



Vito Pasquale Grimaldi Sr

September 22, 1957 - March 4, 2021

Vito Pasquale Grimaldi, Sr., 63, passed away on March 4, 2021, in Celebration, Florida. He was born on September 22, 1957, in Somerville, New Jersey to the late Hugo J. Grimaldi and Jennie Albano Grimaldi. He was raised in Margate, Florida and a die-hard Miami Dolphins fan. He has been a resident of Sebring since 1992 coming from Christiansburg, Virginia where he graduated from Radford University in Radford, Virginia. He proudly served as a Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputy for five years before transferring to the Christiansburg Police Department where he served for six additional years. Once he moved to the Sebring area he worked for the Florida Department of Corrections as a Probation Officer and then transferred to the Department of Children and Family where he was an Adult Protective Investigator. He was a Bail Bondsman for a stint before working at the Florida Institute of Neurological Rehabilitation (FINR). He was also a process server in his spare time and a member of the Elks Lodge No. 2661 in Lake Placid, Florida.

The thing that was most important to him was his family. He was very proud of and loved his family.

He was survived by and a proud father of four children, Vito P. Grimaldi, Jr. (Cindy) of Tampa, Florida; Robert J. Grimaldi of Orlando, Florida; Ruth Anne Lawson (John) of Sebring, Florida; and Daniel B. Grimaldi of Orlando, Florida. He had two grandchildren, Vito P. Grimaldi, III and Michael Luca Grimaldi. Former wife Elizabeth Schwalenberg; girlfriend Cystel McCullough and her son Nathaniel McCullough who has two children Gaige and Lucas McCullough. He also leaves behind his beloved cat, Smudge.

Surviving also four siblings; Hugh J. Grimaldi (Virginia) of Lake Placid, Florida; Donna Brown (Bill) of Frederick, Maryland; Catherine Jablonsky (Dan) of Stuart, Florida; Sal Grimaldi (Karen) of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He also is survived by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements entrusted to Sunset Memory Gardens and Funeral Home, 11005 N US Highway 301 Thonotosassa, Florida 33592. A viewing will be held on Thursday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to noon with a service to follow. Viewing will be live-streamed from sunset-fh.com under his obituary.

A Celebration of Life and Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, March 28 starting at 11

a.m. at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge No. 2661 located at 200 CR 621 E. Lake Placid,
Florida, 33852.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sunset Memory Gardens
11005 N US Highway 301
Thonotosassa, FL 33592
<https://www.sunsetmemory.com/>

Graveside Service

MAR 25. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lake Placid Elks Lodge
200 CR 621 E
Lake Placid, FL 33852

Tribute Wall



“ *Sunset Funeral Home & Memory Gardens (FL) created a Tribute Video in memory of Vito Pasquale Grimaldi Sr*



Sunset Funeral Home & Memory Gardens - March 25, 2021 at 08:58 AM

MH

Hey Cuz, the greatest memories we made was in 1972 when we came to Florida for the first time. We went to the beach and laughed and joked all day and waiting for the alligators to go past your lanai or watching the person on 3 wheeler bike go past the house. Your mother said only old people ride those. We had a great time. Your smile and personality will be missed greatly. We will all be together again and what a family reunion it will be. Love you.

Mary Ann Hoilko - March 25, 2021 at 10:15 AM

BO

“ *Vito I just learned of your passing Brother, I will never forget working with you as a Police Officer at Christiansburg and that smile you always had, we became friends instantly, I will always hold you in the highest regard, My heartfelt condolences to your family.*

Barry O'Rourke - August 16, 2021 at 11:03 PM

CJ

Thank you Barry. Vito was my brother. He was quiet but he had a great sense of humor and his smile lit up the room. He is dearly missed.

Cathy J - September 03, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ *Vito I will miss you very dearly. To the Grimaldi family my prayers and thoughts are with you. I loved Vito so much. When he was working at the Florida institute of neurological rehabilitation, he helped me through a lot of my tough times he also taught me a lot of things that I didn't know. I love you Vito. Your old client mike Norris*

Mike Norris - June 26, 2021 at 03:39 AM

CJ

Mike Thank you for your condolences. Vito was one of the kindest people I know. He always had a heart for helping people. I'm happy to hear he was able to help you through a difficult time. I know he would want you to continue to do well. Thank you again

Cathy J - September 03, 2021 at 08:18 PM

DR

“ You will be missed very much by everyone who knew you and Loved You. I will never forget all the good times we had together in Florida when we got to visit. Your smile and Thoughtfulness for everyone will always live on. Till we meet again.

*Love Always
Cousin Donna*

Donna Raffety - March 28, 2021 at 10:58 AM

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Mary Ann Hoilko - March 25, 2021 at 12:41 PM

VB

*“ Uncle Vito was a great man and loved his family so very much. I'm so glad I got to meet this man. He is my uncle's brother and I grew up calling him uncle Vito. He loved me like one of his own.
My condolences for you all and hugs for everyone.*

Valerie Brennan

valerie brennan - March 25, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Vito Pasquale Grimaldi Sr.



March 25, 2021 at 10:53 AM

JA

“ Hey Cuz, You were the big ragu in the family. The Albano family will always remember you and all of the Grimaldi's when we were kids visiting Aunt Jenny (My Godmother) in Florida. I also have fond memories of your visits to Hazleton, Pa. over the years. Your larger than life smile and fun demeanor will be missed. We all wish we could have been there to say our final good byes, but these crazy times have made getting together difficult. Know our harts and prayers are with you and your family. You will be missed, but never forgotten. Until we meet again, save us some pasta. Love, Jim

Jim Albano - March 25, 2021 at 10:47 AM

RO

“ Our deepest condolences on the passing of Vito. We were fortunate to be with Vito on many occasions and his sense of humor- engaging smile and love for family and friends was ever present and contagious. We pray for strength and peace in the days and months ahead and that sooner than later the tears will turn to smiles as you reflect on your loved one and your time together. RIP sweet Vito- Love June and Richard Owens



richard owens - March 25, 2021 at 10:05 AM

MR

“ Words cannot express the heartbreak I'm feeling. My deepest condolences to his children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, God bless you all during this grieving period. RIP my beloved Cousin Vito 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Marianne Ryan - March 25, 2021 at 07:55 AM



“ Hey Cuz. I know you're listening to all of us still down here. I will always remember the times I came to visit you all in Florida as a kid and the fun we had even as we drove your mom nuts. And the time my Dad and I came to visit you and your brother a few years later in the Virginias. You were always a class act and will be remembered as such. Hold on to that smile up there and I'm looking forward to seeing you again.

Love
Joe

Joe Albano - March 25, 2021 at 03:13 AM



“ *Red Rose Buds (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Vito Pasquale Grimaldi Sr.*



March 24, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vito Pasquale Grimaldi Sr.*



March 24, 2021 at 04:53 PM