



Dean Anthony Castellano

May 14, 1969 - February 18, 2023

Dean Anthony Castellano of Mooresville, NC, passed away February 18th, 2023, unexpectedly. He was only 53 years old. His family and friends are devastated by his sudden passing.

Dean is survived and deeply missed by his wife of almost 29 years, Leigh Ann; and his children, Gina, Alecia, Julia, and Dino. Forever cherished by his grandchild, Elaina, and was excitedly awaiting the birth of another.

Dean was born on May 14, 1969, to Rocco and Dolores Castellano. Dean grew up in Connecticut with his 3 brothers and sister. Rocco Castellano, Louis Castellano, Joseph Castellano, and Jennifer Castellano. He graduated from N.F.H.S. Dean went on to work at Carquest in Dover Plains, NY, where he met his wife Leigh Ann. He then went on to co-own this store with his father-in-law, Nick and his brother-in-law, Jimmy, before moving himself and his family down to Mooresville, NC.

Dean was incredible at anything he put his mind to. From fixing up cars, repairing and building homes, running a store, and owning and operating a NAPA business, he did it all. He loved hanging out with family and friends, barbecuing, and driving his boat on Lake Norman. Dean loved anything that had to do with being outside in the sun or hanging out in his man cave with a

drink in his hand. He made friends wherever he went with his infectious personality. His family will forever remember his entertaining spirit and amusing "dad jokes."

His hard work and dedication will carry on with those he impacted personally and professionally. His NAPA business will continue with the help of his family and those who loved him most in this industry.

There are no words to express how grateful his family is for our neighbors who immediately took action to support his wife and family when this tragedy occurred. Also, a heartfelt thank you to those who were with Dean and to all the family and friends who have reached out since.

Family and friends are welcome to attend a Celebration of Life, which will be held in the Chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville, NC, on Saturday, February 25, at 2:00 PM.

For those unable to attend please use the following link to view the service <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY3NzMwNzE0NDIzNzk0NiZvbmVyb29tLWFKbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Visitation with the family will be from 12:00 - 2:00 PM. Please bring a beer to cheer Dean's life as he would've wanted, along with the silly, entertaining, and funny stories you have of him over the years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Dean's name to Levine Children's Hospital, 1000 Blythe Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28203.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Castellano family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - February 24, 2023 at 08:39 PM

RC

“ *Miss you Dean. Love forever, Rocco and Kristin*



Rocco Castellano - March 07, 2023 at 11:29 PM

DF

“ *Deb Cassavechia Feldman lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Deb Cassavechia Feldman - February 27, 2023 at 11:19 AM

RM

“ *Ron And Sylvia Morelli lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



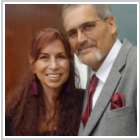
Ron and Sylvia Morelli - February 25, 2023 at 03:11 PM

MR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



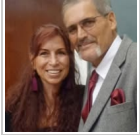
Michael Roberts - February 25, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ *Laura Lawless lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Laura Lawless - February 25, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ I grew up with Dean in New Fairfield. We shared so much from homework, to talking on the phone for hours, hanging out at his parents pool, proms, camping, concerts, parties, boating, spring break, weddings. Dean was by far the very best of us. He enriched all of our lives. Although I had spoken with Dean recently, it didn't matter we could always pick up like it was yesterday & share a funny story. That's just the great friend he was to me & to his friends here in CT.
My deepest sympathy to the entire Castellano Family. You are in my prayers.

Laura Lawless - February 25, 2023 at 12:51 PM

CC

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Cavin Cook - February 25, 2023 at 09:01 AM

MM

“ Melissa Mezger lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano



Melissa Mezger - February 25, 2023 at 07:22 AM



“ *Jenn Castellano lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Jenn Castellano - February 24, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ *Renee Veith lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Renee Veith - February 24, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *dean was a funny guy he would call me putz or chuch and i would respond with which one he didnt say he will be missed prayers for his wife and son a daughters sending love pam messer*

pam messer - February 24, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dean Anthony Castellano.*



February 24, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dean Anthony Castellano.*



February 24, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ *Diane Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Diane Hamilton - February 23, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dean Anthony Castellano.*



February 23, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ *Dean It was a pleasure having you as a manager! Thank you for all you did to help push me to the person I am today. May you Rest in Peace!*



Edgar F Hernandez - February 23, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dean Anthony Castellano.*



February 23, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dean Anthony Castellano.*



February 23, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dean Anthony Castellano.*



February 23, 2023 at 11:10 AM



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February 23, 2023 at 09:32 AM

CN

“ Cheryl Nealey lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano



cheryl nealey - February 23, 2023 at 08:33 AM

WB

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Castellano family. I met Dean in March of 2017 when he and I became coworkers. From day 1, he was always a good guy to be around. We shared many conversations about our families and about life. He even brought me cookies that his wife baked. He was always positive. He leaves a lasting legacy. Rest well Dean.

Willie E. Barfield - February 22, 2023 at 07:56 PM

ED

“ Emily Daniels purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dean Anthony Castellano.



Emily Daniels - February 22, 2023 at 05:39 PM

BM

“ Bob Mueller lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano



Bob Mueller - February 22, 2023 at 03:08 PM

ES

“ Eric Stachowski lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano



Eric Stachowski - February 22, 2023 at 02:17 PM

LE

“ Dean and Leigh Ann's family showed us such welcome and warmth during our business trip to Charlotte. Thoughts are with the Castellano family.



