



Peter Joseph Cafasso

February 26, 2021

Peter Joseph Cafasso passed away peacefully on Friday, February 26, 2021 after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Hoboken to Rose (Buongiorno) and Peter Cafasso on October 30, 1946.

Peter grew up in North Bergen and graduated from North Bergen High School in 1964. He continued on to college and obtained a Bachelor's degree from Park College, in Park Ville Missouri. He also received a Master's degree in Education from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck.

As a young boy and throughout high school he worked at the family store now known as Cafasso's Fairway Market.

Peter enjoyed theatre very much and all through high school and college he performed in many stage productions.

As an elementary school teacher in West New York for over thirty-five years, Peter dedicated himself to helping all his students and inspired them to achieve their best.

He also delighted many families and created lasting memories as a professional photographer.

Peter loved music and enjoyed singing his entire life. In his retirement years he devoted his time to performing in local restaurants, private parties and nursing homes. In 2007 he won the very first Frank Sinatra Idol Contest in Hoboken.

Above all, Peter loved his family and will be deeply missed by his sisters

Rosemary Sammarco and Alberta Salandra, sister-in-law Mary Cafasso. Peter was predeceased by his two brothers, Umberto and Bert.

Loving uncle to Jeannine Diamond and her late husband Craig, Lauren Giannini and her husband Erik, Matthew Salandra and his wife Jennie, Christopher Cafasso, Caitlyn Golias and her husband Paul, cherished great uncle to Brittany and Jason Diamond, Avery Rose Salandra and Olivia Rose Golias. Many cousins and friends will also miss Peter.

The family would like to thank the staff of Compassionate Care Hospice, Memorial Sloan Kettering, Englewood Hospital, North Bergen EMT, and loving caregivers Judy and Rika.

Family and friends are invited to visit Sunday from 2-6pm at the Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Rd. Teaneck, NJ. Funeral service will be held Monday at 9:30 at the Funeral Home. Mass will be held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in West New York, NJ. Burial to follow at Madonna Cemetery in Fort Lee, NJ. In lieu of flowers donations in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

For those who cannot attend the Mass of Christian Burial, the service will be live streamed here:

https://c.streamhoster.com/embed/media/WGsdwW/q1Qcv7ksODG/6RdY6gsAcSa_5

Cemetery Details

Madonna Cemetery & Mausoleum

2070 Hoefleys Lane
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
info@volkleber.com
<http://www.volkleber.com>

Funeral Mass

MAR 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary's RC Church
6502 Jackson Street
West New York, NJ 07093

Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Funeral Mass in memory of Peter Joseph Cafasso*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - March 08, 2021 at 08:39 AM



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Peter Joseph Cafasso*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - March 03, 2021 at 12:22 PM

AR

Watch Mass 1030 am ET for Pete live here if u cannot attend.

angie rotella-suarez - March 06, 2021 at 09:21 AM

RD

I was so sorry to hear the sad news that Peter had passed away. There really are no words...

We have been friends since we were eleven year's old. I have such fond memories of him & the entire Cafasso family.

Peter will be remembered for his dedication to his family & teaching, as well as his many talents, especially singing. Now Peter is no longer suffering & is at peace with his brothers & Mom & Dad. I pray that the wonderful memories his family has will bring everyone comfort & ease their pain. Know that I share in your sorrow.

Peter will always be with all of you because he is in your hearts. Celebrate him & the wonderful life he had. May he rest in peace.

God Bless You.

With Love & Friendship,

Rosemary (Cosentino) DeMartini

Rosemary DeMartini - March 06, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ *Peter Joseph Cafasso*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Peter Joseph Cafasso*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Peter Joseph Cafasso*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Volk Leber Funeral Home - March 07, 2021 at 09:43 AM

DS

Beautiful tribute of his life and music he love for a dear friend and great man. His light will shine bright for all who loved him. RIP dear Peter.

Debra Scalice - March 07, 2021 at 12:27 PM

AR

*Here is the link to Holy Redeemer Parish in West New York NJ with pictures of Pete where he was part if the Choir Family for many yrs.
<https://padrepiocenter.weebly.com/music-ministry.html>*

angie rotella-suarez - March 08, 2021 at 06:00 AM

BS

Wonderful video and music tribute to Peter. Thank you for putting this together.

