



## Mr. Wayne Richard Gioioso, Sr.

November 14, 1940 - December 7, 2023

Wayne Richard Gioioso, Sr., age 83, passed away on Thursday December 7, 2023. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on November 14, 1940 to Nicholas and Rintha Gioioso. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Judy (nee Bowen;) his children Wayne R. Gioioso Jr. and his wife Holly, Pamela VillaSanta and her husband Mario, Michelle Love and her husband Jody, Tina Gioioso, Nicole Freeland and her husband Steve; 17 grandchildren: Kaylie, Kara, Laura, Lily, Andrew, Gianni, Brianna, Ryan, Katie, Bennett, Liza, Courtney, Sarah, Abigail, Christopher, Owen, Matthew; 6 great-grandchildren: Samson, Madison, Reid, Hailey, Fiona, Palmer; and his And his beloved dogs, "the girls", Jilly and Gabby.

He graduated from Calvert Hall College in 1960 and married Judy shortly after. He obtained his undergraduate degree from University of Baltimore in 1963, and his JD from University of Baltimore School of Law in 1966. His enterprising nature began to develop while he was in law school. He took any job that would help him achieve his goals and support his growing family. He worked for Allstate Insurance Company as an adjuster while attending law school. During his time as an adjuster he won various awards, including the highest award given to employees- the Good Hands Award. He was appointed to the Park Board for Baltimore City by Mayor Schmoke. He was appointed to the Baltimore County Judicial Nomination Committee by Governor Mandel. He was continuously reappointed and remained on the

committee for thirty years and served as chairman. He was appointed by Governor O'Malley to serve as secretary for the board of directors for Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company. He served on the board for ten years.

In addition to being a real estate developer, he is a minority owner of the Baltimore Orioles, a team that he loved and supported passionately. He was a close friend of Peter Angelos and was with him in NYC in 1993 when Peter and the group bought the team from bankruptcy court. He had a strong business mind and entrepreneurial spirit, as well as an incredible work ethic. He was also loyal and possessed unparalleled levels of integrity. He went out of his way to help those in need in any way that he could. These are all qualities that he instilled in his children and grandchildren; inspiring them to work hard, to have integrity, to care, and to give back. He also cared deeply for animals, especially his and Judy's dogs, "the girls", Gabby and Jilly.

Above all else, he was first and foremost a family man. He built an incredible life for himself and his family. He was a legendary story teller and he had an incredible sense of humor. He never lost his childlike sense of joy. He never missed an opportunity to make a joke, tell a funny story, or to play pranks on his grandchildren, who affectionately called him Bubba. You could not leave a conversation with him without having laughed at least once. He was truly larger than life and his presence will be greatly missed by so many people who had the pleasure of knowing him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Maryland SPCA and the Hampden Family Center. A viewing will be held at Mitchell Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc. 6500 York Road Baltimore, Md 21212 on Wednesday December 13th 12:00 – 2:00 pm and 5:00 – 8:00 pm. A service of Christian burial will be held at Church of the Nativity 20 E. Ridgely Road Timonium, MD 21093 on Thursday December 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm, followed by a burial at

Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. Reception to follow at Ryleigh's 22. W.  
Padonia Road 21093.

# Cemetery Details

## Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens

200 E. Padonia Road  
Timonium, MD 21093  
<http://www.dulaneyvalley.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **13**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.  
6500 York Road  
Baltimore, MD 21212  
(410) 377-8300  
[general@mwfuneralhome.com](mailto:general@mwfuneralhome.com)

## Visitation

DEC **13**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Baltimore, MD 21212  
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## Funeral Mass

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DEC 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Nativity  
20 E. Ridgely Road  
Timonium, MD 21093

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ Wayne was a frequent shopper at Lowe’s in Towson for a long time. Always brought a smile and a story to tell. Would look for great deals stating “if I bring one more thing home, my wife’s gonna kill me.” He would still go home with something. Most of the employees knew him as he was there often. We are sorry for your loss.  
Kathy Kilmon and Pro desk

Kathy Kilmon - January 18, 2024 at 04:29 AM

MB

Meet Wayne at Camden yards about 25 yrs ago Wayne invited me to a Sports Banquet with MLB players had a great time would always keep in touch we would call each other ran into Wayne at Home Depot in towns on buying some paint & he asked me what should I buy & I gave my opinion & he said that sounds good sorry for your loss Judy & Wayne jr & rest of family

Michael Brusca - January 23, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne Richard Gioioso, Sr..



