



Amy E. (Adams) Perna

December 16, 1969 - January 15, 2008

Mrs. Amy E. (Adams) Perna, age 38, of New Hartford, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center surrounded by the love of her family.

Born in Utica on December 16, 1969, Amy is the daughter of Melvin D. and Marilyn (Surprenant) Adams. Raised and educated in Whitesboro, she was a 1988 graduate of Whitesboro High School. She continued her studies at M.V.C.C. with a concentration on recreational sports. During her high school and college years she was involved and enrolled in the sports of softball, hockey, and roller hockey. On October 13, 2001 Amy married Richard Perna II. A perfect fit for one another, they loved each other with consummate comfort and trust. They were uniquely independent, but one in their relationship.

Amy held various positions of employment including the House of the Good Shepherd, the ARC of Oneida/Lewis Counties, and the Central New York Psychiatric Center where she held the position of SHTA for over 10 years. She had an innate ability and desire to help people to be their very best. She served as treasurer of the New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association and was involved in planning celebrations for the organization. A motorcycle enthusiast, last year she made her first road trip to New Hampshire with her 'purple Kawasaki'. She joined her husband's appreciation for NASCAR and held a special fondness for driver Elliott Sadler. She was also an eternal Dallas Cowboys and New York Yankees fan. She

was always in support of family occasions, holidays, and her nieces' and nephews' activities. Amy was blessed with an angelic heart and a gentle soul and was admired and loved by many. She lived a very Christian life confirmed through her concern and loyalty for others. She was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Amy is survived by her husband, Rich; her parents, Melvin and Marilyn "Mary Lou" Adams of Yorkville; her mother-in-law, Deborah Perna of Whitesboro; her brother, Doug Adams and his children, Michael, Mikayla, and Maria Adams and their mother, Kim Adams; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Theron "T.R." and Gina Perna and their children, Grace and Andrew Perna; her aunt, Elaine Wickman, affectionately known to Amy as "Aunt Susie"; her uncles, Michael and Roxanne Surprenant, John and Marsha Surprenant; and her cousins. She also leaves numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins of the Perna family with special mention of Aunt Sheila Caminiti, and her godfather, Tony Tine. Amy shared in the sisterhood of her dear friends of the 'DB Club', Kelly, Shauna, Debbie, Stephanie, Wendy, and Carol, as well as many other co-workers and longtime friends. She will also be missed by her canine companion, Sabre. She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Bernice and Katie Adams; her maternal grandparents, Jay and Marion Surprenant; and her uncle, Don Wickman who she adored.

The family extends gratitude to the nurses and staff of the 1st floor West, especially Lori, and Benny Morosco, at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for their personal commitment and valiant efforts in caring for Amy. Visitation will be held on Friday (today) from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions in her honor may be made to the American Heart Assn. enabling the family to establish a team in Amy's memory. Amy's funeral service will commence on Saturday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum.

Tribute Wall



“ I'm saddened to hear of your passing Amy. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. God bless.##imported-begin##Sue Snover Rubenzahl##imported-end##

November 30, 2008 at 10:38 PM



“ A loss of a true friend, I will miss you dearly.##imported-begin##Victor Bullen##imported-end##

January 20, 2008 at 10:12 AM



“ Todd Wilkerson wrote "To be courageous, you must pass through the fear". Amy helped me pass through the fear many times as a novice motorcyclist. From the first "long ride" to Fly Creek, to the real "long" ride to Laconia. We laughed, we shared, we swore, we persevered. I am a better person for having the honor to call her my friend, my courageous friend. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you, her family and friends.##imported-begin##Linda Covich##imported-end##

January 20, 2008 at 09:39 AM



“ I read about Amy's passing from a fellow union member, while I do not know her personally, I work as a CO at MidState Correctional. Many times I have spoken to the fine employees of CNY Phych, and as I understand she was involved in her local, without knowing her, I felt that she must have been a wonderful person to step up to that plate and go that extra mile for her co-workers. God bless you all in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Scott Carpenter##imported-end##

January 19, 2008 at 11:01 PM



“ Rich..please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. The Cosimeno Family (Louie, Diane, Lisa (Woody), Kelley,(Ken) Louie, Serina, Louise, (Pete), Diane and families.##imported-begin##Kelley##imported-end##

