



Steven J. Sanchez

December 30, 1950 - July 27, 2021

Steven Joseph Sanchez of Bonita Springs, Florida and a former resident of Long Island and New Rochelle, NY passed away at home on July 27, 2021. Steve was born on December 30, 1950 to the late Manuel Sanchez & Frances Marchesano Sanchez in the Bronx, NY.

Steve worked as a sales executive at Schaffer Foods Company in New Rochelle for many years where he met the love of his life Kathy Lavacca. They recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. He later worked as a wedding photographer and a manager at JanPro Cleaning Services.

Steve was an avid New York Yankees fan and watched every game he could. He enjoyed reading the newspaper and talking politics. He would frequently be seen around the neighborhood walking his dog Gibbs or taking pictures of the local wildlife and sunsets.

Steve loved spending time with his family and family reunions were his specialty.

In addition to his wife Kathy, Steve is survived by siblings Michael Sanchez and his wife Barbara, sister Barbara Broast and her husband John, sister Melissa Pelkowski and her husband Dave, his children Susan Hopkins, Steven Sanchez and his wife Jennifer. 4 grandchildren also survive him. They

are Matthew Hopkins, Emily Hopkins, Michael Sanchez and Jack Sanchez. Additionally he is survived by the mother of his children, Ginnie Hodges Sanchez.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Gulf Coast Humane Society (<https://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org>) in memory of Steve.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ Steve was my boss at Schaffer I met him in 1981 when I was 18 and he hired me to work in his computer room, I worked there till 1992 or 93 when Schaffer moved.. All the girls that worked in the computer room for Steve loved him, he was such a genuinely nice guy the girls would work hard for him everyone at Schaffer in every dept loved Steve, the last time I saw him was in 1997 when i did go on a photography job , I moved around and finally left NY, and for some reason today 3/23/2026 I thought of Steve and Kathy who I also knew for all my years at Schaffer who too was a great girl and they made a great couple.. and decided to google his name and found this tribute to Him.. I will never forget Steve Sanchez he was my real first Boss.. I remember all of us would walk into his office just to talk or tell him our stories.. he was a great listener A great Friend,,

Cindy Deutsch - March 23 at 11:19 PM



“ Steven J. Sanchez

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Steve,
I am so sorry to hear about your passing on. You were a great guy and I really enjoyed our online chats and our time together when I used to work at Jan Pro. It sounds like you left behind a family that loved and adored you and you will be missed by all. Take care my friend and hopefully we will meet up again one day. Until then RIP.

Bill Glinka

Bill Glinka - August 04, 2021 at 03:58 PM

DD

“ Steve
*You were the light of Kathy's life. You will be missed.
You made the best salads & salad dressing at every family event. I
will miss you
Love Your sister in law Diane*

Diane Drago - August 02, 2021 at 02:55 PM

JD

“ Steve was a person who was able to fit into many situations and be involved for example at family get togethers, he would watch different sports with me especially the Yankees and be glad to be part of it. He was quiet but always happy to be part of the event and he was always helpful. He will be missed.
Love
your brother in law Joe

Joseph Drago - August 02, 2021 at 02:51 PM

TK

“ Tom Kennish lit a candle in memory of Steven
J. Sanchez



Tom Kennish - July 31, 2021 at 11:41 AM

MD

“ Uncle, I will miss us.....Our chats, our texts, our “love” for alligators, I will definitely miss your famous salads, your birthday cards specially handpicked by you, I will miss it all. I love you more than you will ever know. My heart is broken. Love always and forever, Mich

Michelle DeSalvo - July 30, 2021 at 09:38 PM