



Rocco Anthony Giardina Jr.

September 27, 1953 - January 8, 2023

Rocco Anthony Giardina Jr., 69, a recent resident of Laurel, Mississippi after living in the Atlanta area, passed away unexpectedly on January 8, 2023 at Merit Health Wesley Hospital in Hattiesburg after a long illness.

Survived by his daughter and son, Amber Giardina and Alex Giardina; sister Adrian Giardina Goelz; a nephew and niece; three great nieces; two great nephews and one great great nephew. He had many friends who held him dear. He considered the family of his first wife as his 2nd family; especially her mother, Virginia Crossley O'Brien Lehnhard.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joan Dubuisson Giardina; sister, Cynthia Giardina and grandmother, Mary Pichon Stratton.

Born in Biloxi and raised in Mandeville, Louisiana, Rocco attended Mandeville High School and Southeast Louisiana University before moving and working throughout the Southeast. An avid collector, he lived in Georgia for more than 40 years, working in various different fields which included drafting, telecommunication engineering and substitute teaching.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Rocco was my best friend when I was growing up in Mandeville. We fished in Ponchartrian, rode our motorcycles together, and attended Mandeville High School. I have many good memories of our time together in Mandeville.

Richard Pennington - June 25, 2025 at 11:25 PM

TC

“ Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Rocco Guardian, Jr. We used to work together at Emerson Network Power. He was such a pleasure to work with. We kept in touch up until the end of December 2022. He will be missed. The Guardian Family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers. 🌸

Tammy Clayton - March 24, 2023 at 01:48 AM

RP

“ I'm so shocked to hear this. Rocco was a good friend to me and I regret we lost touch. A man with a great heart. My prayers to his family and may his memory be a blessing.

Robin Pinson - January 15, 2023 at 09:23 PM

VL

“ Rocco was like a son, a precious friend. He will be so missed! I know there is rejoicing in heaven!

Virginia Crossley O'BRIEN Lehnhard - January 15, 2023 at 11:07 AM

TP

“ *Rlp dear friend!! Fly high Freebird Fly high*



Tina LeMaster Pierre - January 12, 2023 at 08:44 PM

MV

“ *Rocco and Amber both opened their home to me during one of the toughest moments of my life. I will never forget his generosity. When he would come back to stay for a few days, we would all watch movies and chat, there was never any awkward moments. He treated me like I was meant to be there. He will be missed by so many.*



Maria V. - January 12, 2023 at 08:13 PM

CO

“ *He is and will be missed. Amber, you know we all loved him like a brother. RIP dear Rocco.*

Christi O'Brien - January 12, 2023 at 06:30 PM



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Amber Giardina - January 11, 2023 at 05:45 PM