



Dana A. Africano

August 2, 1962 - October 3, 2024

Dana A. Africano, age 62, of St. Joseph, MI, formerly of Kankakee passed away Thursday, October 3, 2024 in St. Joseph, MI. He was born August 2, 1962 in Kankakee, the son of Nicholas J. & Shirley J. (Remillard) Africano. Dana married Charmaine Howard on May 30, 2013 in Isla Mujeres, Mexico. Dana was a licensed Union Plumber. He graduated from Bishop McNamara High School, where he excelled as a Varsity Wrestler. Dana was a world class sailor and licensed Coast Guard Captain, with tens of thousands of nautical miles logged, including a 19-day voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. Dana loved sailing the Caribbean, considering Jamaica his second home. He lived to share the experience of sailing the open water with family, friends, and acquaintances. As a natural explorer, Dana enjoyed fishing, camping, and traveling. He also enjoyed fixing, tinkering, and solving home improvement projects with unmistakable craft and creativity. His greatest adventure was building a family with his wife, Charmaine, and his children.

Surviving are his wife, Charmaine Africano of St. Joseph, MI; two sons, Benton Africano of Los Angeles, CA and Enzo Africano of St. Joseph, MI; two daughters, Alaina Africano (Alec Lacasse) of Chicago and Mia Africano of St. Joseph, MI; one sister, Gina & Blake O'Halloran of Grand Beach, MI; five brothers, Randy & Diane Africano of Chicago, Tom & Leslie Africano of Chicago, David Africano of Bourbonnais, James Africano of Bourbonnais, and Nicholas Africano of Bourbonnais; he is also survived by a large extended family, including many nieces and nephews. Dana is preceded in death by his

parents.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at St. Rose of Lima Chapel in Kankakee. Rev. Matt Pratscher will celebrate the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Enzo & Mia Africano Fund C/O Midland States Bank 255 E. Station St. Kankakee, IL 60901.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **8**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

OCT **9**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Chapel
486 W. Merchant
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

BD

“ *Barbara Dams (Blanchette)*



Barb Dams - October 19, 2024 at 10:01 AM

BD

Prayers to all the Africano family..

Barb Dams - October 19, 2024 at 10:02 AM

AO

“ *With deepest sympathy to the entire Africano family. God bless Dana, and to all of you as you journey through and endure this unthinkable tragedy. Thoughts and prayers abound. Ann Offermann*

Ann Offermann - October 16, 2024 at 11:09 AM

DN

“ *David Neblock lit a candle in memory of Dana A. Africano*



david neblock - October 13, 2024 at 06:24 PM

KO

“ Karen O'Reilly lit a candle in memory of Dana A. Africano



Karen O'Reilly - October 09, 2024 at 06:11 PM

RG

“ Robert Gessner lit a candle in memory of Dana A. Africano



Robert Gessner - October 09, 2024 at 03:35 PM

MM

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to his Family. Marty & Michelle Martin, Jamies Neighbors

Marty L Martin - October 09, 2024 at 12:45 PM

LB

“ Our condolences to the family. We both knew him when we were young.

Tom and Linda (Schnell) Boisvert

Linda K Boisvert - October 08, 2024 at 01:59 PM

PH

“ Very sad to hear this news. I have very fond childhood and high school memories with Dana. Prayers to the family

Paul Hegg - October 08, 2024 at 10:28 AM

JD

“ It was really nice getting to know you over the last few years You truly are a genuine person. It was also great getting out on the sailboat as much as we were able to over the last two years. We put some serious miles on it through all sorts of different conditions you got me hooked on sailing and I’m glad I got to go go with you so much for the experience. I learned alot from you and am excited to get my own boat. You’re a nice person but that doesn’t come close to how good of a friend you are. You will be missed greatly!

Joseph J. DuCharme - October 08, 2024 at 03:25 AM

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Joseph J. DuCharme - October 08, 2024 at 03:23 AM

OC

“ My deepest condolences goes out to the family especially to his wife my cousin Charmaine and the children. I can’t imagine what you are encountering these last few days, just know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I’m sending you love and hugs. I pray you find strength and comfort.

