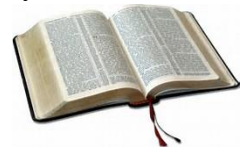


Marc E. Minichello Memorial Scholarship



Paula Minichello and her children, Marc Anthony and Antonia Marie are extremely proud and humbled to offer two \$1022.00 awards in Marc's memory. He was a devoted loving husband and a caring, trusted and loving father. Paula and Marc were best friends as well as excellent role models to Marc Anthony and Antonia Marie. His two children are a living testimony to the example he gave to them throughout their lives. The sorrow felt by those he left behind reflects how much they treasure his influence in their lives.

Only 48 years old, Marc passed away on January 12, 2017 in Naples, Florida while on a business trip. His wife and children were scheduled to meet him for a short vacation when this tragedy occurred. He was a devout member of St Barbara's Catholic Church in Exeter, PA and the owner of MINICHI Contracting Group. In truly honoring Marc, we must first know what kind of person he was and what he stood for. Reciting from the book of Matthew 6:21-22: "For where your treasures are, there will your heart be also; 22: The Light of the body is the eye. If therefore thine eye be single, the whole body shall be full of light."



Marc, his many treasures, first devoted to God, a loving son, brother, husband father, uncle, great-uncle, friend and coach. He put everyone ahead of himself. He chose to be the man that he was. He made everyone around him feel like family. He inspired many adults and children. He invited strangers into his life so that he could love them first then help them in many ways. He was a quiet man with an overwhelming heart for goodness. His love would shine wherever he went and anyone around him could feel the vibrant light. Marc surely received his wings and rests in the Kingdom of Heaven forever.

When people talk about Marc they always mention his deep devotion to and faith in his God; they remember him in church walking up for communion bible in hand opened to his favorite passage and saying his rosary. Marc lived his religion every day of his life and in all things he did. He loved his family deeply: Paula, his wife and his two children: Marc Anthony and Antonia Marie He truly was an inspiration to many people. People who remember him describe him with words like sincere, wholesome, faithful, thoughtful, a man of integrity, generous, strong, spiritual some even say saintly.

Marc lived by the GOLDEN RULE every day of his life. "**Do onto others as you would them do onto you**" was his mantra. Anonymously he helped people; never seeking attention for his many charitable deeds. Always thinking of others, he was hardworking. He loved his county too and was very patriotic. He was a self-made man who never judged others instead always wanting to help those who were down and out; coming from humble beginnings he grew his company to the success it is today and knew every aspect of it. Yes, Marc helped many people; kids were his favorite but he insisted on doing it anonymously. He did not look for praise.

His kindness is best summarized by his daughter, Antonia Marie:

"I remember that my dad worried about everyone else always putting others first. He had a kind heart; he cared for and loved everyone especially my

mom, my brother and me.”

Marc’s son, Marc Anthony wrote an essay for one of his classes entitled: “Big Marc Minichello” which is framed and holds a very special spot in his bedroom which says:

“My dad is my hero because he taught me how to do so many things - the right way.”



The applicants of this scholarship should exhibit the spirit of generosity and community service that Marc’s life embodied. Marc believed that a true servant was one who gave without seeking recognition. This belief is evidenced by the fact that Marc gave money to those in need for over twenty-five years through his anonymous Guardian Angel Fund. Every request to the Guardian Angel was met with financial support and a personalized letter of encouragement written by Marc.

Marc also believed that a true servant gave until it hurt. As a businessman, Marc’s companies survived through many difficult times. What remained consistent through difficult times was Marc’s generosity. He kept a list of charitable organizations to which he donated. Incredibly, it was during difficult times for his business when Marc would donate even more money to needy organizations.

Marc often said that time was the currency of love. He loved spending time with his family and dedicating time to his community. Marc would selflessly donate his time working the stand at the St. Barbara’s picnic, coaching young athletes in mini-football or baseball, participating in community beautification projects, or simply raking the field at the little league. Marc was a pillar of the community who could always be counted on for support.



Two \$1022.00 scholarships are being offered to Wyoming Area graduating seniors who are planning to attend a trade, technical, community college or a four year college or university. A committee selected by the Marc E. Minichello family will make the final selection for this award. An interview may be part of the selection process.

ESSAY: Tell us in a solid essay of at least 500 words why you feel you should be awarded this scholarship: Why did you select this particular scholarship to apply for?