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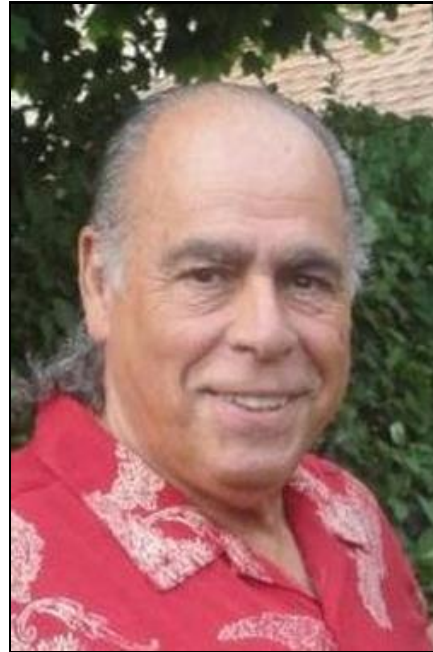
Nicholas J. DeMatteis

(September 28, 1942 - February 2, 2017)

*** Legendary Waterbury Detective **

Mr. Nicholas J. DeMatteis, age 74, passed away suddenly on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at Boynton Beach Rehabilitation Center in Boynton Beach, Florida. He was the husband of Eileen DeMatteis.

Mr. DeMatteis was born on September 28, 1942, in Bronx, NY, son of the late Edith "Ida" Rauso. He was a graduate of James Monroe High School, Class of 1961. Nick was an incredible baseball player and shortly after high school, signed a contract with the San Francisco Giants. He played for many successful seasons and his accomplishments included pitching a no-hitter. He concluded his baseball career with the AA Team Waterbury Giants. He settled in Waterbury and married his first wife, Marie Avellani, with whom he remained close friends. Nick was a lifelong New York Yankees fan and continued his love of baseball by continuing to play for the Waterbury Timers. The team went to Battle Creek, MI and competed in the World Series. He also played in the Waterbury Police Department's softball league.



Nick was proud to have served the City of Waterbury as a Police Officer, retiring as a Vice Squad Detective after a 32 year career. Nick is considered a legend by his fellow officers and gained the respect of those he arrested because of the fair and honest way he treated everyone.

While attending his 40st Class Reunion in New York, he reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Eileen, whom he later married. He relocated to Florida to be with her and loved his life there; the warm sunshine, the pool, traveling to the islands and his job as a property manager which he held since he arrived there. He enjoyed playing golf and playing cards with his friends.

In addition to Eileen, his wife of 15 years, Nick is survived by his sons, Nicholas DeMatteis Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Litchfield, Thomas

DeMatteis and his love Ana Carmen Ciarlo of Watertown, his daughter Judy Maloney and her husband Patrick of Waterbury, as well as his beloved grandchildren, Erin, Griffin, and Eliza Maloney, Sarah, Claudia, and Nicholas DeMatteis III, and Joe, Natalia, Liberty, and Vinnie DeMatteis. He also leaves behind his aunt, Louise Manenti of Chesterfield, MO, and his cousins who Nick regarded as siblings, Catherine Egelson, Richie Vitello, Tommy Manenti, Joey Manenti, and Mary Ellen Heuser, Eileen's daughter, Audra Kasper and her husband Mike and their children, Brittany, Brooke and Jessica as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends in Connecticut and Florida.

SERVICE CHANGE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER The funeral will be held on Friday, February 10, 2017 at 8:30am from Maiorano Funeral Home, 95 Willow Street in Waterbury to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 309 South Main Street, Waterbury for a Mass at 12:00pm. Entombment will follow in Rose Hills Memorial Park, 101 Mill Street, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Family and friends may call at the funeral home on FRIDAY MORNING from 8:30-11:30am. Memorial contributions in Nicholas' name may be made to the Police Activity League of Waterbury, Inc., 64 Division St., Waterbury, CT 06704 or www.waterburypal.org/contribution/. For more information and online condolences visit www.maioranofuneralhome.com

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