



## Giovanni "John John" Latoni

December 1, 1964 - July 8, 2018

Giovanni "John John" Latoni

Husband of Jessica (nee Mehrpouyan), Loving father of Joseph, Jacob and Jonny.

Beloved son of Roberta (nee Severino) and the late Dr. Jose Latoni

Cherished Brother of Dimitri "Skipper"(Leticia "letti"), Gina "Sissi" (Carlos), and Julie Latoni.

Beloved Grandson of the late Julia and Ernest Severino and the late Demetrio and Gregoria Latoni.

Dear nephew of the late Ernestine and Ernie Portell, and Ernest "Uncle Butch" Severino.

Loving uncle of Alexandria.

Proud cousin of Dee Dee Donofrio and her children and the children she raised. Little Ernie and Tracy and their children, Mark and Michelle Portell and their children. Dina and Matt, Dani and Mike and their children and Gabriel and Mason Severino.

Services were held at Levitt-Weinstein Funeral Chapel in Miami Beach Florida

Tuesday, July 10, at 11:00 am. for his Jewish side of the family and A Catholic Mass of the christen burial was held on Wednesday, July 11, at 7:30 Pm. Interment will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery along with his father. John John was the most caring and gentle man you could meet, his love for his students went outside the classroom and he took pride in knowing each and every one of them. His dedication to his sons was amazing. You couldn't find a better person and to have had the opportunity to truly know him made you a better person. His love for his mother, father and sisters and brother, and Brother in law could never change over the years even though they all lived in separate cities and countries. He was a joy to know and we will all miss him terribly, but our memories and stories will never be forgotten.

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JOEY'S (SON) EULOGY AT HIS SERVICES

I'm not one for speeches but frankly

My father was a modest man who tried to live within his means

He wasn't one for these ornate ceremonies or fancy cars

he saw past the facade quite remarkably

He wouldn't want us to lament the loss of his life, but celebrate its legacy and in the spirit of learning he held in such high regard as a teacher, derive what lessons he left us from it

He savored the process evidently.

The process is comprised of the seemingly trivial, insignificant aspects of our lives that we often overlook or take for granted to the untrained eye at least.

It is the aggregation of our responses to these stimuli which ultimately, defines our experience and us

He knew this, and accordingly, carried out the most arguably mundane tasks conscientiously and gracefully, from delightfully volunteering to wipe my butt at the questionable age of eleven to cleaning up Chi Chi's messes, he relentlessly maintained an endearing ironic detachment which suffused from his character and brought joy to everyone in his company, never hindering, but enhancing tasks at hand and imbuing them with a distinctive, pleasant quality.

Every situation was memorable and substantive, life is ephemeral but colorful memories endure. The means justify the ends and his means were indisputably a blast as his family and peers can attest to.

We must strive to emulate him in this regard and conduct our affairs nobly, cherishing them and never dismissing them as peripheral or trifling.

for it is the crux of our lives that is contained in them

Always perform tasks industriously and designate time for a good laugh about everything from my mismatched suit and pants for example to Gina's embarrassing India story that

I'm sure she'd be glad to relate if asked later.

because eventually death awaits us all

No matter how you coax it.

To quote the timeless 2nd century stoic philosopher Marcus aurelius

"Death smiles at us all. All a man can do is smile back."

# Cemetery

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## Mount Carmel Cemetery

1400 S. Wolf Rd.  
Hillside, IL,

# Events

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**JUL** **Chapel Services** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Weinstein Funeral Home  
Miami Beach, FL, US

**JUL** **Catholic Mass Services** 07:30PM - 08:30PM

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St. Dominick  
Miami Beach, FL, US