



Carl Savillo Jr.

December 13, 2023

Mr. Carl Savillo Jr., 73 of Surprise, Arizona passed away on December 13, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona. He was born October 6, 1950, to Carl Savillo and Olga Savillo in Brooklyn, New York.

As the first-born son of Carl and Olga Savillo, Carl Savillo Jr. spent his childhood in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, New York, until his preschool years when he — along with his younger brother, Robert, and the family — moved to Ozone Park, Queens.

During his formative childhood, his inquisitive intellect matured from playing with erector sets and toy trains and building model cars to his voluminous reading of Car and Driver, Motor Trend, and Popular Science magazines. It was no surprise then that his first vehicle was an Austin-Healey, a British sports car, but he soon replaced it with a Harley Davidson Sportster motorcycle — the first of many cherished bikes that he owned over his life. One of his favorite songs, Steppenwolf's "Born to be Wild," so rhythmically captured his joy of riding and being free on the open road — a pastime he could fortunately do until the last weeks of his life.

Like many children, he loved raising hamsters, turtles, and tropical fish (he also had a hedgehog when he was an adult), but playing with dogs was one of his favorite activities. He even rescued stray dogs and brought them home to

the dismay of his parents! Having a dog was always a part of his family. He was very passionate about dogs and spared no expense when it came to their health. As they aged, he was right by their sides.

He was a graduate of the New York City public school system. He first received his Associate Degree from the Academy of Aeronautics and his Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering at the then-called Polytechnic Institute of New York (now known as the New York University Tandon School of Engineering, the second oldest private Engineering school in the Country). With the assistance of the Dept of the United States Navy, he would later earn his Master's Degree at the University of Southern California. While at Navair, Carl graduated from the Defense Systems Management College, Program Management Class 83-2 in 1983; the program was likened to the Harvard Business School at the time, and even included Harvard Professors who lectured there often.

Not long after earning his Engineering Degree, he moved his family to Cincinnati, Ohio, working for General Electric as an Aerospace Engineer in the Wind Tunnel, on jet engines, and then to Seattle, Washington, for Boeing. There, he worked on the Boeing 757 and 767. After Boeing, Carl transported his family back to the East Coast and went to work for the DOD United States Navy's Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, D.C. Navair, as it's called, relocated to Patuxent Naval base in Southern Maryland, where he worked in Source Selection until he retired. The Presidential Helicopter, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, and Drones, were a few of the last things he contributed to.

During his summer job, while still in College, as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service in Ozone Park, New York, he met his future wife, Debbi Figliola, while delivering letters to her office at Prudential Insurance. Carl wasted no time, and soon married Debbi and started a family. Carl and Debbi

would have four children — Carl III, Rosalie, Robert, and Nicholas. Carl was a devoted husband and father.

As someone very knowledgeable and passionate about new technology, Carl enjoyed building and working on computers, which came easily to him. He had multiple devices and spare parts all over his home office! He also immensely enjoyed playing video games and did so often with his children and grandchildren. He loved watching football, and later in life watched all types of sports on television. He was very mechanically inclined, and could fix anything, including cars, household appliances, and nearly anything else.

Carl retired to Surprise, Arizona, where he lived with his wife, Debbi, and next door to his first-born son, Carl Savillo III, and his wife, Annie, and children, Gage, Luca, and Finn. He is survived by them as well as his daughter, Rosalie Savillo, and her daughter, Coralie; his son, Robert Savillo, and his wife, Katherine, and their two sons, Asher and Ranen; and his youngest son Nicholas Savillo.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Carl and I both worked at Naval Air Systems Command HQ in Wash DC and then he at Petuxant Naval Air Station, home of the Headquarters after it moved from Arlington VA. I worked for Defense Contractors We never interchanged much all those years. We never had much interactings as colleagues. As time passed he being retired and me being retireded, through internet group interactions we became bonded. Combination of making Naval Aviation the greatest and loving riding Harley MC's and loving sports we had plenty of interchanges about almost everything. He was a great man living by principles to honored trying to do his best and making the world better. I will never forget the uplifting interchanges we had. God bless Debbi and his family they lost a great American.

Richard H Balestra - September 28, 2024 at 04:32 PM

JW

“ What a wonderful eulogy for Carl! His many achievements accentuate his modesty in that we were unaware of how accomplished he was. His passing reminds us of a Michelangelo quote we chose for my dad's funeral program: Death and love are the two wings that bear a good man to heaven. ❤️ ☐☐

Jim & Patrice Waits - February 09, 2024 at 10:04 PM

MF

“ Very well said my sister Debbie brought carl home when I was just a kid. I was fascinated with his car and his motorcycle. Which gave me the motorcycle bug. He will truly be missed.

Michael Figliola - February 07, 2024 at 06:04 PM

CS

“ *Debbie what a beautiful eulogy. May Carl's memory be a blessing, we send our deepest condolences and prayers.*

Corrie & Mike Stone - February 07, 2024 at 04:50 PM

NB

“ *Debbi, I remember Carl from our days at Brooklyn Poly and he was always energetic and looking for ways to increase his knowledge. Even though it's almost 50 years since we graduated college, I always will remember Carl. I am very sorry for your loss and know he is looking down over the family!*

Nick & Theresa Bertucci - February 07, 2024 at 11:24 AM

CO

“ *Beautiful tribute. May the wonderful years of memories you made together as a family endure until you meet again someday. 💔*

Colleen - February 06, 2024 at 05:19 PM

CD

“ *Just beautiful, Deb ❤️ RIP Carl*

Claudia and Robert Donolli - February 06, 2024 at 12:27 PM

MG

“ *I really enjoyed reading this. The details I did not know are very interesting. Carl always had a kind energy about him. I really miss him.*

Millie Gorichs - February 06, 2024 at 10:05 AM

JL

“ *What a lovely tribute, Debbi. Carl and you definitely had a full life together! He will be missed.*

Jodie & Mike Lawrosky - February 05, 2024 at 03:14 PM

AB

“ *What a lovely tribute! Thank you for entrusting Simply Cremation to handle the final arrangements for Mr. Savillo. My thoughts remain with Debbi and the rest of his family and friends during this difficult time.*

Ashley Bradford - February 05, 2024 at 02:18 PM