



## Philip Renaldo Castronovo, Jr.

August 31, 1973 - July 25, 2022

Philip "Fat Phil" Renaldo Castronovo

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of Philip Renaldo Castronovo, 48, of Mooresville, NC and formerly Utica, NY on Monday, July 25, 2022, with his loving and devoted family by his side.

Phil was born in Utica, NY on August 31, 1973, the son of the late Philip Renaldo Castronovo and Jeanette Commisso. On October 11, 1997, he married his soulmate, Cortney Gamel. They shared a marriage deeply rooted in mutual respect, loyalty, and laughter. United together they raised a beautiful close-knit family, providing an exemplary foundation of love, dedication, and perseverance.

Phil was a self-proclaimed "professional" but focused most of his work on his passion for all things automotive. He recently accepted a position with the Iredell Statesville School District and was looking forward to the new opportunity.

Phil could often be found tinkering in his garage; detailing, repairing, or turning anything with a motor brand new again. He loved boating, ice hockey, and enjoying time with his family. He truly enjoyed cooking and although he never got the chance to open a pizzeria, a lifelong dream he had, he made up for it by cooking for his family and friends. Phil treasured his four dogs, who loved him and will miss him dearly. He was most proud of his children and was devoted to supporting their accomplishments. Phil was happy anywhere, as long as he was with his wife and children; whom you would rarely find not

together. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world, something he often mentioned, and it was evident.

Phil had the combination of a strong "tough" man, but he was a gentle soul; holding fast to his beliefs, protecting those he loved, yet always seeking a new friend to meet. He was the first to offer a helping hand, kind word or inappropriate joke to make those around him laugh. He was a 'sneakerhead' and an aficionado of all things with a motor. He was a practical joker with a generous heart of gold. Phil was unapologetically himself and he encouraged everyone around him to care less about what people think and more about just being happy.

Phil is survived by his wife Cortney, son Philip and daughter Nicolina; mother, Jeanette; in-law, Kenneth and Mary Gamel; siblings, brother and sister-in-law Joe (Adele) Commisso; sister and brother-in-law Lisa (Paul) Arena; sister Tiffany Castronovo; brother and sister-in-law Ryan (Jessica) Castronovo; sister-in-law Jacqueline Gamel; sister-in-law Kristyn (Matt) Crumb. Phil has several nieces and nephews, Bob, Mike, Christine, Juliana, Alyssa, Camilla, Nolan, Tyler, Mckenna, Emily, Kade, and Kiaus. Since Phil was such a big kid at heart, his nieces and nephews adored him, as did the children of his close friends. He was the greatest "Funcle"- like a dad, only cooler. Phil also leaves behind more friends than we could ever mention, everyone who knew him will greatly cherish the memories, love, and humor.

He was preceded in death by his father Philip Renaldo Castronovo; his beloved son Kenneth Giordano Castronovo, a reunion he often thought about and although too soon, his family takes comfort in knowing they are together. His family and friends are encouraged to celebrate Phil's life in a way he would want to be remembered, as a loving and caring man who cherished his circle deeply. Please join us in celebrating his life.

Visitation and memorial service will be held at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home on Sunday, July 31, 2022, from 2pm to 4pm.

Arrangements at Adrean Funeral Service in Utica, NY tentatively Saturday, August 6, 2022.



# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

JUL 31. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of Phil. My family, the Nicotera's (Jesse), and Nitte's, Nitti's have known the Castronovo's for many years. Again, our condolences. Tamara M. Nicotera

Tamara M. Smith - September 24, 2022 at 10:34 PM

RP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Joe and Adele and my condolences to the family may he RIP

Roseanne Pascale - July 29, 2022 at 05:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip Renaldo Castronovo, Jr..



July 29, 2022 at 11:26 AM

TF

“ Although we haven't seen you guys in a while, Phil left an impression on our hearts. We will always remember him fondly and with a smile. Each time we would see and talk to him at the ice rink, it would always include a laugh and a smile or two. He will be remembered and missed by more than you know. Sending prayers to his family.

- The Moran Family

thr Moran Family - July 29, 2022 at 11:14 AM

RM

“ So sorry for your loss, Phil was a great guy to talk with and he always made me laugh. Prayers. Russ Morreale

Russ Morreale - July 29, 2022 at 09:36 AM

VC

“ Cortney, Phil and Nicolina. We are so sorry to hear this very sad news You all were his heart and soul. Praying for your strength during this difficult time and hope your beautiful memories help you through this.  
Love. Aunt Vicki and Uncle Vic

vicki Castronovo - July 28, 2022 at 10:31 PM

DC

“ Cortney, Philip and Nicolina,  
We are deeply saddened by this heartbreaking news. Taken far too soon he truly was an amazing family man. We send you our love and prayers and hope that you will find some peace and comfort in all your happy memories. God bless all of you.  
Doreen and Aunt Jeanne

Doreen Castronovo - July 28, 2022 at 10:15 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Philip Renaldo Castronovo, Jr..



July 28, 2022 at 08:53 PM

RB

“ I have nothing but great memories of Phil in the short time I got to know him. He was a great family man and always had a smile on his face. Our deepest condolences to Courtney, Phil Jr and Nicolina and his entire family. May he rest in peace. Rich and Jackie Brulato

Rich Brulato - July 28, 2022 at 08:49 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Philip Renaldo Castronovo, Jr..



July 28, 2022 at 07:35 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Philip Renaldo Castronovo, Jr..



July 28, 2022 at 04:13 PM