January 19, 2008 at 10:10 PM



“ Amy and I worked together at Buffalo Cottage at " The House". She was a wonderful and caring young woman, a joy to work with and cared so deeply for the kids. It sounds like she has continued to be all of those in the years that have passed since then. My thoughts and prayers are with you and I will always remember her fondly.##imported-begin##Kelly Vivyan##imported-end##

January 19, 2008 at 03:26 PM



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January 19, 2008 at 03:25 PM



“ To Amy's family:
Hi.I worked with Amy at CNYPC and she is a beautiful person who I will never forget.I know your pain and agony at this time because I too lost my beloved son Jay Paul Rocco in 1987 at the age of 15.My life will never be the same and I truly know the heartbreak that only parents who have this cross to bear know.A piece of my heart is buried with him forever.Cling to your faith although I know it is shaken.Call me if you ever need an understanding heart.Remember, her love is always yours and someday we'll be reunited.With love and prayers....
Diane Hill 733-4830##imported-begin##Diane Hill##imported-end##

January 19, 2008 at 05:58 AM



“ for all who visit this site i thank you i appreciate all you have done for me and her family i couldnt even begin thank all who helped us in this time of need##imported-begin##RICHARD PERNA
ll##imported-end##

January 19, 2008 at 05:49 AM



“ *Mr & Mrs Adams and Doug - Please know that my prayers are with you now. I'm so very sorry, Doug. May the loving bond of your family help heal your kind, warm heart. Love, Holly*###imported-begin###*Holly Hillage*###imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 10:53 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Amy and her family. I'm fortunate to have been able to work with Amy, as she always had a way to make you smile and laugh. You will be missed.*###imported-begin###*Dee Lenaghan*###imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 10:27 PM



“ *Mel--- I don't know if you remmember me . I worked on Ward 501 with Dick Adams. I retierd in 2001 but had the pleasure working with Amy. She was a very kind and thoughtfull girl. I am glad she found a person to marry and enjoy her time on Earth with along withyou and the rest of her family.Her smile will be always vivid in my mind. You will be proud to have had her as your daughter. Sincerily Gary Koster 604 West Thomas Street Rome N.Y.*###imported-begin###*Gary Koster*###imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 09:22 PM



“ *To the Adams/Perna family- words cannot even express how terribly sorry we are for your loss. We were friends way back in the ole softball days and will always remember: It wasn't a party unless "she" was there....Amy will be sadly missed by all.....*###imported-begin###*Jodi of Utica/Bridget of Schuyler*###imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 06:18 PM



“ Our Biggest Fan

*She was our biggest fan
She put the rest to shame
For if the blue and white were playing
Aunt Amy was at the game*

*Cheering with all her spirit
Yelling “Blue let’s go”
Wearing the colors proudly
Through the sun, the rain, the snow*

*Her smile was infectious
She would brighten any room
And she always stood up with pride
When they played that W’boro tune*

*She was a loyal fan
And a friend to all she knew
Her family was her center
And her love was always true*

*But now there is an empty seat
One less of the wrecking crew
And every time the BIG BLUE scores
We’ll say “this ones for you”*

*For she is our biggest fan
She puts the rest to shame
And although we cannot see her
She’ll be at every game!##imported-begin##Lori
Morosco##imported-end##*

January 18, 2008 at 02:46 PM



“ Amy was such a special cousin to us, and an even more special God Mother to our Son. She will be sadly missed by us all. We Love You Amy.##imported-begin##Kelly & Mike Surprenant##imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 02:13 PM

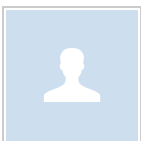


“ Love is the most important ingredient of success. Without it, our life echoes emptiness. With it, our life vibrates warmth and meaning. Even in hardship, love shines through. Therefore, search for love. Once we have learned to love, we will have learned to live.

Amy Adams Perna sure knew how to live! And, she shared her hardy laugh & twinkling eyes with so many. Whether it was a "Girls night out", Bowling, Dinner or simply "shooting the breeze" @ work. Even when she was infuriated, she'd still make you smile. Truly a passionate woman, gone way too soon! Thanks Am, for all the memories ...

