



Matthew Pecchenino

March 18, 1978 - December 15, 2024

Matthew Pecchenino, age 46, of Kankakee, passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at his home. He was born on March 18, 1978, in Kankakee, the son of Nathan and Patricia (Lamie) Pecchenino.

Matthew was an entrepreneur and pursued many business ventures in his lifetime. Blue Planet Aquariums, Ultimate Cats, and most recently, Nino's Panini Sandwiches. He loved working for himself and was always exploring new avenues. He loved exotic animals and cared for several over the years, including birds, reptiles, amphibians, and even Savannah cats that he bred himself. Many were named after characters from his favorite TV show, Seinfeld. He enjoyed collecting baseball cards and was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs. Matt was talented in many hobbies, such as golf, billiards, and DIY landscaping/home renovation. But most of all, he loved to cook. And people loved it when he cooked for them. He made incredible "Cubano" sandwiches and arguably the best Gumbo in the Midwest. Everyone looked forward to the dishes, and charisma, that he would bring to social gatherings. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends alike.

Matthew is survived by his father, Nathan Pecchenino of St. Anne; his significant other, Hollye Dionne of Kankakee; his daughter, Morgan Pecchenino of Danville; one sister, April (Nick) Mancuso of Marseilles; two brothers, Ryan (Autumn) Pecchenino of St. Joseph and Eric Pecchenino of

Kankakee; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Lamie; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private memorial mass will be held at St. Rose Chapel. A celebration of life will be held at a later date at the Knights of Columbus. Arrangements are being handled by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the American Liver Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ Oh Matt the crazy s--- we used to get into, shootin pool at Rack em up, drag racing cars, walking to get some brews in absolute blizzard, taking all of Brauns money at poker and the list of things that only we will know. You were my ride or die for 6 yrs I will forever cherish those memories I would have never wanted to share them with anyone else. Rest easy now brother and rack em up.

Ryan Anderson - December 21, 2024 at 08:55 PM

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“ For my friend Matt - I will remember you schooling me in billiards, coaching me in the art of lawncare, and our many good conversations - especially about the Lord. May the Lord cover you with His grace & mercy.

Nathan Vail - December 21, 2024 at 01:19 PM

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“ Our sincere sympathy to Nate and family. Prayers have been lifted up for Matt and all who love him 🙏🙏🙏

Sherry Parks - December 17, 2024 at 03:23 PM

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“ Sherry Parks lit a candle in memory of Matthew Pecchenino



Sherry Parks - December 17, 2024 at 03:21 PM

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“ Matt was a great guy! Any info I needed on caring for my aquariums he was there giving me all the info I needed. Will be missed.

Lorrie T - December 17, 2024 at 01:46 PM

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“ Matt, Heaven Rejoices in Welcoming you. Those of us left behind, will never forget you. You will always be loved. Rich, Therese, and Erik Schultz

Therese - December 17, 2024 at 10:21 AM