



## Lawrence A. Calufetti

December 12, 1950 - February 1, 2016

Larry Calufetti, 65, founder and CEO of Sunshine Cleaning Systems succumbed to a lengthy illness on Monday surrounded by family and friends. "Larry was a man of faith with a big heart," said his wife, Dr. Lise Lambert-Calufetti. "He was a kind and loving husband and father with a compassionate, generous spirit. Even when he was ill, Larry always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by all of us and the community he served for 40 years."

A native of Illinois, Larry was an All-American catcher for the Southern Illinois Salukis baseball team who competed in the College World Series and Pan American Games. Nicknamed "Moose" because of his large size, he joined the New York Mets' organization before a shoulder injury ended his baseball career.

Larry came to Fort Lauderdale in the mid 1970s, and began coaching baseball at Broward Community College. At the same time he ran the valet parking operations at two of Broward's most memorable nightclubs, Pete & Lenny's and Christopher's.

In 1976, Larry began cleaning store front windows in Lauderdale by the Sea. Thanks to Larry's determination, Sunshine grew quickly into becoming the state's largest and most successful window and janitorial company. Larry's motto was and still is, "We guarantee a brighter day!"

Larry became a leader in the profession, serving as president of the International Window Cleaning Association (IWCA) throughout the United States.

Larry's passion was helping others, he took tremendous pride in being able to help over a 1000 employees provide for their families. Larry also took great pride in serving as the Chairman of the Board for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes "FCA" in South Florida. He believed in giving back to the community as he supported many of the local charities in the communities where Sunshine lived and worked.

"No matter how busy Larry was, he always took time to listen to me tell him about my day," said Lise, a family practice physician. "He also took time to talk with members of his cleaning team. They would turn to Larry for advice on anything in their lives."

Larry's family was more important to him than anything else. He had two daughters, three step-daughters and five sisters. "He was the best Dad that any daughter could ask for," said daughter Jenna Auckland. "

Daughter Erin Calufetti-Schumacher, said, “He was the best role model and taught us so much about life. Both Erin and Jenna agreed that their Dad was and will always be their HERO.

His favorite song was ‘Don’t Worry – Be Happy,’ and he showed that same spirit every day.” He could often be seen driving around town in his vintage 1960 Firetruck with a huge smile on his face.

Larry is survived by his wife, Dr. Lise Lambert Calufetti, his two daughters, Erin Calufetti-Schumacher (Kenneth), Jenna Auckland (Derek), and granddaughter, Parker Auckland; Three step-daughters, Jessica Moore (Jeff), Nathania Szczesny (David), Laurie Newlands (Gui) and step-grandchildren, Noah Moore, Lisette Moore, Nathan Szczesny and Liam Newlands. Larry is survived by his five sisters, Lynda Roper (Fred), Laura Coenen (Mike), Lisa Hamilton (Jim), Lana Soza (Robert), and Luci Maynard (Michael). Larry is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

The family will receive friends at Baird-Case Jordan-Fannin Funeral Home, 4343 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL., on Friday, February 5, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., . The memorial service to celebrate the life of Lawrence A. Calufetti will be held on Saturday, February 6, at 10 a.m. at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, 5555 N. Federal Highway Fort Lauderdale.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation <http://support.themmr.org/goto/teammoose> , Fellowship of Christian Athletes- Broward Chapter, Broward College Foundation (memo: Larry Calufetti Memorial Fund) and 4Kids of South Florida.

Funeral will be streamed live on [crpc.tv](http://crpc.tv)

# Events

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	Baird-Case Jordan-Fannin Funeral Home	
	4343 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL, US, 33308	

# Comments

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“ Larry Calufetti is a man deeply in love with Father God, Jesus and Holy Spirit. Even during the tough challenges of chemotherapy, Larry kept smiling. We came to pray for Larry at Holy Cross Hospital, and he ended up praying for us...and encouraging us! Larry is a man of amazing character and compassion. Because he trusted in Jesus, we are confident Larry is whole and happy in Heaven.

**Suzanne Smailis** - February 07 at 03:34 PM

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“ "Moose" was a big personality! He was bound for greatness! Such a loss. My prayers to his family!  
Sue Questelle Warren

**Sue Warren** - February 05 at 10:39 PM

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“ We know Larry will be greatly missed. We send our love and prayers for Larry's family.

Judith, Darlynn and Pearl Zanotti  
Johnston City , Illinois

**Judith Zanotti** - February 05 at 10:12 PM

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“ Larry was my favorite customer, and he put his faith and trust in our company when we were just getting started 25 years ago. I will always treasure that. Larry had the most endearing smile and a hand shake was never enough for Larry. We would give hugs!!  
We will miss you greatly! God bless.

**Frank and Sherri Labedz** - February 05 at 12:45 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence A. Calufetti.





“ With sincere sympathy, Mike Panella and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lawrence A. Calufetti.



**Michael D Panella** - February 05 at 10:39 AM

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“ My heart goes out to the family at this terrible time of hurting. I share your grief and pray for peace in the mist of all that has happened. Menthia Jackson

**Menthia Jackson** - February 04 at 07:23 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence A. Calufetti.



February 04 at 06:30 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence A. Calufetti.



February 04 at 03:25 PM

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“ George Zoley and The GEO Group purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Lawrence A. Calufetti.



George Zoley and The GEO Group - February 04 at 02:19 PM

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“ Dr, Dave & Patti Szczesny purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lawrence A. Calufetti.



Dr, Dave & Patti Szczesny - February 04 at 10:53 AM

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“ TEAM Software Inc. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lawrence A. Calufetti.



TEAM Software Inc. - February 04 at 10:53 AM

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“ Moose was a long time friend and classmate of mine. He was always so much fun. Our whole class is saddened by this news. He was our leader, our friend. So many memories. May he now rest in God's arms, free from pain and suffering. Cindy Grounds Knop

Cynthia Knop - February 04 at 10:12 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence A. Calufetti.



February 03 at 10:27 PM

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“ Your family is in our hearts and prayers. Your neighbors and family at Providence on Major, Beaumont Texas

**Cindy** - February 03 at 09:57 PM

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“ Always remember "Moose" when he played baseball with our son Mike. They had a few signals between them and most of the time they paid off. These boys were my life for many years and I will never forget them. Moose always seemed to be in my car when we traveled...could be that I would go wherever they wanted to go after the game. He was unique in every way. Will never forget him stealing home to win a game. Lol. True story but if you saw him run, you couldn't imagine this happening, but it did...I always said he ran like a water spout...all in one place..FYI. Catchers are not known for their speed...RIP Moose...you will always be in my heart. Becky Barnhill.

**Becky Barnhill** - February 03 at 09:26 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence A. Calufetti.



February 03 at 07:39 PM

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“ James R. Kierce and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence A. Calufetti.



**James R. Kierce and family** - February 03 at 07:02 PM

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“ Rest in peace Moose. My thoughts and prayers to your family. A classmate of the great class of HHS 1969.



**Brenda Gibbs** - February 03 at 06:44 PM

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“ Danny Chambers and the entire Harrisburg Class of 1969 were saddened to hear of Larry's passing. May he now rest in peace.

**Danny Chambers** - February 03 at 06:28 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Moose lit up every room he ever walked into! Katie Gaskins

**Katie Gaskins** - February 03 at 04:43 PM