



## Mr. David J. Banas

February 1, 1966 - February 15, 2022

FRANKFORT – Mr. David J. Banas, age 56, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday morning, February 15, 2022, in the comfort and dignity of his home. David was born in New Hartford on February 1, 1966, to the late Richard and Carmela (Mutalo) Banas. He was raised and educated locally, a graduate T.R. Proctor High School. David shared a loving and devoted relationship of over 30 years with the love of his life, Christine M. LaBarbera. David was a very caring man, and moreover, a loving and caring partner. He took great pride in providing for those he loved.

David was a professional Truck Driver by trade earning his CDL while with Coca Cola eventually leaving for a position pulling doubles for HP Hood LLC; it was from this position that David retired. David was a contributing member to the Teamsters Union.

David's life was filled with many loves of varying kinds. David loved his children and took immense pride in them and how they were developing. In his early years, he loved to be out on the water, either in a boat or water skiing. During those years, he also loved to hunt and enjoyed being in the woods. Later in life, David loved to cook and share his meals with others, especially with his favorite and most prized "sausage in the oil." He loved his dog Xena and his cat Rosie, and enjoyed hanging out with them so much that it was a common sight for people to see him driving around with them in his car.

David loved socializing, reminiscing, and laughing. He was no stranger to

humor, and was known for his vivacious capacity to make anyone, especially his Christine, laugh, leaving his listeners with an incredible story. A man of charisma, David had such an uncanny way about him that those who loved him know “to have met him would be to gravitate to him and his energy and to never forget him.”

David is survived by his beloved Christine; his cherished daughters, Cassidy Banas, and Hannah Banas; and his son, John Banas. He will be fondly remembered by his brothers and their wives, Wayne and Barbara Banas, Robert and Susan Banas, Paul Banas, and Daniel “Danny” Banas. David leaves behind Christine’s dad, Salvatore “Sal” LaBarbera, Sr. He shared many treasured friendships with numerous wonderful people. David was predeceased by his nephew and friend, Scott Banas; his friend, Thomas Garguilo; and Christine’s mom, Dottie LaBarbera.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the Frankfort Volunteer Fire Department along with other First Responders for their efforts.

The family will honor and commemorate David’s life privately. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend David’s Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life on Wednesday morning, February 23, 2022 at 11:00 at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Our Lady of Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee Street. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus

2222 Genesee St.

Utica, NY 13502

<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

# Tribute Wall

RV

“ *My Deepest Sympathy.  
David had great Heart with Kindness.  
My stories and made you laugh. Rest in  
Peace.*



Rosemary Vasile - February 26, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Mr. David J. Banas.*



February 22, 2022 at 08:03 AM

LR

“ *Lorraine,Ant,Alexis and Anthony Rocco  
purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of  
Mr. David J. Banas.*



Lorraine,Ant,Alexis and Anthony Rocco - February 21, 2022  
at 07:17 PM

NA

“ *Nate purchased the Arrive in Style for the family  
of Mr. David J. Banas.*



Nate - February 21, 2022 at 08:45 AM

JD

“ I am so sorry to hear of this great loss!

*Boog, Boogins will be missed! Too young to depart this world but I definitely know that he's hopping the fence gates and running right by St. Peter, they're not keeping him out!*

*Dave,*

*I haven't seen you much in later years as you grew into a loving family man but when I did it was always a very amusing and comical trip down reminiscing way! You were one of a kind with the rest of the one of a kinds in our childhood gang. The experiences and antics we shared growing up were that of which could topple any Hollywood comedy movie.*

*I'll miss the laughs, your generosity and all the stories and experiences you shared. You always had a way of putting them across that would either be amusing or hilarious and put a smile on my face.*

*God rest your sole and may he bless and watch over your entire family.*

*John DeStefano  
Rome, NY.*

---

**John DeStefano** - February 21, 2022 at 07:34 AM

SB

“ to the banas family so sorry for your loss dave was a good man he will be missed may he rest in peace.

