

Dominic Pelicano Memorial Foundation Tribute from Rick Pelicano

First I want to say thank you to all of Dominic's friends who have been so kind to contact the family. We were overwhelmed by the extent to which Dominic has influenced people. I paid his cell phone every month and couldn't believe the different people he talked to. So, I had a pretty good idea that he had lots of friends that I never met. Dominic also was very good at holding on to his childhood friendships. He was a very loyal caring person.

It has been a sad time for us and I think of him every day especially when I play guitar because we played together so often as well as in our band *Cops and Robbers*. But I wanted to write something funny on here because one thing Dominic could do was make you laugh, even when he didn't mean to. So, if you have a funny story let us know.

Funny Story #1: When Dominic was about 11 or 12 we were preparing to go to the beach. I went down stairs to check the windows and discovered one of the windows broken. All of the glass was on the inside of the house. At first I suspected a burglar. Then I thought, NO I bet Dominic knows something about this!

So, I asked Dominic what he knew about it and here is what he said. " Well you see, I was out back and I saw this spider on the window and I tried to kill it ...WITH A SHOVEL!!!"

So, we went to the beach after fixing the window. While we were at the beach I decided to get some gas in the car. Dominic said he wanted to pump the gas. So I said "OK". We were all sitting in the car waiting for Dominic to finish. Upon finishing he got in the back seat, shut the door and said "OK let's go". I started the car, put it in drive and drove off. As soon as I pulled out we heard this loud "Clunking" sound. It was the nozzle to the pump being ripped out...he left it stuck in my gas tank. So, I said I needed to go in to tell the guy. Dominic says "Are you crazy... let's book out of here". But I had to set an example. So, I walked in the station and everyone is looking out the window at the pump. Some guy walks to the counter and says "What are you all looking at?" The cashier says "Some dumb ass just drove away with the nozzle in his car"

Then there was the day Dominic called me and said "Dad there is something wrong with the carpet." I thought "What the hell is he talking about?" So I asked him. He said, "...where the iron was."