



Francis A "Rick" DePalma

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Francis A "Rick" DePalma

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Francis A "Rick" DePalma of St. Petersburg, Florida, passed away Saturday, March 31, 2018 in St. Anthony's Hospital of St. Petersburg. He was 62. Rick was born August 29, 1955 in New York, NY; the beloved son of Rosalie DePalma. He worked in the medical records department of Suncoast Medical Clinic in St. Petersburg. He thoroughly enjoyed his Italian heritage especially in the kitchen. He is survived by his husband and lifetime partner of 37+ years, Ric Garcia; his mother, Rosalie DeGroat; two brothers, Michael Croci and Roger DeGroat and two sisters, Lisa DeGroat and Rhonda DeGroat. Rick also leaves behind his mother-in-law, Lucy Garcia; sister-in-law, Pam CasConi and his brother-in-law, Bob Garcia. A celebration of life and gathering of friends and family will take place 12pm until 2pm, Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Memorial Park Funeral Home 5750 49th St. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33709. Memorials may be made to American Lung Association National Direct Response Headquarters 1200 Hosford Street, Suite 101 Hudson, WI 54016-9316 or online at www.lung.org Online memories and condolences may be shared on Rick's tribute page at www.memorialparkfuneralhome.com




Events


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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, April 21, 2018

 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709





Tribute Wall

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Richard Maddux posted:

I knew Rick when I was a scanner in medical records. My favorite memory of him was at Christmas time because he didn't like The Little Drummer Boy. I would tease him throughout the day by singing it to him. Thanks for the memories. Richard Maddux

April 21 at 8:02 PM



Pat Luczak-Przyojski posted:

Today was a wonderful celebration of Rick's life. So many family and friends shared their love and memories of him. I worked with him for 18 years and am truly blessed to call him my friend. His love of family was deep and he cherished all of his friends. He leaves a void that can never be filled but his purpose on this earth was completed and our Lord called him home. I have finally accepted this. Rest In Peace Rick. Until we meet again.....Pat

April 21 at 2:46 PM



Gale Baertschi posted:

I knew Rick from work, great guy. He will be missed

April 20 at 4:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the DePalma family.



April 20 at 7:35 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the DePalma family.



April 19 at 11:32 AM



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PM

Patti Morse lit a candle in honor of Francis.

Ric and Family, I spent 20 years working with Rick and he was a wonderful, caring, funny person to be with. We shared alot of ups and downs at work, but he managed to always make things look better. There are to many stories to share through all those years. I miss him calling me his work Sister. Ric, I know he loved you so much, and loved all of his family. My prayers go out to you and all the family. Patti Morse



April 18 at 3:38 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the DePalma family.



April 18 at 2:12 PM

MA

Melynda Atwood sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the DePalma family.



April 9 at 4:33 AM

RG

Roxanne Gilileo posted:

I never will forget all the wonderful times I spent with Ric and Rick. I loved them both so much and always will. My heart is breaking for Rick Garcia and their families for their loss. My deepest condolences.

April 7 at 12:54 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the DePalma family.



April 5 at 3:31 PM



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MS

Melinda Scaffè posted:

Ric, Rick was so happy on the day you two married and made your impossible dream a reality. So honored to have been a part of celebration and to have known Yetta. With warmest thought, Melinda Scaffè

April 5 at 2:42 PM

JT

Jess Thomas posted:

Ric, I remember your face lighting up when you talked about 'the maid' and it was so obvious the love you had was pure magic. I'm so very sorry for your loss. My heart aches for you. Carry that magic with you in your heart... always

April 5 at 11:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the DePalma family.



April 4 at 6:33 PM

LI

Lou Ingrassia Jr. posted:

Ric and Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. I remember the days hanging out with you guys when my Sister Mary was staying with you. This was over 20 Years ago, however it seems just like yesterday. You both were always so kind and accommodating. Mary K. and Rick are now together in Heaven watching over all of us. May God Bless You and Your Family during this difficult time. My Mother sends her condolences as well, and she sends her thoughts and Love. God Bless. Lou Ingrassia Jr and Family

April 4 at 11:32 AM

TM

The Atos Family - Debi, Jay, Melinda, Angela, Mark sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the DePalma family.



April 4 at 5:59 AM



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JH

Janice Seymour Hunter sent a virtual gift in honor of Francis.

This is a sad time for us all we will miss him and always share love for our friend

April 3 at 3:16 PM



CB

Christine Boudreau posted:

The first time I met Rick was 30 years ago when we worked together at Allied Labs. I thought he was the most handsome guy. Rick, Ric and I quickly became friends. He loved listening to Percy Sledge with me. He was a best friend to me and my sons. I am eternally grateful for his love, beautiful laugh and smile. I miss you my Frankie, but we will dance again. I love you Chris.

April 3 at 2:50 PM

TB

Terry Britteon lit a candle in honor of Francis.

So sorry about what has happened Ric, my thoughts are with you and your family at this trying time from across the pond. Be strong fella xxx

April 3 at 12:00 PM



JG

Jeanie Gallagher posted:

Roger and I are so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. Our favorite memory is of attending Ric and Rick's 25th anniversary celebration. It was such an amazing show of love, friendship and commitment. We still have our commemorative wine glasses! Ric and family, we are holding you in our hearts. Jeanie & Roger Gallagher

April 3 at 10:33 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Francis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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