



Jerome T. Belcastro Sr., 70, of Kure Beach, N.C., formerly of Littleton, died at Concord Hospital, Concord, N.H., on April 25, 2011. He suffered a heart attack while speaking at the Monday Night Big Book Step Study Alcoholics Anonymous Anniversary Meeting. His son, Tom, and several close friends were with him when he passed. Jerry was born in Lexington, on Nov. 29, 1940, the son of the late Bernard and Veronica (Ryan) Belcastro. He grew up in Lexington and graduated from Lexington High School, Class of 1958. He later earned a degree in Education from Fitchburg State College. After graduating high school, Jerry worked for Sherwin Williams Paint and then RJ Reynolds Tobacco as a salesman. In 1961 he began working with his brother Bernie in a painting business. In 1968 Jerry struck out on his own and founded Belcastro Painting, which is now owned and operated by his son, Tom. He also taught painting at Neshoba Technical High School in Westford from 1976-1986. In addition, Jerry owned The Strip Shop, a furniture stripping and refinishing business, in the 70s and 80s. In 1992 he revamped the business into Belcastro Furniture Restoration in Tyngsboro, which is now owned and operated by his longtime friend, Billy Murphy. He moved to North Carolina in 2003 where he and his wife, Debbie, owned a furniture restoration company, worked part-time at H & R Block and enjoyed semi-retirement traveling and living at their beach condo. He was also an avid Scrabble player and a lover of crosswords. His faith was extremely important to him. He always said, "The solution to all your problems can be solved by having a relationship with God, may you find him now." Jerry shared with many the July 15, 1985 date he got sober. He carried the message of AA wholeheartedly and helped many people over the years through mentoring, counseling and speaking. Jerry Belcastro is survived by his loving wife, Debbie Palchadhuri, of Kure Beach, N.C., a son, J. Thomas Belcastro Jr., and Tom's wife, Andrea (Lally), of Leominster, daughters Lisa C. Belcastro of Edgartown, and RYANNE M. DENNIS of Dover, N.H., as well as his sister, Virginia Daigle of New Hampshire. He also leaves behind stepson Raj Palchadhuri of NYC and a stepdaughter, Taj Palchadhuri, of San Francisco, Calif. He is also survived by three grandchildren; Laura Belcastro, Kayla Goldman and Victoria Belcastro, and numerous nieces and nephews and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. He was predeceased by his four brothers: Joseph Belcastro, Bernard Belcastro, Francis Belcastro, James Belcastro, and his sister, Elizabeth (Belcastro) Smithers. His family will receive relatives and friends at the Badger Funeral Home, 347 King St., Littleton on Saturday, April 30, from 9-11 a.m., with a reception to follow at Devens Conference Center, 100 Sherman Ave., Ayer, from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his memory to your local Alcoholics Anonymous or your favorite charity. Please visit online at www.badgerfuneral.com.

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