Simply one of the best!##imported-begin##Erin Lee Gerek##imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 02:10 PM



“ my deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Amy .Amy was a nice friend she always was willing to help anyone in need .When Amy and i were growing up we use to skate together at skate a roma . Amy u are now of one of gods angels rest in peace. Lisa##imported-begin##lisa klein##imported-end##

January 18, 2008 at 12:40 PM



“ *Mr and Mrs. Adams,
I am so sorry to hear about Amy. She was a great person and a wonderful friend. She was always there for her friends and family when they needed her. She will be missed! I am not going to be able to make her services because I live in Charlotte, NC now, but I wanted to send you a small note to let you know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.
God Bless,
Suzie###imported-begin##Suzanne (Misiaszek) Scharf###imported-end##*

January 18, 2008 at 09:10 AM



“ *There is peace in knowing that somewhere, out there, above us all, Amy is smirking that smirk of hers and setting herself free.###imported-begin##Sharen Barboza###imported-end##*

January 18, 2008 at 08:44 AM



“ *Rich, I am very sorry for your loss. Amy was a wonderful lady. I know she will be missed by all. My prayers go out to the to you and your families. I'm here for you always.###imported-begin##Cathy May###imported-end##*

January 18, 2008 at 08:17 AM



“ *To Amy's family,
My deepest sympathies. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Amy was always full of life and brought a smile to everyones face. She was such a loving and caring individual. She will be dearly missed.###imported-begin##Tina (Serra) Lennon###imported-end##*

January 18, 2008 at 07:13 AM



“ My dearest Rich, thank you for bringing Amy into our lives, thank you for sharing her with us! An angel in disguise, she had it all in one gentleness, strength, humour, yet a quiet spirit. The week we spent together on the RC cruise. Her and I on deck, she in the shade, I in the sun drinking whatever was the days special, laughing and people watching. Laughing till our sides split! Memories that will last forever, a gift that she shared with Randy and I. All of us and our very first cruise. It was awesome! Just like Amy. We all know none of this makes sense right now. God and His work and plans are not for us to understand. One day when he calls us home Amy will be there with the answer, she has gone ahead to lay her gentle, loving path for us. Typical of Amy, taking care of us all once again. I will incredibly miss you Am, I love you!
Salute!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!##imported-begin##Jennifer Trapanick##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 11:11 PM



“ Amy - You were my best friend and my sister. Your laugh. your smile and your wonderful sense of humor and generosity will never leave my heart. I will always love you and you will be with me forever. We will meet again someday...

I Love & Miss you Amy !!!!

Love - Wendy##imported-begin##Wendy Hardison##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 10:49 PM



“ My Hearth felt sympathy goes out to her family. I did not know Amy. I graduated from high school in Oak City, NC with Her father.##imported-begin##James E. Howell##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 09:31 PM



“ You have no idea what you meant to me. All the times you encouraged me when I thought I couldn't make it. How many times you said wonderful things about my mom, I will never forget you. you are truly an angel and I will miss you.##imported-begin##Jessica Marshall##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 07:51 PM



“ Amy was the only one who would tolerate my stories about caring for an elderly patient. Someday we'll meet again, and she'll ask me "who's older, you or your husband." That was one of the patients' frequent questions. Miss you!##imported-begin##Marilyn Stemen##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 06:51 PM



“ Lou and Mel,
We love you and are with you in your sorrow
You are in our hearts and prayers.
God bless you and comfort
you through your pain and
grief.##imported-begin## Ed & Mernie##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 04:52 PM



“ Dear Richie,
We are so terribly sorry for what has happened; words cannot express how badly we feel for you. I only met Amy once and she was so sweet to me that I never forgot. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. You'll be hearing from us soon via post mail.
With all our love,
Aunt Linda & Uncle Dave##imported-begin##Aunt Linda & Uncle Dave##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 02:33 PM



“ There are no words that I can say for the anger, sadness and loneliness that I feel. My best friend is gone and has been taken away so suddenly. Amy was the most genuine, kind and loyal person that you could ever know. I dont know what plan God has in store for her that he felt he needed to take her away so soon but I know it has to be great- thats the only way I can make sense out of all of this. Perna, you are already missed so much that there are no words to describe it. You were one of the best friends that I have ever had and one of the best people that I have ever met in my life. I LOVE YA DB!!!!!!!##imported-begin##Shauna Greene ##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 01:47 PM



