



Dominick "Bunky" Vetrano

April 24, 1947 - November 13, 2025

Dominick Vetrano, 78, of Graceville, Florida, passed away suddenly at his residence on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Born April 24, 1947, in Neptune, New Jersey, Dominick—affectionately known as “Bunky”—was a proud graduate of Neptune High School. A gifted athlete, he swam for the Monmouth University Swim Team while studying business. His professional life reflected his dedication to service and community: he retired from the Monmouth County Reclamation Center. Also, he served with distinction in the Borough of Bradley Beach Police Department, State of New Jersey.

Dominick was predeceased by his beloved grandparents Rosa and Domenico Vetrano, Carmella and Carl Montrose; his parents Celia and Louis Vetrano; his aunts Helen “Dolly” Peluso and Mary “Muchel” Ballerino; his uncle’s Anthony and Carl Montrose, Sam Vetrano, Joe “Little Toe” Vetrano of the “49ers,” Paul Peluso, and Joe Ballerino; his brothers-in-law Salvatore Giresi and Fred Palumbo; and his granddaughter, Cece.

He is survived by his sisters, BettyAnne Palumbo of Ocean Township, NJ, and his twin sister, Cissie Giresi of Neptune, NJ. He leaves behind his lifelong companion, Darlyn Vetrano, and their children, Kristy Vetrano-Hancock and Louis Vetrano II. Dominick’s legacy continues through his grandson Christian

Hancock and granddaughters Elizabeth and Nicole Vetrano. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cherished friends who adored him and were blessed by his presence.

Dominick's passions were as vibrant as his personality. He had a gift for lighting up any room he entered, making everyone feel seen and valued. His love for entertaining was matched only by his talent for singing, which brought joy and laughter to countless family gatherings and community events. His voice and spirit will echo in the hearts of those who knew him.

In Florida, Dominick found fellowship at Damascus Church, where he shared his gifts of hospitality and faith. He delighted in preparing Italian meals with Darlyn, hosting friends, and contributing to Wednesday evening church dinners. His generosity and warmth extended far beyond his family, touching the lives of all who crossed his path.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to Cousin Louis Carlson and his wife Michelle, whose care and devotion brought comfort and dignity to Dominick in his final years. Deep appreciation is also given to his aide Mary Kenny of Neptune, NJ, and to Renee Chenner, who went above and beyond her duties while accompanying Dominick during his travels with Amtrak. Their kindness and dedication will never be forgotten.

A Celebration of His Life will be held at 4 p.m., Thursday, November 20, 2025, at the Chapel of James & Lipford Funeral Home with Pastor Brian Taylor officiating.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **20**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ James & Lipford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dominick "Bunky" Vetrano



James & Lipford Funeral Home - November 19, 2025 at 02:53 PM

TM

Omg so sorry this is beautiful

Toni Montrose - November 20, 2025 at 07:50 PM

TM

Beautiful video

Toni Montrose - November 20, 2025 at 07:59 PM

KD

Thank you so much. It took a lot of time searching for what to put. They did an amazing job putting it all together for me.

Kristy, Dominick's daughter - November 21, 2025 at 07:02 PM

SC

RIP Dom.... 1 of the nicest and genuine people I have had the pleasure to call a friend. May you rest in eternal peace..

Steve Cutillo - November 21, 2025 at 09:55 PM

MV

“When Dom came around there was always the possibility he would be singing “GLORIA” I will always remember him singing!

Our deepest condolences for his family and extended families in Florida and Jersey!

The Vidulich's

Michael Vidulich - November 18, 2025 at 08:34 PM

KH

“Though not everyone knew my daddy, his spirit was larger than life. He filled the world with music, laughter, and love, and he taught me the meaning of resilience and joy. Even in his struggles, he chose to be with us, where his heart belonged. Today I celebrate him not with sorrow, but with gratitude — for the calls we shared, the stories he left behind, and the legacy of harmony that will live on in me forever. Daddy, your journey continues through the songs and memories we carry. You will always be my greatest blessing.” Love you always, Your Italian Princess



Kristy Hancock - November 18, 2025 at 05:50 PM