



William Joseph "Willie" Calderale

July 5, 1938 - August 18, 2025

William Joseph "Willie" Calderale, 87, husband of the late Diane P. Lemieux Calderale, passed away August 18, 2025.

A native of Queens Village, New York, son of the late Vito and Carmela A. Feniello, he was a United States Marine Corps Veteran, the owner of The Bayport House Ristorante, Bayport, New York, and of the Catholic faith. Surviving are four children, William Matheus (Jackie) of Greer, South Carolina, Kim Giella (Andrew) of Simpsonville, South Carolina, JoAnn Knopf (Stephan) of Patchogue, New York, and Lori Maritato of Greer, South Carolina; a brother, John E. Calderale (Mary) of Windermere, Florida; twelve grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Calderale was predeceased by one grandchild, Paul Giella.

A memorial service will be held 12:00 p.m. Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Resurrection Church conducted by Rev. Bradley Cox.

The family will be at their respective homes.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

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“ *To the Calderale Family,
In many respects Willie was the heart and soul of the group of guys who called Killeen’s Tavern their home away from home. Willie was the bartender/owner for a number of years during the 1960s. Those were very special years for so many of us. The thing I remember most of all was that nobody ever said a negative word about Willie. Mary and I enjoyed a special relationship with Diane and Willie. We fondly remember the small restaurant they operated on the East Side which we visited when we first started dating and then, of course, The Bayport House. Willie was a chef extraordinaire; there was no finer Italian restaurant on Long Island. We remember his lovely daughters—Kim and Lori working with him at “The House.” Those were special times.
Mary and I loved Willie, and we will miss him dearly. We will always remember his laugh that could fill a room with joy.
RIP, our friend
Lou and Mary Theodore*

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