



## Vincent O. Natale Jr.

February 6, 1952 - September 3, 2024

Vincent O. Natale, Jr., age 72, a resident of Havertown passed away on September 3, 2024.

Vince was born in Drexel Hill to the late Vincent and Mary (Martino) Natale. He was a graduate of Cardinal O'Hara High School and worked as a Technical Recruiter. Later, he worked as a School Bus Driver for the Haverford School District for 10 years before he retired. Vince was on the Board of Directors for the Columbus Italian American Association in Clifton Heights. He was an AAU Swimmer for the Vesper Boat Club in Philadelphia and a Semi Pro Football player for the Upper Darby Sharks. Vince loved coaching Havertown Babe Ruth Baseball. He enjoyed traveling, fishing and spending time with his family. Vince was a loving family man who will be dearly missed by all his family and friends.

Vince is predeceased by his parents, Vince and Mary (Martino) Natale; brother, Dominic Natale.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Joyce E. (Rufo) Natale; proud father of, Vincent N. (Alicia) Natale; cherished grandfather of, Payton and Hailey; siblings, twin sister Mary Lou (Donald) Strunk and Joseph P. (Angela) Natale, sister-in-law, Betsy (Joe) Heavey, brother-in-law Michael Rufo. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation: Monday, 9:00 am at Williams Lombardo Funeral Home 33 W. Baltimore Avenue Clifton Heights.

Service: Monday, 11:30 am at Williams Lombardo Funeral Home.

Interment: Private

In lieu of Flowers donations can be made to the Williamson College of the Trades 106 S. New Middletown Rd, Media, PA 19063 or <https://williamson.edu>

Condolences: [www.lombardofuneralhomes.com](http://www.lombardofuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM (ET)

Williams Lombardo Funeral Home  
33 W. Baltimore Ave.  
Clifton Heights, PA 19018  
(610) 626-2110  
<http://Lombardofuneralhomes.com>

### Service

SEP 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

Williams Lombardo Funeral Home  
33 W. Baltimore Ave.  
Clifton Heights, PA 19018  
(610) 626-2110  
<http://Lombardofuneralhomes.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lombardo Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Vincent O. Natale Jr.*



---

**Lombardo Funeral Homes** - September 06, 2024 at 08:05 PM

MS

*What an amazing tribute to my brother Vincent. Beautifully done ❤️❤️*

---

**Mary Lou Strunk. Sister** - September 07, 2024 at 10:39 AM

MC

*Beautiful video. Vince loved his granddaughters. I will truly miss him. Rest in Peace Vince.*

---

**Mark Clement** - September 07, 2024 at 07:49 PM

JE

*My sincere condolences to Joyce and the entire Natale family. I knew Vinny while we were both at St. Joe's Prep and also while I was in college (with one summer coaching swimming at Clifton Heights Swim Club). Vinny and the entire Natale family were always so caring, thoughtful and fun to be around. When we swam together at Vesper Vinny was a great teammate and fierce competitor. From the many photos it's apparent Vince will be dearly missed by his wonderful family.  
With sympathy and prayers,  
John Atkinson*

---

**John Bond Atkinson Esq.** - September 08, 2024 at 09:36 AM

TO

*Always enjoyed Vinny's company. He was a great guy and kept us entertained with his ability to tell a good joke.*

---

**Theresa Odonnell** - September 09, 2024 at 09:09 AM

GB

“ Mr. Natale, one of the best people you could ever hope to meet. The guy had a rare gift that few possess In which no matter what kind of mood you happen to be in, you were walking away with a smile on your face. He was just a positive man to be around. So many fond memories from him throwing vinny and myself one handed at the pool. Or how he could shoot water with his hand with incredible distance and precision that he could hold his own against any store bought water gun. Or the time during Hilltop tournament when we could pick our numbers for the team jerseys, all the parents denied my request for a certain number they deemed to inappropriate for a twelve year old. Seeing my disappointment, Mr. Natale pulls me off to the side and says, “yo Gar, why dont you pick 68 instead?) after finding out the punch line to this number i was elated to pick that number instead. Possibly an even more infamous number in my opinion. I cant say why in this letter but i can say it has something to do with “owing ya one” im sure you can figure out the rest if you think about it. Also during those baseball summers when he would tell us to stay hydrated because “Its a Two towel day today!” A phrase i still say basically every hot day of the year. As i sit here writing this with tears in my eyes struggling to find the words to express my feelings that should come so easily given the subject matter, ironically im still writing with a smile on my face because of how many great memories i have of the man. Whenever you lose someone who was such an important part of your life you always come to that eternal question of “what is the meaning of life?” Im pretty sure when Mr. N reached the pearly gates, st. Peter was waiting with the gates wide open and a big smile on his face sayin “go right on in Vince” without asking him that eternal question. Because i think its safe to say that Mr. Natale has known that answer for a long time. Im gonna miss him and its sad to say goodbye but thanks to that remarkable gift he had i can remember some joke he told me or any orher memory and it will put a big smile on my face anytime i want. Stay out of trouble up there handsome, and thanks for all the happy memories.  
Love, Gareth Bates.

