



Michael E. Dianda Sr.

February 19, 1958 - March 22, 2021

Michael E. Dianda Sr., 63 of Long Island City, NY was called to Heaven on March 22, 2021 doing what he loved best, working on his truck. Michael was born in Queens NY on February 19, 1958. He is survived by both his loving parents Gene & Joan Dianda of Claverack, NY (formally of West Taghkanic. His sons Michael (Heather) Dianda granddaughter Calista Faith and Frankie (Yajaira) Dianda grandsons Lester & Manny and 3 great grandchildren. He is survived by his siblings JoAnn (Rudy) Hayes, Lisa Dianda, John Dianda, and Joseph (Tammy) Dianda. Several Nieces & Nephews who always looked forward to his visits upstate on his Harley, we always knew when he was in the driveway. Michael always brought a smile to everyone's face

Michael shared a passion for restoring old cars, trucks, and motorcycles. He loved to build model cars, R/C cars and free hand drawing. Michael was very talented & skilled; his latest accomplishments was a complete restoration of a 1957 Studebaker President & a 1955 Studebaker Commander. Michael was most proud of his custom 1966 short bed GMC Pick-up truck

For the last several years Michael was employed as a Property Manager for Broadway Stages of Brooklyn NY. Michael loved to be around people & helping how every he could. He would even fill in as an extra on the movie scene, and commercials. The stages he managed included Dick Wolf's FBI, Unforgettable and Madam Secretary.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be private. Graveside prayers will be at 1:00pm Tuesday March 30 at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Copake. Visitation at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral home will be Monday March 29, from 2-4 and 6-8pm.

Previous Events

Visitation Hours

MAR 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-3371
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

Visitation Hours

MAR 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

MAR 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope
8074 State Route 22
Copake Falls, NY 12517

Tribute Wall

MN

“ In 1974, My Mother, Evelyn North, was killed in a horrific tragedy. In an extraordinary act of kindness, Gene and Joan Dianda took me, a very troubled and angry 10 year old into their home for around a year. Their act of kindness was extraordinary considering how difficult I was. In a selfish repayment, I spent a fair amount of time aggravating Joan, Gene, John, Mike, and especially Joey and Lisa. Please accept my apologies.

Mike and John tried to provide guidance when they themselves were kids and had their own challenges. Joanne was kind as well.

In a completely chance meeting I ran into Mike Jr. this weekend in a pit area working under a race car. In his eyes and his handshake, I saw his Father after half a century.

I was sorry to hear of Mike Sr's passing. I knew him as a kid. I have fond memories of him and some stories in my head. Deep down he was a good person who gave to me and asked nothing in return. I am most grateful that he lived as long as he did and was able to help so many others. There was much doubt as to how long he would live when he was young. He proved others wrong and came out the other side. His story is a celebration of life against difficult odds.

My heart goes out to those he influenced. My heart goes out to the Dianda family. I can never repay such a large debt owed. Kindest and fondest regards.

Mark North

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/marknorth/>

Mark North - July 22, 2024 at 12:51 PM

MI

“ Michael mastered so many crafts. He was good at everything and always willing to share his gifts with anyone who needed help. He could not pass a vehicle broke down at the side of the road without stopping to assist. We were on our way to church once, and Mike was dressed for it. On our way however, there was a car and driver stranded and Mike got his good clothes greasy, but he got that car started.

Michael always made everyone laugh no matter what the situation. I remember once long ago we were standing in a very long line at the store and everyone seemed quite impatient. Within minutes of course, Michael had that entire line of people laughing hysterically and during our wait at the check-out, it seemed as though people just wanted to hang out and laugh. Michael approached every situation with passion, humor, and a

wide range of knowledge. And when Mike helped people, it was from the heart. There are too many memories to squeeze in here. Life with Mike was an adventure every day and he taught me so much about the things he was good at. I use tips and pointers he showed to this day.

God bless the Dianda family. Please forgive the delayed response as I did not know of Michael's passing until less than 24 hours ago. Sending prayers and warm thoughts to all of the family as I remember Mike fondly and with love.

Marie Insogna

Marie Insogna - February 04, 2022 at 07:25 AM

KG

“ Mike Wash A Friend From The Age Of 7 Years Old , I Just Found Out A Week Ago, R I P Mike, My Sympathy To All His Family, I Found His Number I Spoke To Him Feb 2021,I Have So Many Good Memories Of Mike, My Sister Joanne Passed Away Jan 2021She Love Mike Like Everyone Else, Kevin Galligan

kevin galligan - January 29, 2022 at 06:12 PM

JR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our sympathy and love to all in the family.

Joe and Lynn Ribar - March 30, 2021 at 06:49 PM

EH

“ Our sincere condolence to the Dianda family..🙏🙏🙏🙏



Ethel& Ron Hoyt - March 29, 2021 at 11:35 AM

KV

“ My deepest condolences to the Dianda family. Michael was one of a kind. I have many wonderful memories of him. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend services because of my own health issues but know that I am with you in spirit. Thoughts and prayers for the family. RIP Michael. ❤️🙏 With love, Kathy Hanna

Kathy (Hanna) Van Valkenburgh - March 28, 2021 at 07:35 PM

MM

My deepest sympathy the loss of a child is heartbreaking in my thoughts and prayers

Maggie Mcdarby - March 31, 2021 at 02:37 PM

GH

My condolences to the Diana Family Gail Hotaling

Gail Hotaling - March 31, 2021 at 08:32 PM

KG

R I P Mike , Your Old Friend, Kevin I Just Found Out A Week Ago , Keep The Those Peary Gates Open We Will All Meet Someday,

Kevin Galligan - January 29, 2022 at 06:38 PM