



Mario Val Farinola

February 18, 1961 - January 31, 2014

Mario Val Farinola's life on earth had a peaceful and blessed ending as God took him to his eternal home on Friday, January 31, 2014. Mario was born in New Orleans, but resided most of his life in Metairie. He was a graduate of East Jefferson High School, Louisiana State University in Rehab Counseling and a Master Degree in Social Work. He was a member of the National Association of Social Workers and a Qualified Substance Abuse Professional. He was the Founder/Owner of Alternate Choices, Inc. and Hollie's Hope Foundation and Owner/Director of New Freedom, Inc. He was an Individual & Family Counselor that specialized in Addiction Counseling. His passion for his clients was felt each day as he truly lived to help those suffering with addictions. As a quadriplegic since the age of 19, he often reached out to and counseled clients (and families) that had become disabled and was very much an inspiration to everyone he came in contact with. He was a true New Orleanian and loved the French Quarter, Mardi Gras, LSU and his beloved SAINTS. He loved to hold snakes and any reptile, he loved the outdoors, and was a committed friend to his dog, Vinnie. He is predeceased by his parents, Morris Joseph Farinola ("Dee") and Hollie Farinola, and his brothers, Vincent Farinola and Baby Farinola. He is survived by his brother, Glenn M. Farinola (Luvena), his sisters, Linda Farinola Levin (David) and Miriam Farinola Katz, nieces and nephews, Beth Ann Farinola, Michelle Farinola Melancon and David E.A. Levin, a cousin, David Hyde, and a host of other family & friends. He is also survived by his loving "friend family" of Susan Anderson, Jodie

Milan, Linda Verdin, as well as his beloved dog, Vinnie Farinola. Mr. Farinola has been assisted by some of the most caring CNA's who were so loved and appreciated by him. A special thanks to Catherine Brown for the many years and her continued dedication to him.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Service to be held at L. A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM with Visitation beginning at 5:00 PM.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mario Val Farinola*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



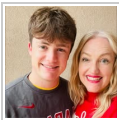
“ *I am sorry to hear that such a sweet person has left us here on earth. I worked for Mr. Mario and together we had such great times. I still remember the day that you were quiet all morning and when you finally opened your mouth to talk, you told me the name of what I should call my business. Thank you for all that you have done, I enjoyed our trip to Texas the summer of 2012 to go snake hunting. May you continue to rest in peace. Neicy*

Denise - September 04, 2014 at 05:09 PM



“ *Thanks mario for all you did in the life of me chris anthony and dj we are all connect have have a brotherhood because of your program alternate choices rest my friend and thank you for helping us*

elliott celestine - August 12, 2014 at 01:41 PM



So nice Elliot! I hope your doing well!

Susie

Susan Anderson - January 30, 2015 at 11:01 PM



We are mrs susie here is my number feel free to call 8178066854

elliott celestine - March 25, 2015 at 01:26 PM

DR

“ Dear family of Mario,
My condolences on your loss.
The Bible promises us that soon, our Creator will 'swallow up death forever, and wipe the tears from all faces' Isaiah 25:8.
What a wonderful future hope that is.
There is much Bible based comfort, including answers to questions such as "what is the purpose of life?" "What happens when we die?" "why does God allow suffering?", to be found on the website www.jw.org
sincerely dianne mullins

dianne mullins rn - February 09, 2014 at 05:18 PM

PG

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mario. My prayers and thoughts are with his family. I was a neighbor of Mario and also took care of him on many occasions. He helped me through many hard times and we also had a lot of fun times together as neighbors. I will never forget such a loving and very funny guy. I love you man.

Pam Gaudet

Pam Gaudet - February 07, 2014 at 05:49 PM

GM

“ I will never forget Mario. He had a way of making inroads into people's lives. He and I shared many a snake hunting trip together. Growing up together we shared many good and bad times together. I am so proud that Mario made such a notable difference in people's lives. I only wish that he had more time to do more of that good work. I am proud of what Mario became in his life. Gary Manzella

Gary Manzella - February 05, 2014 at 08:19 PM



Thank you, Gary, for such good words you've shared about you and Mario. And I also am very grateful to your father for his beautiful words spoken at Mario's service. Thank you for being such a fun part of Mario's life. ~Miriam

Miriam Katz - March 21, 2015 at 12:49 PM

SC

“ I was sorry to learn of Mario's passing and want to express my deepest condolences to his family and friends in their loss of such a loving and passionate person. I have known Mario since the 1990's as we worked together advocating in the developmental disabilities community. From our first meeting we were able to connect and communicate and maintained a special and supportive relationship throughout the years. Mario always gave of himself to others assisting other young adults with disabilities and their families to strive for their independence and productive happy lives. He also positively influenced a wide range professionals as guest presenter in our UNO program in special education and Jefferson Parish Direct Service Professionals training program. Mario was a truly loving person who inspired us and made us a better person for knowing him. Sincerely , Stephanie Campo

stephanie campo - February 05, 2014 at 03:09 PM

TS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Mario's family, It was always fun growing up and going to school with him, we all have so many memories, he was a very special person and will be missed.

Tamilyn Bergeron Sanders

Tamilyn Bergeron Sanders - February 05, 2014 at 11:28 AM

SP

“ I feel like I lost a true friend. Mario and Vinnie were a big help getting me thru a hard time in my life and he will be sorely missed. The world lost a good person and I am very sorry for your loss. Your friend Steve Pohlmann

Steve Pohlmann - February 05, 2014 at 11:25 AM

CI

“ I had the privilege of representing Mario in a legal matter. He was one of the bravest and most courageous men I have ever met.

C. W. Lartigue IV

C. W. Lartigue IV - February 05, 2014 at 11:22 AM

EW

“ Mario has been my dearest friend and confidant . I'll miss his smile so much

Edmond Wattigney - February 05, 2014 at 07:49 AM

SB

“ Uncle Glen and Sweet LA family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are each in my prayers and I know the LORD will be with you during this time. May His amazing peace surround you and angels hold you close together through the journey of grief. Love, Sandy

Sandy Bagwell - February 05, 2014 at 05:33 AM

AK

“ My name is Angel, I am one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Loss of a loved one can be so painful to endure, but we can find some comfort from the bible. I would like to share this scripture with your family, Revelation 21:4 says "he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more... I hope this brings you some comfort and your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Angel Kephart - February 04, 2014 at 09:46 AM

ES

Rest in peace dear Mario.

Eileen Stauss - February 05, 2014 at 08:56 AM