January 17, 2024 at 07:02 PM

DB

“ We lost one of the great ones this week.

*Mr. Gioioso was genuine and one-of-a-kind. Growing up, my sister and I felt we were part Italian as the entire Gioioso family, starting with Wayne Sr., always made us feel part of "La Famiglia."*

*We celebrated many holidays, vacations and special occasions together and my Dad and Wayne were besties. I still recall how touched I was by the beautiful toast Mr. Gioioso gave at my wedding rehearsal dinner. He had a true gift for "seeing" people and a way of making you feel like you were the most important person in the room. His compassion and charity were unlimited. He would do anything to help a friend or someone down on his/her luck.*

*He will be missed by many and most especially the Kennedy/Burch families.*

*Sending our deepest condolences and love to the entire Gioioso family.*

*Love,  
Dawn and JB*

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**Dawn Burch** - December 14, 2023 at 09:43 AM

MK

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Gioioso family. I had the privilege of meeting him about 20 years ago. he always greeted me with a smile and firm handshake. I truly appreciate the advice he gave me. I hope his family knows how much positivity he has left on me and my life, not to mention everyone else he knew. I have the honor and privilege to call him a good friend. The world is a better place because he was a part of it. Thank you Wayne for everything that you did.

*-Michael Kazlauski*

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**Michael Kazlauski** - December 14, 2023 at 09:29 AM

SC

“ So very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you with love.

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**Sarah Carey** - December 13, 2023 at 04:33 PM

TM

“ Condolences from myself and all of Wayne's friends at Price Modern. He was a good friend and always willing to help me and our company with anything and everything.

*He will be greatly missed.*

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

*Tom Morton*

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**Tom Morton** - December 12, 2023 at 07:27 AM

NM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Gioioso's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Gioioso Family as they mourn the loss of such a good man. I had the opportunity of meeting Mr. Gioioso at a number of functions, most recently one where we honored our Italian-American ancestry and he was first class there as he was the previous times we had met. May he rest in eternal peace.

- Nino Mangione

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**Nino Mangione** - December 11, 2023 at 12:36 PM

SC

“ Wayne Gioioso was a loyal friend and supporter. I met him almost 30 years ago when I first applied for a judgeship. He stood by me for 10 years until my appointment. That was Big Wayne. If he liked or respected you, you had a forever friend. No individual was more loyal than Wayne. He and Judy raised wonderful children including my darling Tina, an exceptional attorney. He was so proud of his son and would keep me posted on his grandson who received the C. Markland Kelly Award. He and Judy understood the value of hard work and instilled this in his children. He was giant of a man. He took no prisoners but had a huge heart. I could always count on him and will miss his counsel and advice.

Nicky joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to the family.

Love, Judge Sally C. Chester

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**Sally C. Chester** - December 11, 2023 at 11:48 AM

CR

“ Gioioso family, so sorry for your loss , you are in your prayers.  
Schultz family Crisfield maryland

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**Crisfieldrealtors@VERIZON.NET** - December 10, 2023 at 02:38 PM

JT

“ I have so many fond memories of Mr. Gioioso from Ocean City, MD or riding around with Nicole in the back of a Rolls Royce that he bought an auction with him pretending to be our driver. Ever the hard-worker and entrepreneur, it wasn't surprising to find a toilet intended for one of his properties in the backseat...quite a conversation piece. He was fun, animated and up for adventure. I am so glad that I got to give him a big hug and recant a few stories 10 weeks ago at my father's funeral. My dad and Mr. Gioioso were longtime best friends and now they will both rest at the same Memorial garden and are hopefully in Heaven having a cold beer and reminiscing about the good old days and smiling with pride over the wonderful lives that they led and the beautiful families that they created. Rest easy, Mr. Gioioso. Sending so much love to all of the family during this difficult time.  
Jennifer Kennedy Thorne and family

