



George Louis Risbano

July 27, 1945 - April 24, 2023

Our hearts have been shattered to pieces with the loss of the toughest and kindest man we all know. He fought harder than anyone up until his final day and never complained once. Witnessing you take your last breath when Mom whispered in your ear that she loved you will forever be engrained in our hearts, souls and memory.

To say that life will never be the same is an understatement. You taught us that family always comes first and we will continue to instill that value in our children's lives, along with the many other life lessons we learned from you. We will always love you and hold you tight in our hearts . You are already tremendously missed by so many. ♡

George Louis Risbano passed away at his home in Sarasota, Florida on April 24, 2023, after a prolonged illness, surrounded by his loving family. George is survived by his beloved wife (of 53 years) Nancy (LaMartina) Risbano. After fifty years of marriage George and Nancy were proud to renew their wedding vows at their parish, Saint Thomas More Church in 2021 (delayed a year due to Covid). George is also survived by his loving children Michael Risbano, MD (Joanie), Jaime Hernandez (Wayne), Jessica Kostenchuk (Brad), and his grandchildren Paxton and Cole Risbano, Logan Barcelo, and Jake, Derek, and Coyote Kostenchuk. He deeply loved his grandchildren and never missed a moment to boast about them and all their accomplishments.

Additionally, he is survived by his sisters Joanne (Len) Sarver and Barbara (Justin) Tubiolo, as well as his nephews and niece Jordan (Hope), David and Jodi Tubiolo, and Joshua and Joseph Sarver. George was preceded in death by his parents Marie (Corbellini) and Armando Risbano.

George's formative years were spent in Yonkers, NY. He was a lifelong lover of cars starting with his first car, a used 1959 red Chevy Impala. This was only surpassed by his love for his brand new 1964 gold GTO. He couldn't wait for the monthly edition of Car and Driver to arrive at the local store. George always looked forward to, and never missed, the annual NYC Auto Show.

George attended Lincoln High School and subsequently Iona University. Upon graduation in 1967 with a BBA in Finance he worked as an Account Executive for the Ford Motor Corporation in Mahwah, New Jersey. In 1970 he entered the New York City Police Academy and upon completion was assigned to the Borough of the Bronx. He spent his career as one of New York City's Finest and rose through the ranks. He was assigned to the Bronx Youth Task Force. In 1983 he was promoted to Sergeant and served in various precincts. George received the "Department of Recognition Award" as well as Exceptional Merit and the Honor of Legion award in 1974 for outstanding Courage, Loyalty, and Fidelity to the ideals of the New York City Police Department.

George was a small business owner, operating vending machine routes in the New York City area for many years. George and Nancy moved to Sarasota, Florida in 2006 after their daughters relocated from Westchester County, New York. George enjoyed jazz music, playing snood and candy crush, and found his way to sipping bourbon as a hobby. George and Nancy shared a love for the New York Yankees. They always enjoyed day trips to Tampa to watch Spring Training and later on, Marauders games with their children and

grandchildren.

From an early age George was always outgoing, friendly and extremely personable. He enjoyed meeting new people and always found something unique and interesting in each of us. Over the years he amassed a wide circle of friends from varied backgrounds. George will always be remembered by his friends for the wonderful, kind, outgoing and generous man that he was.

George closely identified with the philosophy that the Knights of Columbus espoused. He was deeply honored to be an active member of the Knights of Columbus in Sarasota and thoroughly enjoyed the time he spent with them.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Thomas More Church, 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota Florida 34231. The Mass will be streamed live.

Memorial contributions can be made to the MS Society (nationalmssociety.org).

Cemetery Details

Venice Memorial Gardens

1950 Center Road
Venice, FL 34293

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
2506 Gulf Gate Dr
Sarasota, FL 34231-5731
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