



# Salvatore James Cutrona

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**S**alvatore “Sal” James Cutrona, Sr., of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2025, at the age of 77, surrounded by love. Born on April 18, 1948, Sal lived a life filled with creativity, devotion, and a warm spirit that touched all who knew him.

Sal is survived by his beloved son, Jamie (Liz) Cutrona; and by his treasured granddaughters, Isabella and Lucia Cutrona- the lights of his life. He is also survived by his loving partner of 14 years, Joseph Gentile, who provided devoted care and companionship, especially during Sal’s final months, and was a constant source of comfort, patience and love. Sal leaves behind his brothers Vince (Joan), Franny (Lisa), and Phil; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews whom he cherished deeply.

He is predeceased by his parents, Francis and Jennie Cutrona; his sister, Concetta; and his former wife of 25 years, Sheila.

Born and raised in Wilmington’s Little Italy neighborhood, Sal and his family took great pride in their community’s deep traditions and their longtime connection to St. Anthony of Padua Parish. He graduated from Salesianum School in 1966 and later obtained his cosmetology license from the Academy of Hair, a decision that would lay the foundation for a remarkable lifelong career.

For the past eight years, Sal made his home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware with Joe, where he found joy in living at the beach and in the welcoming community, he so enjoyed being part of. Warm, friendly, and instantly engaging, Sal built lasting friendships and leaves behind a wide circle of cherished friends who will miss his humor, flair, and unmistakable sparkle. Sal had a particular love for Halloween, often delighting in crafting creative costumes and decorations that showcased his imagination.

Sal’s extraordinary 50-year career as a hairstylist showcased his artistic brilliance and his gift for making others feel their very best. He worked at John Wanamaker & Co, JCPenney, All About



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Hair, and spent more than 35 years at Michael Christopher Designs—a salon he considered a true second family. Known for his master styling skills, Sal became beloved for the artistry and personal attention he brought to every client. His work was not just a profession but a passion.

Beyond the salon, Sal's creativity found another home in the Miss Delaware Scholarship Organization, where he volunteered for many years. He took immense pride in styling the hair of numerous Miss Delawares and was celebrated for crafting countless imaginative, show-stopping shoes for the Miss America "Show Us Your Shoes" Parade, creations that perfectly reflected his creativity and boundless imagination.

Sal also had a deep love for traveling. Whether exploring new places or revisiting favorite destinations, he embraced every experience with enthusiasm, curiosity, and joy. His travels enriched his life and gave him stories, memories, and inspiration that he happily shared with others.

A visitation will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025, from 10:00–11:00 AM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE, followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 AM.

For all those unable to attend, please click on the link below:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/11971898/LTWebcast>

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in Sal's memory to the Miss Delaware Scholarship Organization, a cause he supported with immense pride. Donations may be made online at: <https://missde.org/checkout/donate?donatePageId=5d80502115fdbd4ce18e24ce>

Please sign the tribute wall located on this website.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERS DELIVERED ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 BY 3PM. TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Monday**, December 8, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



## Celebration of life

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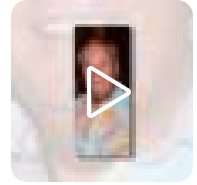
**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium** shared a **Webcast Video**.



November 28 at 11:54 AM



**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



December 8 at 2:18 PM



**Philip Cutrona** posted:

I always knew my brother was special. But seeing the reaction of so many since his passing I now see that he was just as special, and maybe more, to so many others. One story that I love was the fourth of July around 1969. I had planned to go to Washington for the holiday with some friends and we talked Sal into coming along. It was Bob Hope in front of the Capital and we were at the other end of the Mall in front of the Washington Monument. Someone started to chant "Bob Hope smoke dope" and we spent the day smoking what someone was throwing down to us from a tree. We spent the day and slept on the Mall with maybe another thousand "freaks" and drove home the next day. For many years I would look forward to a call or text from Sal remembering that day. I was blessed with three great brothers. We'll get no more texts from Sal but we will always have wonderful memories and love of a very special part of our family. Love you brother.

December 8 at 1:22 PM



**Selina Gonzalez** lit a candle in honor of Salvatore.

We had so many memories but one of my favorite was when we went down to the beach with a couple of friends. We met him at a beach then went back to his place for snacks also to get ready to go out to dinner at shrimpps



December 8 at 8:59 AM



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**John J Samluk** lit a candle in honor of Salvatore.

So sorry to hear of the loss of Sal. His sister Concetta sang in the choir at St. Anthony of Padua church , where my mother was organist. As a fellow hairdresser, I know how much Sal will be missed. In thoughts, prayers and sympathy,John J Samluk

November 29 at 12:34 PM



**Christina Moore Baul** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Sal will forever hold a place in my heart!! He was a big part of one of my biggest days!

