



## Christopher P. "Chris" Taraska

January 27, 1956 - November 23, 2021

NY MILLS – Mr. Christopher P. “Chris” Taraska, age 65, passed away Tuesday morning, November 23, 2021, in the comfort and dignity of his home after a valiant effort battling cancer.

Born in Utica on January 27, 1956 to the late Martin S. and Victoria (Kalen) Taraska, Chris attended John F. Kennedy High School. As a young man, he married the former Debbie L. Bonanza; the two were wed on October 31, 1980 and remained together for 41 years. Theirs was a blessed union filled with love and commitment. Chris was Debbie’s best friend, and was graced with a tremendous loving heart.

Chris owned and operated his own Detailing Company in Utica. In fact, Chris’s enjoyment of cars extended into his hobbies, and he was a NASCAR fan. When he was not working, Chris loved fishing and relished the chances he got to jet ski at camp.

Always a devoted family member, Chris is remembered for his unwavering commitment to being available for his family. Not only did he prioritize his best friend and his love, Debbie, but Chris also extended his loving heart towards his son, and then his grandchildren, who were the “apple of his eye.” Chris was a spiritual man who practiced his Catholic faith.

He is survived by his cherished wife, Debbie; and his son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Dasha Taraska. He will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Jaxon Taraska and Mila Taraska; as well as his daughter, Maxine. Chris also leaves behind his brother and sister-in-law, John and Lisa Taraska; nieces,

nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; and his in-laws, Lori and David Grimaldi, and Cindy Gottuso. He will forever remain in the hearts of his longtime friends, Craig George and Dave Doolen. Chris was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, James R. and Dolores L. (Roberts) Bonanza.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Danielle Swiderski with the Mohawk Valley Health System for her exceptional care.

In keeping with Christopher's wishes, there will be no visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Christopher's Memorial Service and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 3:00 PM at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Face masks are suggested.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
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# Tribute Wall



“ This morning I am at a loss for words...Searching for Chris and have learned he has Passed..To Debbie ; I'm so sorry for your loss of Chris.I am devastated.. Teddy Holmes (LLama)..

Teddy Holmes (LLAMA) - April 16, 2022 at 08:55 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christopher P. "Chris" Taraska.



December 04, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ Debbie and Rob, I am so sorry for your loss. Chris is at peace now. I will miss his kindness and smile which I'll never forget. Have the faith, he's in a better place. Love, cousin Bonnie

Bonnie Miner - December 03, 2021 at 01:59 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Christopher P. "Chris" Taraska.



December 01, 2021 at 05:01 PM

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“ *Debbie and Family, You are all in our thoughts and prayers . God bless and may Chris Rest In Peace . Kathy &Terry Smith*



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**Kathleen Smith** - November 29, 2021 at 12:29 PM

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“ *Rob & family— I am so saddened to hear the news of your dad’s passing. Thoughts & prayers are with all of you.*  
—*Shelley Majka & family*



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**Shelley** - November 28, 2021 at 07:49 PM

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“ *Maxine Taraska lit a candle in memory of Christopher P. "Chris" Taraska*



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**Maxine Taraska** - November 28, 2021 at 01:02 PM