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**Jennifer Thorne** - December 09, 2023 at 09:06 PM

WJ

“ Thursday morning my dad asked me if I was going to a Christmas party at the Towson Tavern for the Royston law firm. I told him I was and to come to my office and we could go together. We had an incredible conversation on the walk to the party. He was in a fantastic mood. We walked into Towson Tavern and five minutes later, he grabbed my shoulder and fell to the ground.

My dad graduated from Calvert Hall in 1960. Fittingly he passed away at St. Joe Hospital. A Catholic Hospital run by a Calvert Hall guy.

I will miss him.

Wayne Jr.

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**Wayne Gioioso, Jr.** - December 09, 2023 at 10:29 AM

PW

Wayne,  
So so sorry for your loss. May God grant you the peace of heart & mind through this difficult time. We send all our thoughts & prayers to you & the family.

Your Ole friends  
Peter, Paul & Mary Witkowski

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**Petet Witkowski** - December 10, 2023 at 02:52 PM

LM

Wayne was a friend and a classmate at Calvert Hall and University of Baltimore. He was always only a phone call away. Friends forever. RIP Wayne arrivederci! 🙏🎵🇮🇹🍷 Salute Amici!

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**Lou Mazzulli** - December 10, 2023 at 05:59 PM

WF

Sorry for you loss Prayers for you and your family

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**William Feeley** - December 10, 2023 at 07:35 PM

LB

Wayne was a good friend and a presence. He will always be remembered and will be missed. Our condolences to his family May he rest in peace Margaret and Larry Boas

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**Lawrence Boas** - December 11, 2023 at 10:53 AM

RS

Wayne and I have known each other for decades but became friends in the last ten years. We had extended phone conversations on an almost weekly basis. We laughed, told stories, discussed politics and laughed some more. I am shocked and deeply saddened by his passing. He was a wonderful man. I shall miss him terribly.

Family was everything to Wayne. He leaves a great legacy of public service and hundreds of devoted friends. His descendants have a family patriarch who is shining example to be proud of.

Bob Steinberg

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**Robert Steinberg** - December 11, 2023 at 01:02 PM

CP

*Very sad to hear of his passing, my condolences and prayers from my family to yours, I had the pleasure of meeting Wayne over 2 decades ago and will miss him dearly, a great gentleman and a true friend.*

*Sincerely  
Charles Parrish*

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**CHARLES PARRISH** - December 12, 2023 at 11:30 AM

DE

*Wayne, a tremendous loss for so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of the family. Remember what I told you about looking in the mirror. Love you bro!*

*Dave (IKE) Eichelberger*

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**David Eichelberger** - December 12, 2023 at 06:23 PM

EE

*What a legacy built through hard work and being blessed. A 63 year marriage today is to be held as an example of loyalty and dedication. 17 Grandchildren, 6 Greats showed he was blessed. His love for dogs and baseball especially the Baltimore Orioles is awesome. Glad he could see the turn around of this storied franchise this year. Win it for Wayne in 2024. God bless the family with strength in a time of weakness and comfort in a time of pain. I didn't personally know Mr Wayne but offer for what it's worth my heartfelt condolences. God bless, Eddie Ewell*

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**Eddie Ewell** - December 13, 2023 at 08:51 PM

RT

*What a great guy! Wayne was my landlord, he was witty and charming, always polite with a mischievous sense of humor. He was a family man, a hard worker, and a good friend. All of us at the Caravan miss you and will forever hold you in esteem. May all of our heart felt wishes accompany you into the light Mr. Gioioso. Addio, buoni viaggi*

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**Ruth Turner** - March 03, 2024 at 02:26 PM