



Michael J. Valente, Sr.

April 25, 1967 - July 18, 2017

Bus Operator for the NYC Transit Authority - Loved by All

Michael J. Valente, Sr., 50, passed away on July 18, 2017 at NY Presbyterian Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Mike was a lifelong Staten Islander. He grew up in West Brighton and was a fixture of the Staten Island rock scene in the 80's. He took his love of rock music and played bass guitar for local Staten Island rock bands. Mike took that love off stage and became a rock photographer. He shot photos for local world renowned bands and magazines.

Mike worked for the MTA as a bus driver for 18 years and was no ordinary behind the wheels quite driver. He made friends and family part of the trip every day. He would take no nonsense from rude straphangers and showed them how to become better people. Mike had a revolving door for friends and family and showed love and warmth to all. He always stated, "I'd rather have them here than out there." Many people call him "dad" because that was what he was to so many. He was a spontaneous, loving, caring, and heartfelt man who did everything he physically could and more for anyone who needed it or even if they didn't need it.

Mike loved to take adventures and travel with his wife, kids, family, and

friends. In the last year alone, he went to New Orleans, Disneyworld, and bought a lake house in Pennsylvania.

Mike is survived by his wife, Jennifer; his mother, Barbara Valente; his mother-in-law, Katherine; his grandmother Helene Galatro; his children, Jeffrey, Megan, Michael, Margarita and Jacquelynn; his grandchildren, Liam, Lizbeth and Jake; his siblings, Valerie, Robert, Michelle, George and Irene; and his nieces and nephews, Christine, Sabrina, and Brandon, and extended family son, Matthew.

The family will receive friends from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday at The John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A viewing will take place on Saturday from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. at International Christian Church, located at 1501 Richmond Ave. SI. A Funeral Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Committal services will follow at Rosehill Crematory, Linden, NJ.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Crematory

792 E Edgar Rd
Rosehill Crematory, NJ 07036

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station)
Staten Island, NY 10312

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Service

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

International Christian Church
1501 Richmond Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10314

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael J. Valente, Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. My deepest sentiments, to family, brothers and sisters who have lost their dear brother, and to my dear friend Barbara, I know that it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.*
Warmest Regards, Janet Doherty

janet doherty - July 23, 2017 at 07:05 PM



“ *did not know your father but so sorry for you families loss Mike Jr.*
From Denny Seman

Dennis Seman - July 21, 2017 at 08:57 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael J. Valente, Sr..*



July 20, 2017 at 11:11 AM

LF

“ Love, Aunt Barbara and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Michael J. Valente, Sr..



Love, Aunt Barbara and Family - July 20, 2017 at 09:52 AM

DK

“ Donna and Kevin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael J. Valente, Sr..



Donna and Kevin - July 20, 2017 at 07:26 AM

DF

“ Rest in Peace Michael. The love and compassion you shared in life will continue with your children and grandchildren. You will be missed by all who have the privilege to know and share in your life.



Donna Franson - July 20, 2017 at 06:23 AM

MV

“ Michelle Valente sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael J. Valente, Sr.



Michelle Valente - July 20, 2017 at 02:32 AM

MV

“ I know that the good lord took you to your serenity and wanted to send this one last text to say I never have to hope and pray because I know you'll be here to always save the day! Now it's your turn to rest and play and will always be the hero you were today and always to family and anyone you came across and blessed everyday ! We love you forever and ever until we meet our day!
Love you Mike

Michelle Valente - July 20, 2017 at 02:29 AM

MV

“ Mike just wanted to tell you how much I always looked up to you growing up and still going, I know I didn't always say it enough but you always new. When we were at moms for val rob and Sabrinas birthday party just a few weeks ago, I enjoyed that chat we had that afternoon as I always did when it was time to sit down and have a sister and big brother advice talk although I made faces and bellyached like I always did because I wouldn't of been Shelly if I didn't (the pain in the well you know lol) , we will still have our chats always and forever maybe not face to face but I know your here and I carry you where ever I go, just please don't scare the hell out of me like gonz would enjoy torturing me you know how that goes hahah . I just wanted to let you know not only were you just my brother but my best friend ,mentor, and my second dad, but you inspired me always to be a better person and to always look at the good in life from evrey aspect and angle imaginable. I just wanted to let you know you will always be my hero, I love you to the moon and back xoxo

I wrote you a poem on Tuesday that afternoon in the city and I wanted to share it because it was my own words and it just came out of my heart without any thought at all and I just typed I had to send you that one last text that day and I don't think I could've put it any different then what I did!

Love you for all eternity

Your sister,

Shelly

Michelle Valente - July 20, 2017 at 02:25 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael J. Valente, Sr..



July 19, 2017 at 04:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael J. Valente, Sr..*



July 19, 2017 at 04:55 PM