



DENNIS ANTHONY LARUSSA

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Dennis Anthony LaRussa October 15, 1946 – June 14, 2025

Dennis Anthony LaRussa, age 78, of Enfield, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on June 14th at his home. He resided in Key Biscayne, Florida for over 50 years. Born on October 15, 1946, in Springfield, Massachusetts, Dennis was the beloved son of Samuel and Jane LaRussa. Dennis was a proud alum of the University of Connecticut and Tulane University where he received his Juris Doctorate and ultimately earned his LLM in Taxation from NYU School of Law.

Dennis is remembered for his kindness, generosity, and unwavering positivity in the face of an aggressive disability brought on by Multiple Sclerosis. He excelled professionally as a tax attorney, making partner at Steele, Hector & Davis, where he practiced until his early retirement to pursue independent success in various real estate ventures in Sunrise, Florida, and Hartford, Connecticut.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dennis was passionate about the outdoors, relishing his time on Key Biscayne's beaches and walking along its shores until he was physically unable. Even in his final days, Dennis spent his afternoons relaxing on his balcony, taking in the sights and sounds afforded to him by his outpost in the sun.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife, Lynne, their son, Dennis, his sister Donna Grande and brother-in-law Jonathan Grande, and their daughter, his niece Vanessa Grande.

A funeral Mass will be held on Friday, June 20th at 11:00AM at St. Agnes Catholic Church, with a reception following interment.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to 3i Housing of Maine (<https://donorbox.org/3ihome>), so that others facing the same challenges Dennis did may do so in comfort, dignity, and independence.



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The family would like to express heartfelt gratitude to Dennis' caregivers—Dee, Rick, Yadi, and Melissa—who became extensions of his family through their daily support, compassion, and dedication to enriching Dennis' life during his physical hardship.

Dennis is deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.




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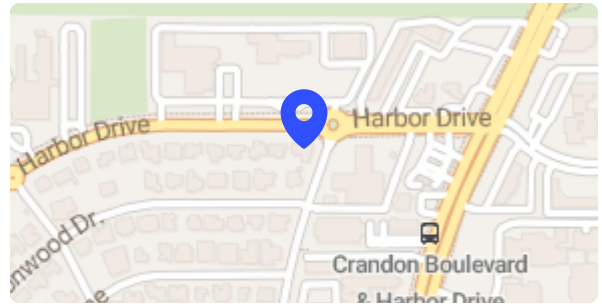
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Funeral Mass


 **Friday**, June 20, 2025

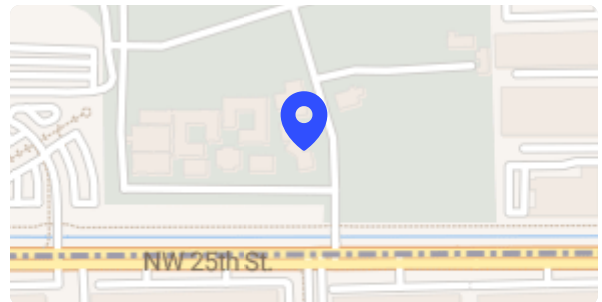
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **St. Agnes Catholic Church**
101 Harbor Drive, Key Biscayne FL 33149



Cemetery Details

 **Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Cemetery**
11411 NW 25th Street, Doral FL 33172





Tribute Wall

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Noel Nation posted:

Opportunities to chat or confer about one thing or another arose regularly in our early days together at Steel Hector & Davis. Dennis' keen insights on the tax implications of a deal were always a welcome necessity. We both enjoyed Interactions with our senior lawyers as they shared their experiences over a leisurely lunch. Occasionally we might even use a lunch break to check out a potential real estate opportunity nearby. An outstanding memory from our law days is of a surprising shared interest in handicapping. We would often separately dash from the office to the track where canines were then running. Often we were given VIP lounge access for the evening to exercise our handicapping skills. Dennis was the more skilled, with an uncanny memory for an animal's prior performance and a rigorous analysis of the competitive field. My most exciting of these outings saw us literally walking to the IRS window for the required cash declaration after picking 5 winners in a row on our joint Pick Six wager. We were so confident; we had the odds on favorite in the final race after having picked some fortunate long shots in the earlier races. Over 100k was the value of a single winning ticket. I can still recall the emotional surge as we moved to the window watching the dogs go into the track turn. Suddenly our favorite stumbles and is passed by the pack, barely finishing the race. We both continued to enjoy the sport. A high like that never returned for me; but I had my suspicions about Dennis. Farewell my longtime friend. Noel Nation

June 20 at 9:14 AM



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