



Virgil J. Casini, Jr.

October 26, 2013

Virgil J. Casini, Jr., 60, of Morgantown, W.Va., died Sunday, October 20, 2013 at his home. Born in Scottdale, Pa. on Oct. 26, 1952, he was a son of the late Virgil and Ruth (Cisewski) Casini. Virgil was a graduate of the former Fr. Kolb Memorial High School in Masontown, and St. Vincent's College in Latrobe. He worked for a while as a coal miner at Blacksville #2, and, for the past 28 years, he was an Investigator for the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health in Morgantown. Surviving are two daughters and their husbands, Kristin and Matthew Dale of Uniontown, and Nicole and James Williams of Lake Lynn, Pa.; three grandchildren; a brother, Anthony Casini of Masontown, Pa.; two sisters, Catherine (Casini Peterman) Meredith of Flinton, Pa., and Ruth (Casini) Haas of Morgantown; his step-mother, Kathryn (Morley) Casini of Dilliner, Pa., and her daughters, Suzanne, Christine and Leica; and by a number of loving nieces and nephews. Also deceased is a brother, David Casini. The family will receive friends in the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, Pa. on Saturday, Oct. 26th, from 10 until 11:00 AM, the hour of a Blessing Service with Rev. Fr. William G. Berkey officiating. Interment follows in Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to the American Heart Association, Four Gateway Center, 444 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ I was deeply saddened by the news of Virgil's passing. My heart felt condolences to the family.

Srinivas Konda - October 29, 2013 at 08:12 AM

RH

“ Condolences to the Casini Family. With deepest sympathy for your loss.

Roseanne Gatto Hughes - October 28, 2013 at 02:31 PM

LP

“ I first worked with Virgil in 2005 with a new system for administrative services at NIOSH. He was such a gentleman and so easy to interact with. Over the years, we often crossed paths on the elevator on our way to work. He spoke with much love about his family. I will miss our morning talks. I pray you will find comfort and peace in his absence from your lives.

Lucy Pratt - October 28, 2013 at 01:06 PM

TB

“ I met Virgil in 1998 when I started at NIOSH. He always "told it like it was," a trait I appreciated. DSR and NIOSH has lost a good friend.

Tommy Baldwin - October 28, 2013 at 01:00 PM

RR

“ Virgil was a great guy, lots of fun to have around as a co-worker and easy to talk to. He will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

Ryan Radtka - October 28, 2013 at 12:46 PM

SB

“ Virgil was one of the first people I met at NIOSH in Morgantown almost 17 years ago. From the moment I met him, I have always been impressed by his sincere concern for the health and safety of workers in our Nation. He has graciously looked after and mentored many new junior scientists coming to NIOSH. He was inspirational to me, and I will miss him very much. Rest in Peace, Virgil.

Sally Brown - October 28, 2013 at 12:44 PM

TP

“ We were saddened to hear of Virgil's death. Ralph knew the Casini family growing up in Point Marion. I met Virgil after I came to NIOSH. I did not work directly with him but enjoyed conversing with him over the years. I will remember his smile and laugh. We are sorry we will be unable to attend the service. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Ralph and Teri Palermo

Teri Palermo - October 25, 2013 at 08:43 PM

EP

“ I also worked with Virgil on a joint investigation we did at NIOSH involving the horse racing industry. He was wonderful to work with, and I was very saddened to hear of his death. I will pray for you, his family, in this very difficult time.

Elena Page - October 25, 2013 at 07:08 PM

DF

“ Virgil and I met in the early 1990's when I came to work at NIOSH. Though he liked to portray a gruff outside at times, I quickly learned that Virgil was compassionate and passionate about helping others. He cared deeply for his children, loved his Penguins, and took seriously the mission to make the world a safer place for workers. He was always willing to give the most precious thing a person has to give—his time. To say I learned a great deal from Virgil would be a massive understatement. My condolences to his family. May the good times of the past help you through these difficult times. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dave Fosbroke - October 25, 2013 at 02:58 PM

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BQ

“ Remembering Virgil and all of the Casini kids when they were home with Mom and Dad on Main St. in Point Marion, many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his siblings and his own daughters and family at this time. I hope that past happier days will offer some comfort at this time.

Brenda Quertinmont - October 25, 2013 at 01:18 PM

DL

“ *My thoughts, prayers and condolences. Virg was a great friend to me in my time in West Virginia. I learned a lot about work from him at work at NIOSH and a lot about life from him on the golf course. We had some great and thoughtful discussions. He was my buddy and I will miss him.*

Dan Long - October 24, 2013 at 02:47 PM

DL

“ *Worked with Virgil @ Blacksville #2. Loved the guy! Took me to Steelers training camp @ his alma mater. Griz*

david lawson - October 24, 2013 at 02:20 PM

JG

“ *I worked with Virgil on a joint investigation we did at NIOSH involving the horse racing industry. I did not know him well but enjoyed meeting and working with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you for your loss.*

John Gibbins - October 24, 2013 at 10:38 AM

JH

“ *Virgil and I worked together at NIOSH in the mid-1990s and I have known him ever since. He was a dedicated and passionate supporter of safety and health for all workers and his investigative skills were superlative. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and colleagues. Thanks for being a good friend Virgil.*

Jim Helmkamp - October 24, 2013 at 09:19 AM

SS

“ While being employed with the NC Department of Labor, I have had the privilege of working with Virgil for over 20 years. He has been a good friend and contributed greatly to the State of North Carolina. I visited WV a few times and Virgil was a fabulous host and made me feel very welcome. He even lined up a round of golf. I will certainly miss my phone conversations with Virgil and his trips to NC.

Steve Sykes - October 24, 2013 at 09:14 AM

CE

“ Remembering how he was always so kind to us as kids when we would come to play with Kristin and Nikki. Thoughts and prayers with you all. Love, "Chrissy" and "Lee Lee"

Christine Eckert - October 24, 2013 at 08:15 AM