



Mario Erland Kravanja

November 1, 1946 - November 17, 2024

Mario Erland Kravanja, 78, of Kure Beach, North Carolina, passed away on November 17, 2024.

Mario was born on November 1, 1946, to Giovanni and Madja Kravanja in Ronzone, Italy.

After arriving in America on the USS Constitution in 1956 from Naples, Italy, Mario went through school, studying and graduating from Saint Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey. Later, he attended Rutgers University where he got his master's degree.

Mario then became a dedicated high school English teacher at Union Catholic Highschool in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, where most of his career was spent as well as helping with some college classes.

Mario was known for having a great sense of humor, being an avid soccer player and fan growing up, and he was also known for his love for his son Michael's, cooking.

He is survived by his sister Tanja Kravanja and spouse, Matt Kiczyinski. His children Michael Kravanja, Gabrielle Murphy, and Larissa Kravanja. Surviving grandchildren include Michael Kravanja and CoraLea Kravanja. Spouse, Ms. Clark.

Mario had a passion for life as well as woodworking, his Fiat, and traveling to Europe and South Africa. He always had a smile on his face will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. May he rest in peace.

Memorial Services will be private and held on a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the family of Mario Kravanja
Sending my deepest condolences to all of you. I grew up with Mario and Tanya and felt they were my brother and sister. I wish I had known sooner but I just was told now. He actually tutored me in biology when I was in 10 th grade . The kravanjas were my second family and I do think of all of u often Tanya if u remember me im Kathy Scambia Trisotto you mom use to work with my dads office , he was a cardiologist. If you get this please email me how I can reach u. I remember all the times we shared together going with your parents to Brooklyn for the sausages and going to Vermont to . I would love to hear from u. Love Kathy*

Kathryn Trisotto - December 25, 2025 at 08:26 PM