



Walter Spagnola

May 8, 1950 - December 29, 2020

Walter Spagnola, age 70, of Middletown, NY, passed away on December 29 after a brief but hard-fought battle with Covid. He was born on May 8, 1950 to the late Fran and Vito Spagnola in the Bronx, NY. He was a fierce protector of anyone or anything he believed in and would do anything for anyone.

For 35+ years he worked for the NYS Thruway Authority as a bridge painter for what used to be the Tappan Zee Bridge. One of his most notable and heroic acts while working on the bridge was saving a distraught man from jumping off the very top of the bridge. He spotted him with his binoculars, jumped into a Thruway vehicle, and climbed, minus his harness, to the very top to get to the man's side, all while NYC News helicopters were circling around them. He calmed the man down enough until NYS troopers could assist in the save. The bridge was shut down for hours.

Walter was an avid hunter and outdoorsman and enjoyed going on hunting trips with his good friends to their hunting cabin. He also enjoyed the beach, particularly the Jersey Shore, where he would go with his wife, Peggy, every summer for years.

Walter was a member of the Washington Heights Fire Department in Middletown, NY for several years and served as Fire Police. He was just presented an award on December 3rd, 2020 as 2019's Fire Police of the year

for outstanding dedication and service.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, of 37 years, his children, Christopher Napolitano, and Dawn (Larry) Natale, and grandchildren Joseph, Michael, and Lia. He is also survived by his brothers Vito (Jackie) Spagnola, and Anthony, and nephews Jason and Anthony Jr. as well as many, many friends. Services at this time will be held at a later date due to Covid. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the charity of your choice in his honor.

Tribute Wall

MK

“ *Meghan Keener lit a candle in memory of Walter Spagnola*



Meghan Keener - July 20, 2021 at 12:25 PM

SL

“ *Hi Peggy,
So sorry for the loss of your husband. Walter was a very kind person. I remember him at the meetings, He brought he humor to them. Walter was a wonderful person, caring person. It was truely a blessing to know him. Our prayers are with you. May he rest in peace.
Sally & Wayne Lewis*



Sally Lewis - January 11, 2021 at 01:30 PM

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“ *The Orange County Volunteer Fire Police Association sends condolences to the Spagnola family in ther loss of Walter.*

Richard Mills, Chaplain OCVFPA - January 10, 2021 at 08:13 AM

SR

“ *So sorry to read of you loss!! Thinking of you and Dawn and Chris. Sending prayers and hugs.*

Ray and Sue Ruckdeschel

Susan Ruckdeschel - January 07, 2021 at 10:38 AM