



Rudolph Valentino

December 21, 1945 - February 28, 2017

“He was one of the rare ones: so effortlessly himself, and the world loved him for it.”

Brooklyn native Rudolph Valentino, 71, passed away this Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

A celebration of Rudolph’s life will be held this Friday, March 3 from 2-5 PM and 7-9 PM at the Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Funeral Home in Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Born in Gravesend, Brooklyn on December 21, 1945 to Virgilio and Frances Valentino, Rudy, as he is affectionately known by his friends and family, is survived by his loving wife Brenda, his children, daughter Jamie, son Jason and his wife Michele Valentino, two brothers, Alex and his wife Rosemary, Phil and his wife Maria, his step-children Kevin Kiem, Kimberly Iacoviello, Randi Metsch-Ampel, Kristine Cunningham, Raymond John Kiem, loving in-laws, twelve grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, with another on the way.

After over 20 years as an executive at Bradley Time, attending Fordham University, and many years as a business owner, Rudy’s passion for antiques and business landed him in Asbury Park where he was the proprietor of the well-known Antique Emporium of Asbury Park. Known for his fierce love and loyalty and for keeping his family and, in fact, all who knew him, entertained

with his endless unusual stories, Rudy was a purveyor of all things vintage, authentically Italian, and related to his beloved wife.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in Rudy's honor to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Wounded Warrior Project. Memorial information is below.

A Celebration of Rudy's Life:

Friday, March 3, 2017

2-5 PM & 7-9 PM

There will not be a burial.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

www.stjude.org/donate

Wounded Warrior Project

<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
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Tribute Wall

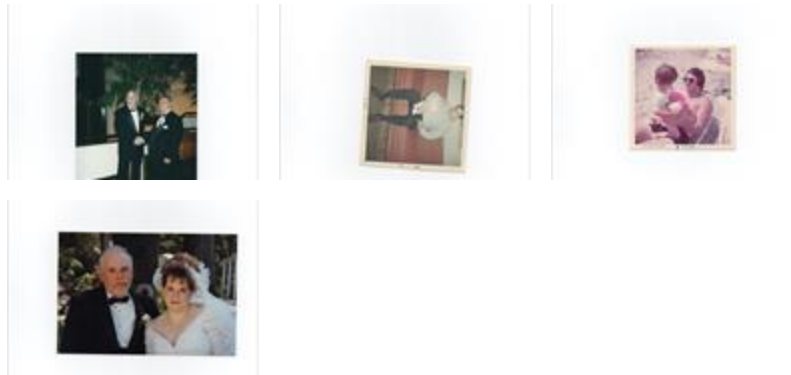


“ *Rudolph Valentino*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Early Years*



Jason Valentino - March 06, 2017 at 04:53 PM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Kris Cunningham - March 03, 2017 at 04:30 PM

AC

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Brenda, I was very saddened to hear of Rudy's passing. I will never forget the fantastic conversations I had with Rudy at Bob and Yvette's holiday parties in the past, always looked forward to hearing about his great antique finds and his eBay adventures, as well as his love for Asbury Park. Sending love.

Anna Cinquemani - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 PM

KP

“ To Rudy - I know your spirit could hear us and I was so happy when you and Brenda attended my birthday party and shared my family's Italian food and tradition. You were the icing on my cake. I love you and Brenda sooo much. God gives us many special memories and you are one of them.

Kathy Pollina - March 03, 2017 at 11:51 AM

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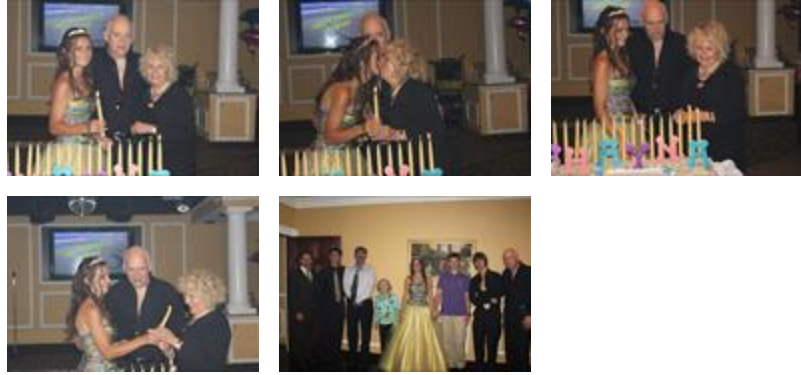
“ Whenever I come home to visit NJ, I drop my bags at my mom's house, give my hugs & kisses, and head next door to see Brenda & Rudy. This has been my ritual for decades. We might end up talking (and eating) for hours. Rudy was great to laugh with. No joke was of limits!! We talked about everything. He was always interesting – never boring. His love & unconditional acceptance meant a lot to me, especially in my younger years. I will miss him so.

Nancy Featherman

Nancy Fetherman - March 03, 2017 at 09:38 AM

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“ 6 files added to the album *Grandpa Rudy @ Shayna's Sweet 16 Party*



Kim - March 02, 2017 at 10:14 PM

DI

“ During my lessons at school today I was playing the trumpets that Rudy gave to me from the shop. I felt it to be appropriate thank you for all his undying support from my 8th grade solo at the spring concert to the Stone Pony garage band to wanting to strangle me for making him sit in silence for 4'33" at my senior recital. I know he's an integral part of "my song" and I hope you know how much he meant to me and all of us. He will always be with me and us forever. I love you grandma and I am sending you positive vibes and wishes through all of this.

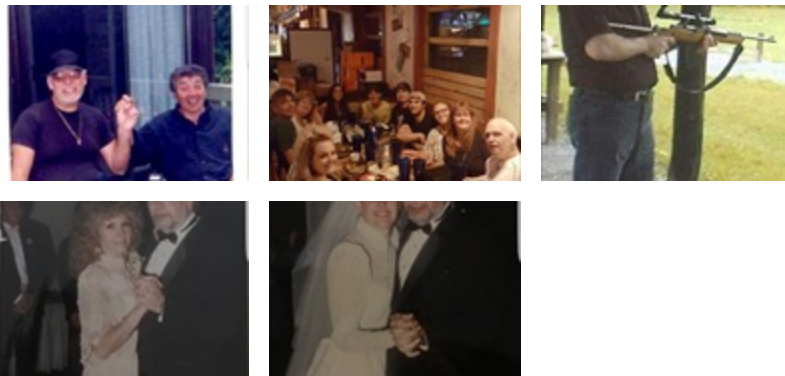
I talked about him enough to people that when I told some close friends and colleagues they knew who he was from my stories of him. The shop in Asbury, the selling him Japanese imported merchandise aka Pokémon cards, and a whole other lifetime of stories he left with me.

He's had more of an impact on TJ and I than we can convey, we talked about it all night Tuesday into Wednesday.

David Iacoviello - March 02, 2017 at 09:50 PM

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Kimberly - March 02, 2017 at 08:59 PM