November 29 at 12:17 PM



**Susan Ciconte** lit a candle in honor of Salvatore.

Sad to hear about cousin Sal's death. Of course, he and my mother were first cousins, among the many from that line. My condolences to all his family members, and dear friends.Susan CiconteMinneapolis

November 28 at 8:19 PM



**Joseph Gentile** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

November 28 at 5:35 PM



**Joseph G.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Salvatore.

November 28 at 5:14 PM





# Media

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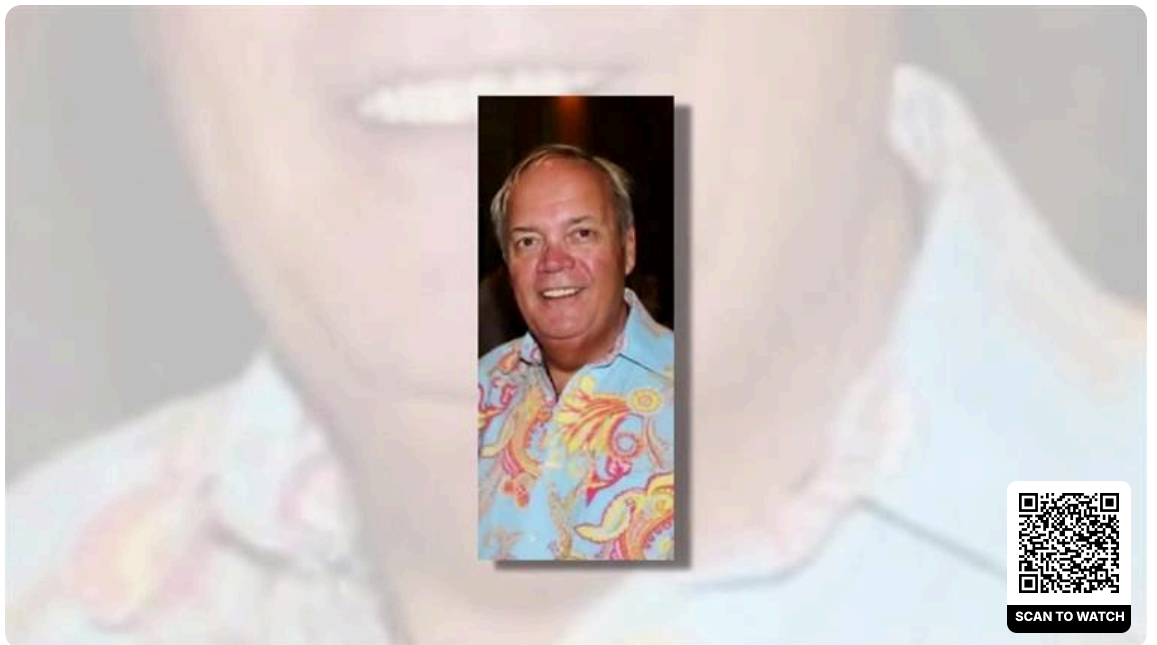
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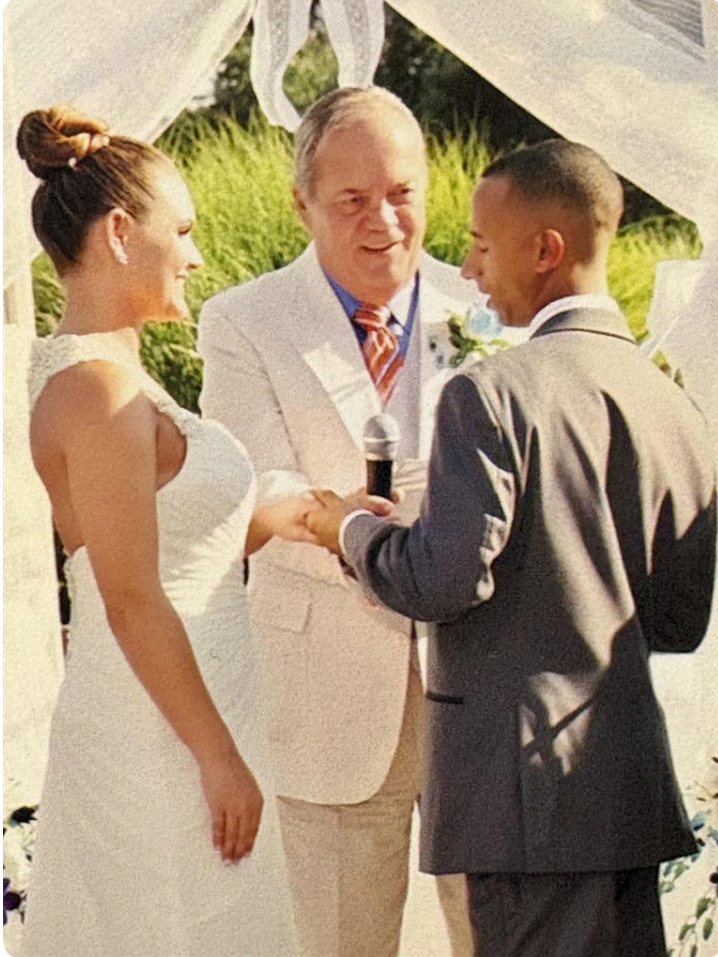
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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Salvatore by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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