



Luigi Amato

October 13, 1948 - April 23, 2026

Luigi Amato of Teaneck, NJ, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2026, surrounded by family. Born on October 13, 1948 in Molfetta, Italy, Luigi was the son of Mauro and Serafina (nee Centonze) Amato. In 1976, Luigi married his childhood sweetheart Cecilia (nee Rizzi) and together, they emigrated to the U.S. in search of a better life. After many years in Hoboken, they purchased a home and moved to Teaneck in 1990.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years Cecilia (nee Rizzi), his daughter Monica Amato Centanni and her husband Lawrence Centanni, his daughter Valeria Amato and her husband Benjamin Assa.

Luigi was the definition of gregarious and a master of chitchat, always finding a way to start a conversation, even with a stranger in line at Costco. He loved good food, tackling DIY projects, debating about politics, volunteering in his community, and spending time with the people and dogs that he loved. He was kind and generous and always had a story to share. He is loved and will truly be missed.

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 115 E Fort Lee Rd, Bogota, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Luigi's name to Bullies 2 the Rescue (bullies2therescue.com) or to a cancer research foundation of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church
115 E Fort Lee Road
Bogota, NJ 07603

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Cassidy's family remembers fondly years of friendship with Luigi, Cecilia, Monica, and Valeria, beginning in mid 80's in Teaneck when both families met on Terhune Street. We lived across the street from the Amato family, and we clicked easily. Our daughter became Friends with Valeria and graduated together THS in 2001. There were sewing lessons, soccer practice and a team led by Luigi. Of course Cecilia taught neighborhood girls to sew. So much fun through the years. Our son graduated one year later than Monica. So close in age. We moved to own our own home down the block, and now further away, but still in Teaneck. We loved Luigi, and miss him already. A kind, passionate man and friend the world needs more people like Luigi. Rest in Peace dear friend.*

Anne Cassidy & Joe Cassidy - May 08 at 11:00 PM

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“ *For my Wednesday morning Holy Name volunteer friend, I will miss you. We had some great times together discussing TV shows and movies that we had watched and talking about life. I am very glad to have known you and it's a pity that it was for such a brief time that we knew each other. I bless you and hope you rest in peace, my good friend.*

Pheroze Madon - May 08 at 06:43 PM