



Duane Michael Policelli

September 19, 1951 - August 15, 2022

Duane Michael Policelli, age 70, of Bangor, Pennsylvania passed away at Promedica Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Bethlehem on August 15, 2022 following a recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. A native of Roseto, Pennsylvania, Duane leaves behind a rich legacy, and his passing creates an enormous gap in his family and community of loved ones.

Duane earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University and went on to launch a number of innovative enterprises. Most recently, he designed and built obstacles for Tough Mudder throughout the United States and Canada, in association with Trademarc Associates, Incorporated of Bangor, Pennsylvania. Duane devoted a lifetime to working on his mountainside home at Polly Acres, the 118-year-old Policelli Family complex in Northampton County. He also wrote and published a memoir, *To Catch a Fox: A Fox Keeper's Survival Guide* (2021).

Duane is survived by his large and devoted family: son Daniel, of Bangor, Pennsylvania; sister Sharon Faelten and husband John of Underhill, Vermont; sister Valerie Blakeslee and husband Ross of Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania; brothers Marc Policelli and wife Jerilyn, Barry Policelli and wife Diane, Scott Policelli and wife Debra, former spouse Donna Passno and husband Ed, all of Bangor, Pennsylvania; aunt and godmother Anna Rose Drago, of Roseto, Pennsylvania; uncle James M. Policelli, of Nazareth, Pennsylvania, plus many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, cousins, and his beloved pet fox, Mach Touke.

Duane was predeceased by his parents Joseph E. and Marie S. Policelli and a son, Anthony John Policelli.

A memorial service for Duane will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt, 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, Pennsylvania, beginning with a memorial gathering at 10:30 a.m., followed by a service of remembrance at 12:00 noon and concluding with a luncheon at the church. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center at <https://www.poconowildlife.com/wp/> or to the charity of one's choice

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Kennedy, Drive
Bangor, PA 18013

Service of Remembrance

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Tribute Wall

EW

“ My condolences to all the Policellis. It has been a long time since I saw Duane. Over the years, I have often thought of him and regret that it has been so long since we've run across each other, but that's life. Duane was always cheerful, entertaining, and intellectually engaging. If I had a crazy idea and knew most people would laugh at it, I could discuss it with Duane, and he would not only take it seriously but often add an even more intriguing, albeit sometimes bizarre, take on the original premise. Aptly, a picture of Duane is featured with a big smile; in reflection, I believe that's the way Duane greeted people. I hope the Lord will comfort you in your loss, and that He will afford Duane His peace and mercy.
Evan Williams

Evan Williams - August 20, 2022 at 03:53 PM

EL

“ Condolences to the family. Jack and Elaine Finelli, Florida

Elaine - August 19, 2022 at 12:02 PM

KR

“ Duane was without a doubt the most interesting and talked about of all of my many cousins. While we were in high school I was often with him working on one or another of his projects. Duane didn't just dream up things to do, he did them. I was there helping him move rocks on the day he started building The Citadel, the original version of what would become his home on the side of Kittatinny Ridge. That was 54 years ago, and when I last spoke to him a month and a half ago, he told me of his latest plans to improve it. He was one of a kind, and I will miss him.

Ken Rosato - August 18, 2022 at 09:39 PM

KK

“ So sorry for your loss to the family of which my wife Denise and have been friends with most of our lives, Duane was always a good friend and no doubt one of the smartest and funniest people I know , he will always be remembered, Kurt and Denise Basso Krouse

kurt Krouse - August 18, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Duane Michael Policelli.



August 18, 2022 at 01:59 PM