Leo - February 22, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Family



Joe Castellano - February 22, 2023 at 11:04 AM

KA

“ Karen S.



karen - February 22, 2023 at 10:35 AM

KA

RIP my friend...

karen - February 22, 2023 at 10:36 AM



Tamara Collins

“ *Tamara Collins lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Tamara Collins - February 22, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Joe Castellano lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Joe Castellano - February 22, 2023 at 09:48 AM

JO

“ *Jonathon lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Jonathon - February 22, 2023 at 08:58 AM

BJ

“ *Billy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Billy Johnson - February 22, 2023 at 08:22 AM

WT

“ *Will Tyler lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Will Tyler - February 22, 2023 at 05:45 AM

DC

“ *Don Copeland lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Don Copeland - February 21, 2023 at 10:21 PM

DC

Dean was one of a kind. He was an awesome friend and co-worker. Here's a beer from Old Armor to you Dean!

Don Copeland - February 21, 2023 at 10:24 PM

PV

“ We will miss your positive, get it done, make it work attitude. You had a gift to make each person you met feel valued and needed. Till we meet again, we know you'll be spreading smiles in heaven.



Paul & Teresa VanderVeen - February 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM

CL

“ Carl LaManna lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano



Carl LaManna - February 21, 2023 at 09:32 PM

CL

I knew Dean from "Big A - Auto Parts" in Dover. Myself and multiple family members had worked there as teenagers - way back what seems like "forever ago". Dean was always the person to introduce himself and start the conversation, he was selfless and always surrounded himself with people. His charismatic nature was a welcome invitation to be yourself and enjoy the moment. He was very giving and always invited others to join in whatever adventure he was partaking in at the time (usually on his boat or entertaining guests). I had not seen Dean in about 12 years, and it just goes to show that you should never let "life" get in the way of reaching out because you never know what the future holds. I recall visiting Dean's family with my family (and my brothers), and him telling me to try the Crystal Light and Vodka he had just made for us. I had not seen him for years before that and it was like we had just seen him the week before. Our condolences go out to his family and friends and he will truly be missed by anyone who knew him.

Carl LaManna - February 21, 2023 at 09:49 PM

CG

“ Carolyn Giovanelli lit a candle in memory of
Dean Anthony Castellano



Carolyn Giovanelli - February 21, 2023 at 09:14 PM

CG

Rest peacefully Dean, you are in your Mom's arms now !! 🙏

Carolyn Giovanelli - February 21, 2023 at 09:17 PM

NI

“ I remember the laughter. Rest in Peace. God Bless your family.
Nicole Nordlund (Stephens)

Nicole - February 21, 2023 at 08:28 PM

FD

“ Frances Deese lit a candle in memory of
Dean Anthony Castellano



Frances Deese - February 21, 2023 at 08:27 PM

LC

“ Linda Castellano lit a candle in memory of
Dean Anthony Castellano



Linda Castellano - February 21, 2023 at 07:12 PM

BL

“ *Brian And Kelly LaManna lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Brian and Kelly LaManna - February 21, 2023 at 07:10 PM

LG

“ *Lisa And Michael Gajdos lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Lisa and Michael Gajdos - February 21, 2023 at 07:05 PM

BP

“ *Beverly Pierce lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Beverly Pierce - February 21, 2023 at 07:03 PM

BC

“ *Brian Chandler lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Brian Chandler - February 21, 2023 at 06:54 PM

TL

“ Terence & Tiffany Lawshe’



Terence Lawshe - February 21, 2023 at 05:10 PM

TL

Rest in peace my man Dean. It was an honor to serve you as your TSM as you and your family made the decision to secure the Kannapolis & China Grove stores. It always felt like family and not work when I was in the store. Smiles, laughter & taking care of the customer that's what I will always remember. 🙏❤️

Terence Lawshe - February 24, 2023 at 05:49 PM

DP

“ David & Suzanne Parnell lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano



David & Suzanne Parnell - February 21, 2023 at 04:43 PM

JT

“ Jeff (Rocky) Tucker lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano



Jeff (Rocky) Tucker - February 21, 2023 at 03:32 PM

JT

Prayers for your family Dean, you will be missed by many!

Jeff (Rocky) Tucker - February 21, 2023 at 03:33 PM

EM

“ Edward Mcintosh lit a candle in memory of
Dean Anthony Castellano



Edward Mcintosh - February 21, 2023 at 02:42 PM

KB

“ Karen Broome lit a candle in memory of Dean
Anthony Castellano



Karen Broome - February 21, 2023 at 02:37 PM

KB

Dean you will surely be missed. Your sweet voice on the phone.

Karen Broome - February 21, 2023 at 02:39 PM

BB

“ Brenda Bumgarner lit a candle in memory of
Dean Anthony Castellano



Brenda Bumgarner - February 21, 2023 at 02:28 PM

GT

“ *Ginger Thornton lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



Ginger Thornton - February 21, 2023 at 02:13 PM

SG

“ *Susan Guzman lit a candle in memory of Dean Anthony Castellano*



susan guzman - February 21, 2023 at 02:00 PM

SG

RIP Dino. ❤️. Comfort and peace for your family, staff, co-workers, and friends. You made a huge impart on our lives and will not be forgotten

susan guzman - February 21, 2023 at 02:02 PM