



Franco "Frankie" Conte

February 20, 1971 - August 20, 2019

Franco "Frankie" Conte, 48, of Charlotte, NC passed away on Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, August 26, 2019, at St. Gabriel Catholic Church.

Franco was born on February 20, 1971, as the fourth of five sons to Antonio Conte and the late Italia Conte. He was born in Barano d'Ischia, Italia, a beautiful island off the Amalfi Coast in the Bay of Naples, Italy.

Franco was married to his best friend of 12 years, Renee, on March 7, 2007, and celebrated the birth of their beautiful daughter, Ava Italia, that same year. Both Franco and Renee worked together in the Food & Beverage industry where they shared their love and a true passion for their craft. Franco was best known for his magnificent attention to detail, his engaging conversational style, adorable Italian accent, and genuine love for hospitality

He enjoyed cooking for and with his family, teaching his daughter Ava about Italian culture and traditions, gardening his own tomatoes, peppers, and fresh Italian herbs, crafting homemade breads and spirits, watching Italian Football, enjoying wine and conversation with his beloved wife, and sharing visits to Dunkin Donuts, the grocery store, and Carowinds with his daughter along with his nephew and/or Ava's friends.

Our Frankie had a gentle soul, kind eyes, a calming presence, and a heart full of giving spirit. His love and caring nature were evident in everything that he did for his friends and family. He was attentive, nurturing and above all, an amazingly selfless father and husband. He was truly a special and unique individual with a personality and sense of humor that would leave you smiling and laughing with glee for hours. One of Franco's greatest joys was gathering with family and friends to feast Italian style. Mangia!

Franco is survived by his wife Natalie "Renee" Padgett-Conte and their daughter Ava Italia Conte; four brothers Pasquale, Augusto, Gianni, and Sebastiano Conte; sisters-in-law

Christine, Tracy, and Maria Conte; brother/sister-in-law Michael and Angela Padgett; mother-in-law Juanita M. DuRant; fathers-in-law the late Steven J. DuRant and Michael W. Padgett; and his dearest friends Kevin and Kara Crawley. Franco loves children and truly shared a special bond with many nieces and nephews; Radley Padgett; Ariana, Sophia, GianLuca and Angelina Conte; Michael, Christian, and Jack Conte; and Keagan, Kali, and Kaiden Crawley. Franco also often reflected upon his relationships with his extended family, The Sayeghs, who shared their homes and lives with him so freely, unconditionally, and joyfully. Their shining and unwavering dedication to one another served as a fine example of love for family and greatly influenced his vision for what he desired for his own family; the late Victor "Pop" and his wife Julia; eight children Diane, Donna, Stephen, Victor, Lisa, Christine, Danielle, and Gregory; their beloved spouses and so many beautiful and loving nieces and nephews as well.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to: Ava Conte - College Fund, c/o Townebank, 6337 Morrison Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28211.

An online guestbook is available at www.heritagecares.com.

Events

AUG **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM
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St. Gabriels Catholic Church
3016 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC, US

Comments



“ I was working at Toscana when Franco left Italy for a new life in Charlotte. I was blessed to witness the friendship between Franco and Renee flourish and develop into a deep loving bond that resulted in marriage and their most precious gift, their daughter, Eva. Their happiness was evident from the smiles on their faces and the love in their hearts. May you find comfort in your memories that you hold close to your hearts and treasure your friendships that endure in these precious stories. Franco was a kind, beautiful soul, a wonderful husband and loving father, who will be greatly missed. My heart is with you, my friend.

Sincerely, Ellen Sterling Davis
and Roger Davis

Ellen Sterling - September 05, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Donna Yonkovig

donna m yonkovig - August 27, 2019 at 04:03 PM



“ Renee and Conte Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Franco was such a kind man and will be missed
by many,
My deepest sympathy,
Sallie Scarborough

Sallie Scarborough - August 26, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ My dear friend, you will be missed every second of every day. I will miss our Sunday dinners and our “hockey” talks. You are loved! - Kara Crawley

Kara Crawley - August 24, 2019 at 02:11 PM