---

**sal barbero** - February 21, 2022 at 06:47 AM

SH

“ I cooked and shared many meals for all the Banas boys during hunting season. With David there, my kitchen was filled with food, love, and laughter. Thanks for the memories....rip

Sue Heitz - February 20, 2022 at 01:22 AM

CF

“ Dan, I am so sorry to hear of your brother's passing. He was a nice and funny guy; always smiling. My heartfelt sympathies to Dave's family and you and yours. 🙏🙏

Carolyn Faccioli - February 19, 2022 at 08:07 PM

CA

“ Cassandra lit a candle in memory of Mr. David J. Banas



Cassandra - February 19, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ I am truly sorry your loss of a husband, father, and grandfather, David Banas. I knew David and his family from the days they lived on Elizabeth St., in East Utica. David was always a happy go lucky kid, filled with energy to burn. He grew into a fine hardworking young man, who loved to converse with anyone and was given a person, a Great cook, who love to brag about his children and their achievements. RIP Dave and God Bless You.

Nick Parrotta

Naples, Fl.

Nick Parrotta Sr. - February 19, 2022 at 04:54 PM

ML

“ *Mr. & Mrs Felix J Loverro lit a candle in memory of Mr. David J. Banas*



Mr. & Mrs Felix j Loverro - February 19, 2022 at 04:35 PM

ML

*Gonna be missed all the good times we had together and all the fun...gonna miss all the coffee at your house.and Chris yelling at you.and miss all the sausage And oil..see you on the other side.Love you buddy....*

Mr. & Mrs Felix j Loverro - February 19, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mr. David J. Banas.*



February 19, 2022 at 07:50 AM

AB

“ *Uncle Dave you will be missed. Always took the time to catch up with the family and chat about the kids. I remember you being so proud you taught me how to walk. Fly high and tell Scott I miss him dearly. Hope you guys have another lake trout adventure! I will never say goodbye but always so long. Love you*

Amber Barnhart - February 18, 2022 at 10:18 PM

RM

“ Dave! Miss ya man. The fun we had  
You Danny and the family lived on the left  
My place me in the middle and Mikey brancaccio on the right  
Remember when the feast opened  
You would come over knock on my door and say let's hit the wheel..  
We would walk and play the big money wheel  
You would run out and say Richie give me a dollar I can win I  
promise  
We would win sometimes then walk away with a few bucks left at  
times  
Then use that last money to get slices  
This photo of you your smile how it crunched up your face a little  
because it was a genuine big smile I remember always.  
Just like so many in my life that I crossed paths with im glad we had  
that friendship connection with great times and laughter  
Just like your brother Danny all fun and laughter good people. I also  
would like to say maybe no one knew. At the time when one starting  
out life like myself it's Def hard. When your a kid yourself trying to  
pay bills and have enough food to eat I didn't have much back then  
it was a struggle  
Dave thank you for bringing me food to eat  
Even those moments of kindness were unforgettable sometimes I  
was so hungry and didn't know where my next meal was coming  
from. I was embarrassed and never wanted my family to know how  
hard it was  
Just a small piece of something to eat helped me more than you  
know. You and Danny and your family were kind to me and the  
respect to me will never be forgotten.  
It's strange Dave.  
From kids to Adults time goes so fast  
We never expect the ones who have the biggest hearts to go.  
May you find peace Dave thank you for being a friend  
God bless you bro

Rich Matthews

**RICH MATTHEWS** - February 18, 2022 at 09:04 PM

AB

“ *David was a great man. I was not as close to him the last year or so . Davis was really like a older brother. I was going to the lake with him since I was a kid, David taught me all about camping and hunting. He was there for me through some tough times .I will greatly miss you brother. Now you can spend time with my blood brother Mike up in heaven. This really hurts and I'll never forget you. Love you*

**Anthony Brancaccio** - February 18, 2022 at 07:37 PM

PB

“ *David was like a son to me. His mom asked me to take care of David if anything happened to her. We were neighbors and David always would come over, especially to my food He was always there for me. David had a big heart like his mom. I will miss him so much. May he rest in peace.*

**Pia Brancaccio** - February 18, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *Dave may you R.I.P my childhood friend,we had nothing but great crazy times growing up with the Mary St crew,going to miss that infectious smile and unbelievable stories you told,sadly missed*

**Joe Barbero** - February 18, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. David J. Banas.*



February 18, 2022 at 04:01 PM

LS

“ Chris, John, and girls: We are so very sorry about the loss of Dave. We have fond memories of him both from our youth and in the past years as parents of our boys who have grown up together. We will always remember his excessive chattiness, phone calls, his funny character and the way he always talked about how proud he was of his kids and their accomplishments. But most of all..... his sausage in the oil! Wishing all of you strength and remember, you always have a friend in the Spina family.

*Love, Leslie, Gaetano, Nino and Jake*

---

**Leslie Spina** - February 18, 2022 at 12:54 PM