Octavia - October 07, 2024 at 11:29 PM

CF

“ I’m so heartbroken over the loss of Dana! The kindest soul, he’ll always have a special place in my heart! Thankful our lives were able to cross paths, even for just a short period of time! Rest in peace, my friend! Thinking and praying for the family!

Carrie Sicard Flynn - October 07, 2024 at 10:16 PM

HJ

“ May all the Africano’s know how much you are loved and such an inspiration to me. Without question, the rainbow of life is very hard to see right now. Through support and love, we will all somehow heal from this shattering experience. We must , we will and someday, some way, we will all smile again. I’ll always be there for all of you.
My extreme condolences.
Our faith will be tested, but we all have each other to help each step of the way.

Beaumont

Hugh Janda - October 07, 2024 at 07:52 PM

JD

“ Know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if we can do anything.

Your St Joe neighbors

jeff ducharme - October 07, 2024 at 06:41 PM

DA

“ So sorry to hear. Thought I'd share a memory.



Doug Africano - October 07, 2024 at 04:44 PM

LL

“ My brother you will be missed. Fair winds & following seas I love you.....Lance



Lance Lovely - October 07, 2024 at 01:48 PM

DT

“ We're so saddened to hear this news. Sending our deepest condolences and much love to the Africano family. -- Dan & Sonja Trainor

Daniel Trainor - October 07, 2024 at 10:47 AM

DK

“ Darcy & Donn Kane lit a candle in memory of Dana A. Africano



Darcy & Donn Kane - October 07, 2024 at 09:52 AM

KC

“ *Katie Chigaros-Axe lit a candle in memory of Dana A. Africano*



Katie Chigaros-Axe - October 07, 2024 at 09:39 AM

GJ

“ *The principal, teachers, and staff of the Montessori Children's Center would like to express our deepest condolences to the Africano family on the loss of Dana. He was such a loving devoted father and a kind man. We promise to continue to take great care of his son and ensure that he feels love all around him. May Dana's soul rest in peace.*



Sincerely,

Dr. G. Joe

Gillian Joseph - October 07, 2024 at 08:25 AM

DD

“ *<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqodZz1L1ZQ>*

Dick Dixon - October 06, 2024 at 10:27 PM

JE

“ Went to high school with Dana. My 1st memory of him was he & Jamie shining shoes for people outside of Osco Drug in Kankakee. Then, of course, good memories from the ice rink and high school. He was such a nice guy & gone far too soon. RIP Dana. My condolences to your family.



Julie Enright - October 06, 2024 at 09:30 PM

RH

“ Grew up in the same Kankakee neighborhood as Dana and the Africano family. I have VERY fond memories of Dana when we were teens. We hung out at the ice rink quite a bit on cold winter nights. Nicest guy EVER!! I doubt that he had an enemy in this world. I'm happy to see that he really lived life to the fullest when enjoying his sailing adventures. But, certainly gone too soon. My sincere condolences to his widow, children and the Africano family. RIP my friend. 🙏

RC Harmon - October 06, 2024 at 09:21 PM

DG

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs and much love, Joe and Dawn

Dawn Gentry - October 06, 2024 at 07:11 PM

PF

“ Posing Family lit a candle in memory of Dana A. Africano



Posing Family - October 06, 2024 at 03:46 PM

SP

“ *Sherry (Barnett) Parks lit a candle in memory of Dana A. Africano*



Sherry (Barnett) Parks - October 06, 2024 at 01:37 PM

SP

Prayers lifted up for the entire Africano family and all who love Dana 🙏.

Sherry (Barnett) Parks - October 06, 2024 at 01:40 PM

TA

Bless you my long ago neighbor and friend.

Tom Africano - October 06, 2024 at 08:17 PM

LC

her name was thersa cyrier no mention of cyrier justin and micheal got you union status rip

Lynn Cyrier - October 13, 2024 at 12:41 AM