



## Pesamino N. Kelekolio

November 13, 1966 - March 19, 2024

Pesamino N. Kelekolio, 57, passed away on March 19, 2024, due to a sudden heart attack. He is survived by his wife Lynne Kelekolio and his two daughters Jill and Anne. Pesamino was born on November 13th, 1966 in American Samoa, he was the youngest of 11 with 3 brothers and 7 sisters. As a child they brought him to Hawaii, then Washington during his teenage years, and eventually he made his way over to the East Coast for college.

In his early years of adulthood, Mino ran Cherry Street Cafe, a small corner cafe in Philadelphia. While working there, he was lucky to meet a talented artist studying at Moore College of Art and Design who later became his wife, Lynne. They married in Connecticut on August 23rd, 1993, and later found their forever home in Bala Cynwyd in the early 2000s. After renovating the whole house, this would be where they raised their two daughters together.

Throughout his life, Pesamino wore many hats, primarily working in the restaurant industry. He was always a smiling face and the excited organizer of Secret Santa or March Madness. His booming laugh and jarringly loud sneezes would catch the attention of many. He was a hard face to forget and a name to remember. As he moved on in life, he dedicated his time to becoming a property manager with Airbnb. Mino was always ready to get in his truck and take the people he loved on an adventure, his favorite being the ones to the beach.

Mino and Lynne faced many challenges together, the primary being Lynne's battle with Huntingtons disease. Throughout their life together, Mino did everything he could to keep Lynne safe and happy. He loved spending time with Jill and Anne, from watching them play rugby to taking them to his favorite restaurants. His family and friends were his biggest priority in life, nothing would make him happier than seeing them all together.

His service will be held at St. Peter and Paul's Basilica on April 8th from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm.

Funeral Mass Livestream: <https://vimeo.com/event/4212926>

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ I AM SO UPSET,I JUST FOUND OUT MY BUDDY PASSED AWAY!!!! I Haven't heard from Mino in a while now ,I left messages on his phone saying it's me ( skip ) he always got right back to me and I always heard from him at least once or twice a month then I had a dream about him the other night and it bothered me waking up early in the morning so I can think about, so I drove to his house yesterday and it looked empty there no caddy on the side no other cars my stomach dropped I got out saw the neighbor reading her son from the school bus so I got out of the car walked over to her she recognized me from being there a few times before at the house she said oh he passed away a year ago I felt sick after I heard it, I had to go sit down in the car I felt like it was a dream I couldn't believe it I felt this feeling of anger sadness I felt tears starting to build this man touched me so much we have such a mark on me he's just a great wonderful guy in fact I'm sure of it anybody who's ran into his lifetime he's in pack of their lives too I bought his old Cadillac that he had on the side of his house about 3 years ago and it was pulling teeth to buy that car, I'm sure everybody else there to get rid of it it was sitting there for 8 years lol I wanted it I wanted to restore it he didn't want to sell it because it was so sentimental to him he said my girls grow up in that car we went to the shore with the wife we had a camper we used to tow on the back of it my whole family grew up in this car there's so many memories it's so hard I can't see me doing it I tried with them but I understand about it then he called me a month later and said I think I'm ready to do something with it at least you'll do something with it but you have to promise that I can see the car still from time to time I want to show my girls you can't sell it anybody in fact I can't believe I'm doing this is what he said I told him you will see the car you'll be able to drive it if you want it doesn't matter I want to give it new life and then on my goal was really set it was said before but now it was different and then I developed a friendship with them throughout this progress fixing his cars every month or two he would call me and ask me questions about things and I had so many things going on in my life last few years that time gotten away from me that I had I said earlier this dream about him of course about the

*car also which led me to the page I'm on now it's so unbelievable and I'm just still fighting through this anger I have that I haven't seen or talked to him sooner so much regret on that part of the moment sadness I just hope the girls are doing well from what I heard they seem to be but I'm making it a point to see them this weekend I just feel about somebody very special I can't believe how it hurts he was just such a good guy he left such an impact Mino, I'm goin miss that smile u had all the time!! I'm sure your feeling great n on your journey but I still goin miss ya n can't help being angry with my self, watching over the internet helped me a lot it was beautiful it was the nicest one I've ever saw I hope you're watching over us you can see my progress with your own car I promise to show your girls like you wanted ,love you buddy!! Skip 😞*

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**Robert Caracappa** - October 11, 2025 at 07:00 PM

SB

“*Anne and Jill, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I went to high school with him, he was one of my best friends growing up. We walked together at graduation. When he moved to Philadelphia and broke his leg I flew out to see him. He was in town a couple of years ago and we met up for dinner, all he talked about was how proud he was of you two. I just learned of his passing last night and I watched you both on the video of the funeral. He prepared you well, we talked about how hard that is, I have 2 girls too. I know you will miss him but he will always live inside you with the things he has instilled in you both. Hugs and prayers to you both ❤️*

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**Sheryl Brown** - October 07, 2024 at 03:08 PM

DW

“ So many memories with Mino. He had this car that the window would fall down if you opened the drivers door. When he first got it we drove to McDonalds and I asked him to go through the drive thru. He forgot about the window and I busted a gut as he yelled trying to get the employee to ring up some cheeseburgers. He was a great guy and a friend to everyone. So sorry to hear he has passed.

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**Daren Witt** - August 15, 2024 at 03:24 AM

EK

“ Deeply sorry for your loss. I remeber Mino when he came to Washington. He brought so much joy. Beautiful soul

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**Eileen Kurzhal** - August 11, 2024 at 11:51 AM

GI

So sorry to hear about this. I remember Mino from high school and the very first time he ever saw snow. He was running thru the hallways shouting its snowing, it's snowing, he was so excited! Sending healing thoughts and prayers.

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**Gina** - August 11, 2024 at 12:31 PM

LL

“ I went to high school with Mino and remember his joyfulness, athletic ability, and super cool name. He was a very popular guy at school. Deeply sorry for your loss.

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**Lisa Lane** - August 10, 2024 at 10:47 AM