**Gareth Bates** - September 10, 2024 at 12:51 PM

MS

*Thank you for your beautiful words for my brother Gareth. He sure was one of a kind❤️*

**Mary Lou Strunk, sister** - September 13, 2024 at 08:51 AM

SC

*I remember all the great days at the Clifton Hts swim club THE ROOFOS THE NATAIAS THE BOLOGNAS THE CHIARELLIS ALWAYS IN FRONT OF THE SNAKE BAR GREAT MEMORIES SAMMY CHIARELLI*

**SAL CHIARELLI** - December 31, 2025 at 12:29 PM

SB

*“ I will never forget when we first met Vince. My younger son, Gareth had disappeared while playing with his brother and friends. My husband and I were verging on calling the police. Bob was walking the neighborhood and when he asked Vince if he saw a little kid. Gareth was probably 3-1/2 yo. Vince, got into his car immediately to search the neighborhood. We found Gareth had climbed up a neighbor's tree a couple of houses down the street. When the kids were in Little League, both families were so close and enjoyed our good times together. Vinny and Gareth were good friends. Lots of memories.*

**Stella Bates** - September 09, 2024 at 06:36 PM

GB

*“ Vince was one of the nicest people I knew in high school. He was kind and had the greatest smile. Vince was one of the very best swimmers in the state. Even though he dominated with new racing records he always remained humble. We always loved you Vince, and still do. Gerry Bodalski*

**Gerard Bodalski** - September 08, 2024 at 07:38 PM

ND

“ *Nicholas D'Annunzio lit a candle in memory of Vincent Natale*



Nicholas D'Annunzio - September 08, 2024 at 06:09 PM



“ *Dear Joyce and Vinny, My Heart Goes out to you. Beautiful tribute Vinnie! May he rest in peace. Sincerely, Tim Hayes*

Timothy Hayes - September 08, 2024 at 07:21 AM

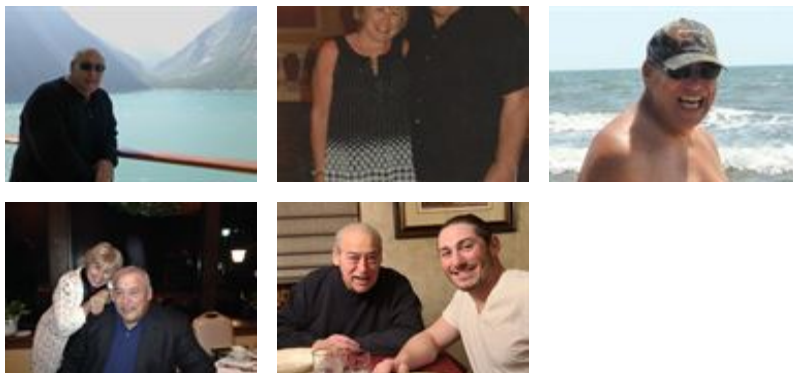
MK

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Natale family! Vinnie was a good guy and I have many memories of our youth at Vesper boat club. A great butterflyer. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

marie mclaughlin. kapski - September 06, 2024 at 10:08 PM



“ *113 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Lombardo Funeral Homes - September 06, 2024 at 03:42 PM

MH

“ Condolences to the family and friends. Vince launched my career in the IT industry when he was a recruiter at Main Line Personal. Great athlete and a generous person who would do anything for his family and friends.

---

**Mark Heavey** - September 06, 2024 at 12:58 PM

AP

“ Angel Curcio Perachio lit a candle in memory of Vincent Natale



---

**Angel Curcio Perachio** - September 06, 2024 at 08:29 AM

LP

“ Love Debbie and John Porreca purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Vincent O. Natale Jr..



---

**Love Debbie and John Porreca** - September 05, 2024 at 04:25 PM