



Gennaro Jerry DiCapua

July 9, 2009

Gennaro "Jerry" DiCapua age 78, of Garden City passed away July 9, 2009 at Waccamaw Community Hospital. He was one of the oldest from a family of eleven children. Born in Keansburg, NJ, he was a son of the late Geraldo and Angelina Cagnole DiCapua. The love of his life was the Amusement business; he was born into it starting at the age of nine. He worked on the boardwalk a few blocks from his home in Keansburg, a popular waterfront resort in NJ. It became instilled into his way of life, and was contagious. When spring was in the air there was an unbelievable energy " the sounds and smell of the park, wheels, rides and people. He went on to manage Gynn Oak Park in Baltimore, MD for over 18 years, then on to Rocky Point Park in Rhode Island on the Naraganset Bay. Finally, to Myrtle Beach to Grand Strand Park which later became Family Kingdom. He then opened his own business, a bingo and lounge in Garden City, across from the ocean on Atlantic Avenue and called it Jerry's, which the whole family operated for 14 years. He enjoyed all his customers and friends that he met during those years " great friends and good times. Currently Jerry was back at Family Kingdom. This year, spring called again when the park opened for the summer. He struggled to make it through the 4th of July and finally his body gave out, the end of a chapter, the end of a way of life. Grieve not, nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk of me as if I were beside you. I loved you so... Mr. DiCapua is preceded in death by brothers, James, James Thomas and sisters, Elanor and Angelina DiCapua. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Marie Leake DiCapua; sons,

Jeremiah, Brian and Kevin; daughters, Maureen, Angela, Kathy and Karen; brothers, Michael, Louis, Freddie, John, Joseph; grandchildren, Kerrie, Matthew, Shannon, Jamie, Maria, Anthony, Caelan, Nicholas and Dylan and great "grandchildren, Cameron, Ava, Johnny and Elisha. A mass of Christian burial will be said at 9:30 AM Monday, July 13, 2009 at St. Michael Catholic Church with Father Andrew Trapp officiating. The family will receive friends Sunday, July 12, 2009 from 2:00-4:00 PM at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. An online guest book is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 950 48th Avenue North, Ste. 101 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Reflecting on all the good times, In Grade School at All Saints Catholic, My Dad would help support the school by having fund raisers. Once a year he would make pizza for the school and the kids would buy food tickets. He organized a school outing to go to GYNN OAK AMUSEMENT PARK, { his place of Business} that was a big event and a very fun place to ride the rides, take a pony ride, take a boat ride. and win big bears and candy and prizes. There were 4 of us in that school. Jerry, Maureen, Brian and me, Angel.



When I was in 7th grade in the winter month, He would say to his kids, "Who's gonna come help me tonight:" I will, I will I shouted. He had the concession at a Cash Bingo, we sold Pizza, Ice Cream Cones, Sandwiches, Chips and drinks. The Bingo would take a few breaks during the night and all the players would come get their snacks at break time.

I remember one time I took an order for a pizza, my Dad was the pizza maker, I forgot to get the money: Dad said, "You know your suppose to get the money for the pizza!" oops!!

I learned a lot, from my Father.I went on to learn even more when we moved to Rhode Island: to be continued.....

I would meet my dad at the door and give him chocolate kisses and pennies if I found any that day, I didn't want him to work so hard..to be continued.....

Angela DiCapua - August 20, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ Dear Marie, Angel, Maureen, Kathy, Karen, Brian, Kevin, Jerry, Jr., I mourn your loss with you and Jerry's passing leaves me feeling a terrible void in my life. He always meant so much to me, I could never express it in words. And if I were talking to him now, I think he would scoff at such syrupy sentiments. He was always too positive and upbeat to want to talk about such things. And I'm sorry I didn't get to talk with him just one more time. If I didn't express this previously, I'd like to tell you all now, how much it has meant to me in my life to have known all of you for all of these many years, from 1960 on. Jerry and all of you and the Leake's were like the driving force in my life. I miss you all. But you all meant the world to me, and more. I just wasn't able to ever express that in words. And who would really want to hear that kind of talk anyway! And now Jerry, my friend and mentor in life, is gone. But through these tears and this feeling of heavy grief, I know he'll always be in my heart, a part of myself. God willing folks, maybe some day we'll meet again. And please remember you're always in my thoughts and prayers. Steve Mazer###imported-begin###Steve Mazer###imported-end##

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“ I have this feeling there's one more star up in the sky tonight. And even though he's far away, his brightness and warmth still reach us here to make the night a little less dark. In ways big and small, your loved one's life changed our world and left it a better place, and touched too many hearts to ever be forgotten. May you find comfort in knowing how many people share your sadness. Bless you, Marie and all your family###imported-begin###Billy and Dianne Kyzer###imported-end##

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“ *What great memories I have of such a wonderful, kind man. I was always very fond of Jerry. He always had a smile on his face. I will always remember "You're a good kid." and Sinatra on the juke box with New York New York! I am thinking of you all. God Bless! Annie from Sam's Corner###imported-begin###Annie Reed Joyce###imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Marie and Family: You had a long loving partnership with Jerry. I have such fond memories of you and Jerry as classmates in Middletown, NJ high school. You have a very close space in my heart and memory as a dear friend and as my sweet and beautiful Maid of Honor. We think back to your marriage but a short while after Bill and I took the vows. Love, Viola and Bill###imported-begin###Viola and Bill Glendinning###imported-end##*

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“ *uncle jerry(dad) you will always be in my thoughts and prayers i love you my condolence to the family###imported-begin###gail###imported-end##*

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“ *jerry, i will always remember all the good times we had and always smile ED.###imported-begin###EDWARD J. SIPES SR.###imported-end##*

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“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Jerry was always good to me, and my children. My husband and I have worked at Family Kingdom for years with him. He taught me a lot about games and I will really miss him.##imported-begin##Sheila Sellers##imported-end##

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“ Im sorry to here about your loss.Jerry will be missed greatly.##imported-begin##Ed Farmer##imported-end##

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