“ My heart breaks everytime I think of Tuesday morning. I try to find peace in remembering all the great times we shared since we were little. The pictures that we have will us keep her close everyday. Im sorry Amy that we drifted apart. We were 'sisters"..not just friends. I am going to miss you at the football games and at cheerleading. My heart breaks for your family, for this makes no sense! I pray that you are in the comfort of those who have passed before you. I know that we will be together again someday. True friends are hard to find...and you were one of them to me.I love you....##imported-begin##Lori##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 01:13 PM



“ I'm here for you Bro....##imported-begin##Michelle Yarosz##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 12:12 PM



“ With loving memories of Amy. God Bless you.##imported-begin##Dawn Galland##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 12:02 PM



“ Rich,
Our deepest sympathies, our prayers and thoughts are with you at this very difficult time.

Sincerely,
Rocco & Nina##imported-begin##Rocco & Nina Di Carlo & Family##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 11:09 AM



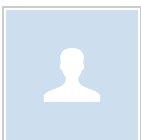
“ Rich,
Please accept our deepest sympathies to you and her family during this most difficult time. Know that Amy waits for you as she celebrates her new life in Christ. She was and will always be your soul mate. Know also that your friends are here for you if you need anything. God will give you the strength and comfort you need to bear this. We don't have to tell you that Amy was a great person who could make anyone laugh. She was the first woman I met that rode a motorcycle- I was so in awe of her- she certainly took the world by storm. Heaven better watch out. All our love, Matt, Shelly, Melissa and Mathew##imported-begin##Matt & Shelly Wolkowicz##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 10:48 AM



“ Rich we are so sorry, We both are here for you, just call us if you need anything. Remember, she will be in our hearts. Even though we can't see her, she is around and always be in our memories. our deepest sympathy to all of her family.##imported-begin##Doreen and Wayland Thomas##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 10:46 AM



“ Mel, MaryLou, Dougie.....was shocked to learn of Amy's passing, very sorry for your loss and your family is in all of our prayers. We are all in Chicago this weekend and will not be able to attend the services but we will certainly be thinking of everyone... Your Cousin, Mark Kotary##imported-begin##Mark Kotary##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 09:35 AM



“ Doug & Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss, that no words of sympathy will ever take away your pain.
But as time goes on, the days and nights you will regain.
She will always be in your heart.
Nobody can tear you two apart.##imported-begin##Debbie
(Wentka) Baldwin##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 08:32 AM



“ to Amy's family: she was a wonderful person and loved by all We at CNYPC will miss her very much##imported-begin##Jacky Parker##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 08:22 AM



“ Amy made us laugh every time we were together. We'll all miss her, especially when we ride. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Perna and Adams families.##imported-begin##Karen & Bernie##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 08:08 AM



“ *In our lifetime we meet some of the most wonderful people God has put on this earth.*

Amy was one of those. No words that I have, can express my thoughts to you in this time of your loss. God wanted her with him and she went there with little suffering. If you can find it in your hearts to be happy for her, for she has found a better place and someday you will be with her again. Pray for her and remember that she loved you all just as you love her. Until your with her again, be happy as you know she is.

I will always remember the good times we had in school and playing softball. Mr and Mrs Adam my heart goes out to you in this diffacult time.##imported-begin##Kathy Szkotak##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 07:49 AM



“ *Very few times in life do we have the honor to find a true,loyal friend,I found that in Amy.I will forever miss her and be grateful for everyday she was in my life.Rich,Ma,Pa and Doug,thank you for her and always remember she loved you all dearly.##imported-begin##kelly jones##imported-end##*

January 16, 2008 at 10:45 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to Amy's husband and family.Especially to her father Melvin who I also worked with. I enjoyed working with Amy her sense of humor,her compassion and passion towards others. She will be deeply missed. You are all in our prayers and in our hearts during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Michael &Mary Chapman##imported-end##*

January 16, 2008 at 10:02 PM



“ *There are no words to express my surprise and sorrow. Richard, I am so very sorry that Amy was taken away so soon. Mr. & Mrs. Adams I know how deeply she adored you and my heart goes out to you both. I am so very sorry for your loss but my life is richer for time she was in it.##imported-begin##Tina Kulesa##imported-end##*

January 16, 2008 at 02:13 PM