Barbara J. Simon - April 11, 2021 at 05:59 PM

AR

“ How many yrs did we no each other. We taught together in PS 5. An one day i ran into u after u retired an u shared ur luv 4 music.. an i invited u to join the church choir where i serve ...not knowing wat ur voice was like. It was history in the making. Wat a voice...more than that...wat a heart!!! The duets...Italian songs..ur solos..ur prayer...our deep talks..."I can only Imagine" wat u r singing an hearing in the Perfection of Heaven honoring The One Who Distributes All Our Gifts. We promise u our continued prayers Pete..for u an ur family. Plz always remember us as u stand before The Throne of God....Until we meet again! angie rotella-suarez Holy Redeemer Parish WNY, NJ

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO PETE O LORD, AN LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. MAY HIS SOUL AN ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED, THRU THE DIVINE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE!!

angie rotella-suarez - March 06, 2021 at 08:44 AM

CL

“ Carol Lee Lauria lit a candle in memory of Peter Joseph Cafasso



Carol lee Lauria - March 05, 2021 at 08:05 PM

CL

“ I shut my eyes and awake the memories inside me. Playful and inventive, funny and touching, at times. heartbreaking. Peter's moral intent and gracious humanity earned him many life-long friends. I am I and you are you. As always, you remain forever in my heart.

*MY Condolences to the Cafasso family.
Carol Lauria*

Carol lee Lauria - March 05, 2021 at 08:03 PM

DV

“ My Friend Peter gave me a book Christmas 2017 called “Jesus Calling”, he signed it To me from your friend Peter who is “seeking”....
“i Love those who love me, and those who seek Me Will Find ME” Proverbs 8:17

Until we meet again Peter, It was my pleasure to come along side you on your difficult challenging journey past several years...you beat a lot of the odds...And Yes , it was Jesus Calling! I will miss you Peter, with much Love Your Friend Dorothy <><



Dorothy DiMeo Vestbom - March 04, 2021 at 10:00 PM

DT

“ I will always have fond memories of you Peter. Our trips to Yankee Stadium and especially our last lunch together a couple years ago. Thanks for the memories and many laughs. You certainly were ONE OF A KIND!!! Dave Tucker

David Tucker - March 04, 2021 at 09:52 AM

JS

“ I am truly sorry to hear of Peter's passing. We met about 50 years ago at Park College and became fast friends. 35 years later I moved back to New Jersey and we became reacquainted. We shared many good times and adventures. He was a very kind and fun soul to be around.

I remember back in our early days at Park College, we went to a local coffee house that had an "Open Mic" night. Many people performed mostly folk songs. Pete was urged to "Get up there." He did, and sang a couple of folk songs. The funny thing was, he sounded like Sinatra singing folk songs! We both agreed he should stick with the standards he grew up with.

When we reconnected in Jersey I met his family. At his parents house, they had a collage of all the kids pictures through the years. And every so often, there were different pictures of Sinatra interspersed in the collage.

Pete was truly a gifted person not just with his singing talent, but with the ease in which he met and made friends wherever he went. He made everyone feel important and valued.

Eventually, life happened and we drifted apart. I have always regretted losing touch with him . And now I am very sad that I was not there for him during his ordeal.

I pray that his family will find comfort knowing that his ordeal and suffering are over.

I pray that Peter is up in Heaven entertaining everyone with that sparkle in his eyes, his wonderful sense of humor, and of course, that voice.

Sincerely,
Jack Satter

JACK SATTER - March 03, 2021 at 09:21 PM

AL

“ Alberta lit a candle in memory of Peter Joseph Cafasso



Alberta - March 03, 2021 at 01:28 PM

BN

“ Body & Brain Yoga Center in Ridgefield, NJ purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Peter Joseph Cafasso.



Body & Brain Yoga Center in Ridgefield, NJ - March 03, 2021 at 10:10 AM

DL

“ Pete performed a wonderful song at our 50th reunion. Prior to the dinner Pete & I met at NBHS when they let us tour the school. We reminisced about the “old” days. My condolences to the Caffaso family.

Diane Lo Sasso Leonardi - March 02, 2021 at 10:51 AM

DE

“ So sad to read of Peter's passing. We were friends as high school classmates and reconnected decades later on Facebook, where I discovered that he performed Sinatra songs. After "vetting" him at one of his performances, I suggested to our high school 50-year reunion committee to have him perform at the reunion, and he did. During a break in a gig in Maywood, Peter encouraged me to sing in public. He was a gem.

David Eisenberg - March 02, 2021 at 08:21 AM

DL

Last time I saw Pete was around the NBHS reunion. We toured the high school prior to the evening festivities. Reminiscenced about high school. May he Rest In Peace

Diane Leonardi - March 02, 2021 at 10:05 AM

RM

“ *To the Cafasso family...We are so sorry to hear of Pete’s passing. He was a great friend growing up in North Bergen and we enjoyed his Sinatra performance at our high school reunion. I’m attaching a photo of us together, along with Bob Hansen. RIP Pete.*
Bob and Christine Mollica
Ponte Vedra, FL



Robert Mollica - March 01, 2021 at 07:46 PM