



## Jeffrey A Gatt

September 22, 1959 - March 19, 2024

Jeffrey “Jeff” Gatt of Naples, Florida passed away peacefully at home on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, March 19, 2024. He was last surrounded by the love of his wife, four daughters, two sons-in-law, and grandson. Jeff was 64 years young.

Born to Anthony Gatt and Frances Gatt in Detroit, Michigan on September 22, 1959, Jeff was the youngest of their three children. It was there he was raised, developed lifelong friendships, married, and began a family of his own. After working in automotive sales and driving a big rig, he relocated with his family to Naples in 1991 where he founded Royal Steamer, Inc., a family-owned and operated service business that remains in operation today.

As a son, brother, friend, husband, dad, uncle, godfather, and Nannu, Jeff was larger than life to so many. He is, and forever will be, remembered endearingly for so many things. A wisecracker that loved to have fun and loved to be funny. He loved hockey, football, classic muscle cars, motorcycle trips, cooking big family dinners, mowing his lawn, and most of all, he loved his wife, his girls, his friends and his family.

Most prominently, Jeff’s legacy is the love, wisdom, selflessness, and core values he gave to us, and the devotion of his life to others. An endless teacher, provider, protector, and giver, he was a strong force of nature in our

world. He exemplified hard work. He taught us strength, determination, independence, opportunity, and tenacity. He gave the shirt off his back without hesitation, and he could not rest until he knew we were all taken care of. Through his last day, when he saw we were in need, he was going to build it, do it, buy it, or find a way to make it happen, regardless of monetary or personal cost.

When illness and suffering stole so much from him, he was the ultimate representation of, "Suck it up, you're a Gatt!" His resilience, spirit, and humor could not be broken. Instead, he taught us courage, healing, and hope, faith, forgiveness, and unconditional love. Befitting his last worldly day, Jeff embodied Saint Joseph for us. An imperfect man; a strong and powerful figure, chosen as guardian of the family. One in which his family could lean and whose love for them would never falter. He was our glue, our leader, the staple of our home, and he was sure to create for us memories that will last our lifetime.

Jeff is preceded in death by his parents Anthony Gatt and Frances Gatt; his step-sister Deborah Keith; brother-in-law John Kalmanek; and many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Monica Gatt; siblings Rick (Amelia) Gatt and Maureen (Lennie) Victor; daughters Melanie (Nick) McFadden, Stephanie Gatt, Sarah (Marlon) Rivera, and Samantha Gatt; surrogate sons Eduardo Valverde and Zachary Kalmanek; godson Bryan (Tom) Victor; goddaughters, Gabrielle Sauer and Sara Masterson; nephews Scott (Samantha) Victor, Thomas (Valerie) Gatt, Michael Bosquez, and Kevin Bosquez; niece Lauren Gatt; grandson Joshua McFadden; step-mother Maureen Gatt; and so many cherished step-siblings, brothers-in-law, sisters in-law, cousins, nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, and friends.

Irreplaceable in our hearts, he will be loved and appreciated forever by all those he left behind.

Jeff, Dad, Nannu — We will long for the day we see your smile, hear your jokes, and hold your hand again.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 21, 2024 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, closing with the Rosary from 6:30pm to 7:00pm, at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 S Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, Florida.

Jeff's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11:00AM at Saint Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 5225 Golden Gate Pkwy, Naples, Florida.

Entombment will follow at Naples Memorial Gardens , 525 111th Ave N, Naples, Florida at 1:00 pm Friday, March 22, 2024 followed by a gathering and reception served at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church in the Rome Room at 625 111th Ave N, Naples, Florida. Friends and family are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations towards Jeff's cemetery expenses by reaching out to the family.

To sign the online guest book and offer condolences, please visit [www.shikanyfuneralhome.com](http://www.shikanyfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, family owned and operated since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

MAR **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **22**. 11:00 AM.

St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

# Tribute Wall

MO

“ 9/11/2024

*“Though you no longer walk beside me physically,  
I see you in every memory.  
I feel you in every heartbeat.  
I hear you in every song.  
I know you in every thought.  
I laugh with you in every joy.  
I cry with you in every sorrow.  
For though you no longer walk beside me,  
You have never truly left me,  
For I feel your presence with me every step of the way  
And you have never truly gone.”*  
- Tahlia Hunter

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**monica** - September 11, 2024 at 07:35 AM

RV

“ *My uncle Jeff was an amazing man and always made me feel welcome and part of the family. He will be greatly missed!*

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**Rachel Valverde** - March 23, 2024 at 11:20 AM



*Thank you sweetie. Uncle Jeff and I prayed for you so often. Until the last day we prayed the rosary together and offered up our prayers for God to guide you and direct you into comfort, peace and healthiness. I am continuing our prayers for you.*

*Now, you ask Uncle Jeff to pray for you, I am sure he is so close to Jesus he can bring your prayers to him quicker.*

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**M** - May 22, 2024 at 05:34 PM

SC

“ *steven cassar lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Gatt*



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**steven cassar** - March 21, 2024 at 11:59 AM

SC

“ *Jeff Gatt I can barely believe you have gone ahead of us so soon. Things I remember about Jeff is his laugh. That, and his quiet, strong personality. Though our travels in life had taken us to opposite ends of the country We had lost touch quite some time. From what I read about you in the obituary we had a lot in common I love for cars and motorcycles and most of all the love of our family. I know this sounds strange, but one of the memories I have being with you is the day we were pushing our cousins in a shopping cart popping wheelies with them in it and then I remember I popped the wheelie a little too hard and they handle came down on my hand and split all the ends of my fingers. I don't know why that stands out but I guess I'm a little strange, never forget all the days Swimming at your father's house. I pray that you rest in peace with all the family we have in heaven, you will be missed*

*Your cousin*

*Steven, cassar and family*

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**steven cassar** - March 21, 2024 at 11:56 AM

WG

“ One of the best perks I got when I met my husband 37 years ago was meeting his best friend, Jeff, and his wife, Monica. It was love at first meet. We became the 4 musketeers. Our kids got along just as well. We'd spend 3 out of 4 weekends together and usually the weekend left that we didn't spend together one of us would watch the other's kids. We took a couple trips together. We became family really fast. Then they had the bright idea to move to Florida. Tom and I told Jeff and Monica they could move but we were keeping their girls. Even with all the miles between us our bond always stayed strong. Our love for Monica and the girls will of course stay strong but of course we will miss Jeff. He was a gentleman, would help anyone in need and was just fun to have around although he did have a stubborn side too but that was ok. We love you Jeff and you will always be in our heart and memories. Love Tom and Wendy

Wendy Grenke - March 20, 2024 at 04:56 PM

TB

“ Praying for you all in this sad time



Theresa Barbale - March 20, 2024 at 12:23 PM

AT

“ Our love and prayers to Monica, the girls and all the family. He fought so hard and I know that he is with our Lord.

angela turner - March 20, 2024 at 08:54 AM