

Salvatore J. Conti

December 18, 1946 - June 24, 2023

Salvatore "Sal" Conti of Old Bridge, New Jersey, 76, passed away peacefully in Manhattan on Saturday, June 24 th 2023 in the loving embrace of his family.

Sal was born in Manhattan to the late Anthony Conti and Josephine Potenzano and was raised in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn.

Sal would meet the love of his life, Lucy Sorrentino in November 1966. They were married in 1972 on Staten Island where they lived and raised their children for almost 40 years. They moved into their dream home in Old Bridge, New Jersey in January 2012 to be closer to their children, his work and hobby circles.

Sal's entire working career revolved around ships. He was always adamant that they be called ships and not boats as "Boats are things you play with in the bathtub, these are ships!" He began working with the Moore McCormack Line in the early 1960s, then joined American Export Line which merged with Farrell Line and then moving to Cunard Line in 1983. Sal's time at Cunard was the crowning jewel of his purchasing career as served and sailed with the famous liner QE2 all over the world.

His experience was in the capacity of Buyer across all of these lines ensuring that ships sailed with all of their required provisions, be it technical or edible. It

was in the early 2000s that he partnered with Gargiulo Produce to expand their hospitality sector to serve the modern-day cruise line industry.

He took his vast knowledge of what the industry needed as Buyer and transferred it into a Sales and Customer Relationship role. It was this switch from Buyer to Salesman and the strong team at Gargiulo that made the difference between working a job to live vs. building a career because you enjoy it so. He was working with the Gargiulo family up until literally his final days as was immensely proud of what they achieved together. When asked when will you retire and take it easy, his reply remained steadfast "Why in the world would I retire?! I have too much fun to retire!"

But his career was not his only driver in life, he was the consummate collector of all types of antique toys and Lionel trains, which never tired of playing with, which earned him the nickname of "Peter Pan" amongst his immediate family. This hobby was in a very close tie with Sal's passion for Antique automobiles from the US including but not limited to Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile and Packard's. Taking a drive on a sunny day with the top down, 50s music playing on the radio and his young bride by his side was Sal's idea of a perfect day. These hobbies lead to the creation of the most wonderful circle of friends, many lifelong for both Sal and Lucy and enjoyed their company as often as he could.

Needless to say, Sal was the ultimate family man and always wanted us to be "together" be it a dinner, a trip or something as simple as a phone call just to hear your voice.

Sal is survived by his cherished wife of 50 years, Lucy, his eldest son, Christopher, his daughter in law Marissa and his youngest son John Paul. He is also survived by his younger brother, John, his cousin Celeste and countless nieces & nephews and grand-nieces & grand-nephews.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Heart Association in Sal's memory would be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>

https://www2.heart.org/site/SPageNavigator/donatenow_lifeiswhy_att.html

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
3377 US Highway 9
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
(732) 679-4422
hegartyfh@scaliahome.com
<https://www.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

Service

JUN **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Saint Ambrose
83 Throckmorton Ln
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

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Tribute Wall



“ *Salvatore J. Conti*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



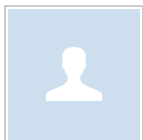
“ *Dear Lucy, I just found out about Sal's passing, I met him while working on Sea Goddess in 1986 and we have essentially worked together at Cunard and Carnival in several different positions until I left Cunard in 2015. I fondly remember his love for cars and we had many nights with good food, wine and camaraderie. For Sal it was always about the ships and the quality of products they received. No job was too small or too much. His infectious laugh will be with me for the rest of my life. I am so sorry I could not be there in person. I know he will be missed by many. My deepest condolences*

Rolf Henschw - September 26, 2023 at 07:01 PM



“ *Deepest sympathies to Lucy and their entire family... Sal was a kind, wonderful man who will be missed by all... eternally sorry for your loss*

michael modafferi - July 19, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Salvatore J. Conti.*

July 15, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.



June 29, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Salvatore J. Conti.

June 29, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ Dear Lucy, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My heart goes out to all of you. Love,
Diane Langhurst (Rhea's daughter)

Diane Langhurst - June 27, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ Much love, Frank and Mary Padavano purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.



Much love, Frank and Mary Padavano - June 27, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.*



June 27, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.*



June 27, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Dearest Sal, I will miss you so very much. You have been so instrumental in the cruise industry, your knowledge, experience, dedication. Thirty years of partnership.*

I recall us on the pier in Bayonne, NJ so many times, in the cold and in the rain for so many years... you would stay with me until the ship loaded, and ensure I get to my hotel safely..... I remember our trip via train to Philly to load a ship...

So many memories my dear friend.... You were so kind, thoughtful and loved your family so much....

Gianni, Cara and I love you so much, We will miss you!!!

Lucy - you are in my thoughts and prayers - I love you!

Vina Jumpp - June 27, 2023 at 12:01 PM

IT

“ *Infineum I&S Retain Procurement Team purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.*



Infineum I&S Retain Procurement Team - June 27, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.*



June 27, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Salvatore J. Conti.*

June 27, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.*



June 27, 2023 at 07:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Salvatore J. Conti.

June 27, 2023 at 07:46 AM



“ Frank, Chrystina. Lucas, Liam and Wini purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.



Frank, Chrystina. Lucas, Liam and Wini - June 26, 2023 at 10:41 PM



“ Day by day, we will let go of this loss, but we will never let go of our love.

Eduardo Ferrer from the Apollo Group.

eduardo Ferrer - June 26, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.



June 26, 2023 at 01:58 PM

CA

“ Constance A. purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.



Constance A. - June 26, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.



June 26, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Salvatore J. Conti.

June 26, 2023 at 11:06 AM

WF

“ With Sympathy from Ruth Richards & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Salvatore J. Conti.

With Sympathy from Ruth Richards & Family - June 26, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Salvatore J. Conti.*



June 26, 2023 at 07:32 AM