



Mr. Matthew Charles Manelli

November 23, 1965 - February 10, 2025

Matthew Charles Manelli, 59, treasured husband, father, stepfather, brother, friend, and steadfast St. Louis Cardinals fan, died on February 10, 2025, at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC, after a short battle with aggressive cancer. During his time on earth, he made the world better, showering the people he loved with love, kindness, loyalty, wit, humor, respect, and remarkable devotion.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, to Charles Joseph Manelli and Ann Marie (Geoghegan) Manelli, Matt grew up an avid tennis player and sports enthusiast. He graduated from the Catholic all-boys Chaminade College Preparatory School. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, where he was a proud member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He also earned a master's degree in business administration from Michigan State.

His career started at Ernst & Young in Chicago and at Deloitte & Touche in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He then worked for Federal Signal Corporation in Chicago, Barcelona, and Michigan. In 2004, he joined Nucor Steel in Darlington, South Carolina. In 2021, he joined Sonoco Products Company in Hartsville, South Carolina, where he held the controller position for the company's Flexible Packaging Business.

Matt was fluent in Spanish and possessed a natural gift for languages, often blending Spanish and Italian as a nod to his half-Italian, half-Irish heritage. He was a USTA-certified professional tennis instructor, completed the New York City Marathon, and enjoyed traveling with his wife. He blessed his children with hilarious stories, sound advice, and an endless supply of critical information (some may argue only to be helpful in a bar trivia game). In recent years, he developed a love for cooking, which he combined with his appreciation of Frank Sinatra music, often prepping a meal while belting out “Fly Me to the Moon,” “I Got You Under My Skin,” and “Luck Be a Lady.” In addition to telling corny Dad Jokes, he often shared the story of striking out Slash from Guns N’ Roses during a pick-up game in Lincoln Park. It was a highlight of his early post-college years.

Matt is survived by his wife, Kim Walker Bowman of Hartsville, SC; children, Stephanie Marie Manelli of Fort Mill, SC, Matthew Reagan Manelli of Dallas, TX, and Michael Andrew Manelli of Columbia, SC; stepchildren, Dr. Chip Stein Bowman of New York, NY, Chad Walker Bowman (Mary Kate) of Columbia, SC, and Catie Beth Bowman (Kevin Duncan) of Kilkenny, Ireland; brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Suzanne Manelli of St. Louis, MO; and his faithful dog, Donatello.

Matt’s family and close friends will honor his life in a private, at-home celebration. They ask that you share your favorite memory of Matt in writing and mail it to Kim Bowman at 519 Woodland Drive, Hartsville, SC, 29550, for his family to treasure forever.

Matt was a faithful supporter of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. To donate in his memory, please visit: www.fundraising.stjude.org/goto/MattManelli.

Cemetery Details

Private

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Just learned of Matt's passing in the Chaminade alumni news. We rode the Bi-State bus to CCP together for years. Matt was a great guy. Very sorry to hear of his passing 🙏🙏

John Dossenbach - April 25, 2025 at 09:14 PM

MS

“ Prayers for the family during this difficult time! He was always a great guy when he come in the vets office to drop off Donatello for his boarding!

Miranda Smith - February 16, 2025 at 10:51 PM

KC

“ Kim and family, I'm sorry to hear of Matt's passing. I worked with him at Nucor. He had a good sense of humor. Each year in December when our office teammates got a bonus, we would celebrate with a meal and would watch the "bonus" scene of Christmas Vacation. A memory etched forever in my mind. It was a light hearted time for all of us but it was also a time when he reminded us of how blessed and fortunate we were. Thinking of you and praying for you during this difficult time.

Kim Bryant Clanton - February 16, 2025 at 04:26 PM

SM

“ Deeply saddened by Matt’s passing. Matt was more than just a colleague; he was a true friend who brought joy and smiles to our workplace every day. Matt was the only American I knew who truly appreciated cricket. Our conversations would seamlessly flow from analyzing P&L statements to passionately discussing the latest cricket matches, creating a unique bond that bridged cultures and made our workdays brighter. Our hearts and minds are with Matt’s family during this difficult time.

Santosh Menon - February 13, 2025 at 09:49 AM

GS

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about Matt's passing. He was my neighbor on Saxon Drive and my supervisor in the Finance Department at Nucor. I'm grateful for the opportunities he provided me and his guidance during my time there. Even after moving back to Brazil, Matt remained in my thoughts, especially through his thoughtful birthday wishes on LinkedIn. I will truly miss him. May he rest in peace.

Georg Schmidt - February 13, 2025 at 08:26 AM

SR

“ I am so sorry to hear about his passing. I worked for him for many years prior to Sunoco. You are all in my prayers. I have so many fond memories of him. His humor. His dedication to saying good morning to all of us. I know his legacy will live on in his family.

Sharon Rogers - February 13, 2025 at 08:03 AM

RC

“ Kim and family, I am very sorry to hear the news about Matt. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Matt the few years he was at Sonoco as he was always so upbeat and energetic. And he knew what he was doing!!

The picture of Matt on this wall is perfect as his smile was always there. I am just sorry that I did not have more time to know Matt. Please know that you are in Linda's and my prayers.



Richard Cook - February 13, 2025 at 04:35 AM

KB

“ Kim and family- so sorry to hear this. He was a wonderful person that lit up any room he entered! I'll be making a donation on his behalf and thinking of you from afar!

Karen Den Braven - February 12, 2025 at 09:44 PM

KB

My name is Karen DEN BRAVEN- the program truncated it!

Karen Den Braven - February 12, 2025 at 09:45 PM

TA

“ Kim, I'm so sorry and saddened to hear this. Matt was such a wonderful man to work around. He always had a big smile. Just being around him would brighten your day. He will be greatly missed. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.



Thresa Allen - February 12, 2025 at 03:06 PM

TG

“ I got to know Matt while his son Matthew was in my Scout troop. We shared growing up in St. Louis - a shared love of the Cardinals but a disagreement on the best St. Louis High School (if your from St. Louis, you know...) We got reconnected again at Sonoco years later. A real decent guy... I always enjoyed talking to Matt, so kind and helpful. I will keep his family in my prayers.

Tom Gerth - February 12, 2025 at 02:56 PM

CT

“ I'm so sad to hear this. Matt was always great to work with and will be greatly missed. His family and friends are in my prayers.

Chris Turner - February 12, 2025 at 02:36 PM

DG

“ Kim, I'm shocked and saddened to hear of Matt's passing. Sending lots of prayers for you and his family.



Deborah Gandy - February 12, 2025 at 01:54 PM