



## Abel G. DeFreitas

October 20, 1940 - March 6, 2012

Mr. Abel G. DeFreitas, age 71, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the love and support of his family by his side.

Born in Portugal, Madeira Island on October 20, 1940, Abel was the son of the late George and Conceicao (DeFreitas) DeFreitas. At the age of 19, he immigrated to the United States and settled in Utica.

Abel applied his skilled welding techniques at both Chicago Pneumatic and Special Metals, retiring in 2002. A hard worker not only at the workplace, he was also a man who was proud of the upkeep of his own home. A great Dad, he watched over his children with much love and was a devoted grandfather, affectionately known to them as Mapa, a term that melted his heart. He was a New York Yankees fan, and a passionate bowler, a sport that he shared with his son; he will always be remembered by his extended family "Abel's Army" at Pin-O-Rama. He looked forward to return visits to his homeland of Portugal, to go to the beach, visit with family and friends, and honor his customs and heritage.

Abel is survived by his daughter, Patricia DeFreitas; his son, Abel Steven DeFreitas; and their mother Maria DeFreitas; his beloved grandchildren, Tionna; Marcella, and Makaiyah, and their mother Janelle; his sisters, Veronica, and Anna; his brothers and their spouses, George Jr., Alfredo, and Vasco; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins residing in Portugal; his faithful neighbors Victorio and Noelia; and his canine

companion, tea cup Yorkie, "Patron".

The family sends heartfelt thanks to Dr. Sultana Razia for her compassionate and caring nature, the Oncology staff at Slocum Dickson Medical Group, the personnel at the Regional Cancer Center; 1East and the ICU at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center. They all helped to make Abel's final journey of life more meaningful.

Visitation will be Friday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Abel's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Sister Elizabeth Giarrusso, CSJ officiating the ceremony.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 9. 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
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corner of Hammond Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Abel G. DeFreitas



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ To Abel's family please accept my sincere condolences at this difficult time. I knew Abel from back in the 60's from bowling at the Pin-O-Rama, and we saw each other often even after. We were always good to each other and liked one another; and I will miss him and will never forget him. When you get upstairs, Abel, don't go to any hockey games! P.S. We never high-fived each other bowling against each other!

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**Eddie Horvath, Sr.** - March 10, 2012 at 08:32 AM

MF

“RIP Abel. I'm truly sorry that I wasn't able to say goodbye. You had such a passion for bowling and for winning that one can only admire. I'm glad I was there to see you bowl a perfect game at the Pin. It's obvious that you had even a greater love for your family and you will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time



*Michael Ferlo*

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**Michael Ferlo** - March 09, 2012 at 11:29 PM

LS

“Trish and Steve sorry for your loss You might not remember me I am your cousin and your mom is my godmother Laurie Schaefer

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**Laurie A Cardoso Schaefer** - March 09, 2012 at 08:19 PM

RI

“ 3/9/12

*My sincere thoughts are sent for the family of Abel G. DeFreitas in this time of sorrow and grief.*

*I met Able only ONCE while league bowling at the Pin. He was a great bowling coach and community asset. He improved my game to place and trophy status through his finite approach and conditioning.*

*For his kind and spirited attention I feel the need to make my comment.*

*May His Holy Peace be upon you and your close family and may Jesus grant his rest to God's eternal kingdom.*

*In Love and Christ,  
Reverend Diane M Shaul  
(Kennedy in by relate in)  
[Pre-ordained in Christ  
by His Holy Cross & Passion]  
Whitesboro, NY 1998*

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**Reverend Diane M Shaul (Kennedy in)** - March 09, 2012 at 04:45 PM

JA

“ *Abel rest in peace!!! You will always be in mine and the girls' hearts and they will miss their Mapa. We will miss you singing songs to us too and your cards that you signed Super Mapa or Super Abel!!! We love you forever and you will always be missed!!*

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**Janelle/Marcella/Makaiyah** - March 09, 2012 at 01:56 PM

CG

“ Trish.....wanted to send you my sincere condolences. I remember talking with you before I left Masonic on how your Dad was doing and I believe you guys were going to attend a Yankee game, hope you got to do that, and hoping fond memories will help you through this difficult time. My thoughts are with you and your family.  
Cyndi Gee

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**Cyndi gee** - March 08, 2012 at 10:35 PM

CA

“ RIP Abel. Sorry that I didn't get a chance to say goodbye. We had our disagreements over the years but this past year was nice knowing that we could just talk and be civil. You are at peace and I will continue on knowing I bowled with a great competitor. We are much alike, we don't like not winning. You and your family will be in my thoughts. You are one of a kind and one day I hope to live up to half of the excitement and spirit that you left behind at the bowling center. I will miss you. ---Chuck Adams

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**Chuck Adams** - March 08, 2012 at 09:07 PM

MO

“ RIP Abel. You were an Icon of Utica bowling and a fixture at the Pin. We will miss seeing you each week and your competitiveness.

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**Matt Obreza** - March 08, 2012 at 09:41 AM

LP

“ God Bless 'Boss'. You are home and at peace. Thanks for all the support over the years and for being the fiercest league bowling competitor of all time! I'll have a McDonald's coffee for you when I get there.....

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**Larry Porter** - March 08, 2012 at 09:19 AM

JO

“ Steve & family~~We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you.

*Jim & Tauni O'Toole*



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**Jim & Tauni O'Toole** - March 08, 2012 at 09:19 AM

CC

“ Abel you were one of a kind. You will be missed in the bowling alley cheering on Abel's army! I know this week they will win 3 points for you!!! Our thoughts and prayers for the family. You have a team up there waiting for you!

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**Carlene Asselta Calkins** - March 07, 2012 at 09:34 AM

SJ

*R.I.P. Abel....you will be missed, it won't be the same seeing you sitting at the table watching Abel's Army and breaking pencils :-).*

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**Salvatore Acquaviva Jr.** - March 07, 2012 at 04:53 PM



*Abel, Thank you for the all the stories and memories, you will never be forgotten. You were one of a kind, your desire and passion to win were second to none. Rest well my friend. "May the four winds blow you safely home"*

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**Raymond Cyr** - March 08, 2012 at 09:05 AM

DA

*I will always remember the bowling stories over the years my father shared with me. Abel was a household name, a legend of his own. I hope my father greeted you at the gates and when I hear thunder and lightening I know it will be you two knocking the pins down in heaven! My prayers to your family through this tough time. Gone but never forgotten....*

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**Denise Anguzza** - March 08, 2012 at 10:05 AM

DT

*Abel... Our family goes back a long way of knowing you from my Dad and all the stories I remember as a young girl about you and bowling. You will be missed stopping by our house each day many times with your little dog and sharing your thoughts with us about the Yankees and Boston games and of course bowling. You were an intense man with passion for whatever you enjoyed. We know through our own experience that life is short and we hope that you now rest in peace with God. DeeAnne, Bernie, Adana and Ava Tomaino*

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**DeeAnne Tomaino** - March 08, 2012 at 12:47 PM

AG

*Abel, I first met you on the soccer field with my father, Leo Sosteri on the Dodge City Soccer Team. I then met you again years later at the Pin A Rama. I can't see you resting in peace especially if you can enjoy the sports you love so much. But I know you will be greatly missed. Aurora Sosteri Griffith*

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**Aurora Griffith** - March 08, 2012 at 06:58 PM