,  
Where we would grow lonely without you.  
You would want us to find you in presence,  
Beside us when beauty brightens,  
When kindness glows  
And music echoes eternal tones.*

*When orchids brighten the earth,  
Darkest winter has turned to spring;  
May this dark grief flower with hope  
In every heart that loves you.*

*May you continue to inspire us:*

*To enter each day with a generous heart.  
To serve the call of courage and love  
Until we see your beautiful face again  
In that land where there is no more separation,  
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,  
And where we will never lose you again.*

*by John O'Donohue*

*May the beautiful memories be for a blessing and may grace and  
peace abound as you grieve the loss of this most beautiful soul.*

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**Trish Montini** - November 17, 2019 at 06:20 PM

MD

*A beautiful tribute to a true "Gentle Man" His love for his family friends  
and to all shines through in each phase of his life. Rest in peace Dennis  
you will be missed 🙏💕*

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**michelle Deo** - November 18, 2019 at 10:40 AM

JH

*Jean. So sorry for your loss ..prayers to you and your family*

**jJoanie Heffron** - November 18, 2019 at 12:39 PM

DS

*A beautiful tribute to a great person who loved life, family and friends. May those memories bring peace to you. Dennis lived life to the fullest.*

*Diana and George Sogoian*

**Diana sogoian** - November 20, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ *J. Dennis Cafaro*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

PM

“ *So sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. I have many fond memories of growing up together in the neighborhood. He was a truly nice guy, with a great sense of humor, who really cared for others.*

**Patrick McTague** - November 20, 2019 at 07:28 AM

CG

“ *I will always remember Dennis as a kind and loving person whose warm friendly smile was comforting to all of us who had the pleasure to know him. He was a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather and friend to all. Rest in peace Dennis. Our love and prayers go out to Jean, Dana, and Philip.*

**Charlie Garrison** - November 19, 2019 at 01:45 AM



Darlene  
Geloso

“ So sorry for your loss.



Darlene Geloso - November 18, 2019 at 05:16 PM

EL

“ So sad to hear of such a great family man passing, he will truly be missed. It was nice visiting with both of you at our neighborhood events. May his memory be eternal.  
May God Bless Your Family Jean.

Our deepest sympathy  
Fr. Patric Legato & Family

Eva Legato - November 18, 2019 at 02:56 PM

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(518) 489-0188

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - November 18, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of J. Dennis Cafaro.



November 18, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of J. Dennis Cafaro.*



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November 17, 2019 at 09:46 PM



“ *I worked with Dennis for many years at Clough Harbour. He was a great man who always had a smile on his face. My sympathies to his family.*

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**Rogina Camilli** - November 17, 2019 at 07:20 PM



“ *Jean, Dana and Philip...  
Our deepest condolences on the passing of such a gentle man. Jean...you have a love that will surpass time and Dana and Philip you both have sweet sweet memories of that love that will keep your dad forever present in your lives and those of your children. Your tribute to him was beautiful. May those happy memories guide you all through this most difficult time.*

*In sympathy and love,  
Donna and Michael Cramer*

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**Donna and Michael Cramer** - November 17, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of J. Dennis Cafaro.*



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November 17, 2019 at 12:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of J. Dennis Cafaro.*



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November 17, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ *Dana , so sorry to read about your dad's passing . I know how special he was to you . With deepest sympathy to you , your mom Jean , and the rest of your family . Stu Lazarus*

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**stuart lazarus** - November 17, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ *I worked with Dennis for many years. He came to my wedding, and was always cheering me on. He was kind, and s genuine man. I am so saddened to hear of his passing. Rest peacefully, Dennis.*

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**Traci** - November 16, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ *So glad we shared those breakfasts❤️💙. RoseAnne and Joe*

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**RoseAnne Bruno** - November 15, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of J. Dennis Cafaro.*



November 15, 2019 at 08:05 PM

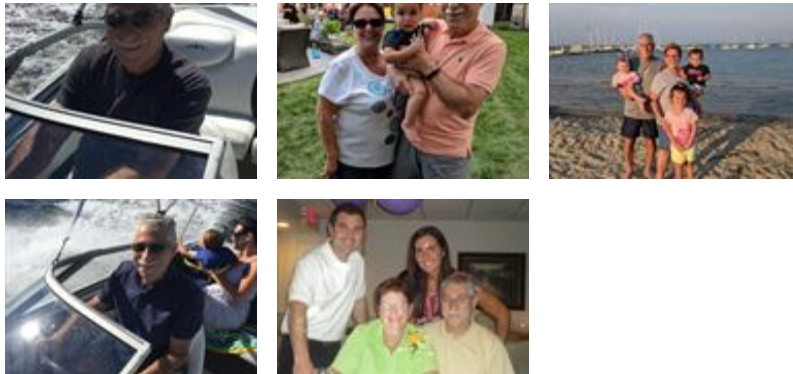


“ *I remember so many special conversations discussing our families & especially children while working at CHA. Dennis was a gentle man who I will always be so blessed to have known. Rest In Peace my friend & prayers to your loving family.*  
*Ann & Gary Quirk*

**Ann & Gary quirk** - November 15, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ *108 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 15, 2019 at 04:31 PM

DF

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I always enjoyed visiting with Dennis whenever i traveled to the Albany Office. Always the perfect gentleman!

David Standinger Family - November 15, 2019 at 02:32 PM

LC

“ My best memory of my Cousin Dennis was I always knew where I would get the best advise about just about anything in life. He was the kindest, gentlest, selfless, smartest person. Dennis and Lillian will be doing great things in heaven. To my Cafaro Family, my heart is with you all.

Lynn Catizone - November 15, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of J. Dennis Cafaro.



November 15, 2019 at 07:23 AM

GS

“ I was Dennis Cafaro secretary at G. Alan Cruickshank office and at Clough Harbour and Associates. We had a friendship that I will all ways cherish and miss. Gina

Gina Sauter - November 14, 2019 at 11:14 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of J. Dennis Cafaro.*



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November 14, 2019 at 09:39 PM