



Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling

April 28, 1973 - January 12, 2011

Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling, age 37, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family at his side.

Born in Little Falls on April 28, 1973, David was the son of Arlene (Sweet) Smith and John David Conkling. He was raised and educated locally. In 1999 Dave met his soul mate and best friend, Rosanne Taurisano, and the couple shared a true love for each other. She was his longtime companion and the love of his life.

Dave enjoyed his work and his co-workers at Divine Brothers Manufacturing. He was a multi-faceted employee specializing in machine operations. He was also a man of character, strong willed and determined, and a provider to his family. Those who knew Dave appreciated his sense of humor and loved his light-hearted wit and wisecracking ways. He followed football, especially his favorite team, the New England Patriots. Occasionally, he enjoyed the casino experience with family and friends. In his younger years he enjoyed fishing, and in quiet moments he derived pleasure in listening to music or watching television.

Dave is survived by his companion, Rosanne; his cherished daughter, Hannah Conkling; and his parents, Arlene and Milton Smith of St. Johnsville, and John D. Conkling of Hammond, NY. Survivors also include his sisters, Paula Kooi-Conkling and Jay Vrooman of Utica, and Colleen Anne Conkling and fiancé Jason Gilchrist of St. Johnsville; his brothers and sisters-in-law, John D. Jr.

and BillieJo Conkling of Norwich, and Jeff S. and Debbie Conkling of Utica; aunts and uncles, Joyce, Carol, Annie, and Eileen; many nieces and nephews with special mention of Robert, Kayla, Jeffrey, Brittany, Cody, Tyler, Jason, Eric, Sabrina, Alyssa, Natalie, Zach, Nito, Vanessa, Elycia, Salvatore, Justin, Caleb, Michael, and Jocelyn; his cousins with whom he shared many childhood memories, Matthew, Jason, Sandy, Kelly, Rusty, and Tammy; his in-laws, Robert "Bobby" Taurisano and Kelly of Utica who treated him as a son-in-law, and Jeri Taurisano; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, James Taurisano, Melissa & Al Taurisano, Teri Taurisano, Brandin Schilingo, and Stephanie Taurisano; and his special friend Terri who was like a sister to him. He was predeceased by his aunt and uncle, Yvonne and Bruce Guile; his cousin, Sabrina Darajh; and his grandparents, including Mike Taurisano, Sr. David's family is grateful to the entire staff of Divine Brothers Manufacturing, especially acknowledging Brian and Ken who were like his extended family. David's family will honor and celebrate his life in a private gathering. Relatives and close friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Service

JAN 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Miss you more than everyting

sabrina conkling - September 18, 2022 at 05:09 PM

PK

“ I miss you so much "Bub". I can't believe you have been gone 2 years already, it seems like yesterday that you went away. I love you.
Your sister Paula

Paula Kooi - January 26, 2013 at 09:53 AM



Stephanie Taurisano

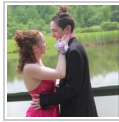
“ Hi dave i miss you very much and i wish you can be hear and i love and miss you very much!! :) love stephanie!

Stephanie Taurisano - November 04, 2011 at 08:14 PM

PK

“ Hey bub, I just wanted to say Hi, I love you and miss you so much. I think about you everyday and I wish I was the one that had to go, not you. I just don't think it is fair that he took you away from us so soon. Loving you and missing you.
your SIS Paula

Paula Kooi - October 28, 2011 at 11:54 PM



Sabrina Conkling - July 30, 2020 at 02:41 AM

BC

“ Briiany Marie Conkling lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling



briiany marie conkling - October 27, 2011 at 08:03 PM



Hannah
Conkling

“ Hey daddy i miss u teribble and im in 5th grade and im in mrs.klondnikki and mrs.condon class i have to techers they are both sepret teacheers mrs.condon is a special class with 12 students and mrs.klondnikki is a regular class yea it is kinda comfusing and stuff i just happy that i can see ur picture and stuff and also sad because some people not nice people and u and mommy are the only ones to talk to and i hope ur wachting over me and i love you so much and miss u so much nothing is the same without u here and i mean nothing i barly have a life without u well mom is here with me but i still need u i need someone to be pretive and say "is boys starying at u" ill bet them up i loved u saing that and 2 mee it feel like u been gone for longer then a year and i miss u calling me bud and we use to do are little hand sake i miss u so much everyday i think of you and i wish u a happy life in haven ill be up there in a long tiime waitng to see you and we have no animales becouse our cats ran away and i really don't care about a pet i just wat uyou here with me and mommy and i never said bye to you befor u died i wish i was at the hostipal becouse i wanted to see and say bye to you and i know peole say that they don't want me seeing that but i wanted to say bye and kiss u goodbye and i will allways have you in my heart i love you well i got to help mommy pack because we are moving i wish u were here with us we need you without u mine and mommy's life isen't commplete ur the pice i need i love you daddy once and awile give me the chills so i know ur with me love you mommy said she loves and misses u too and about everthing i said was from me and mommy love you,

Hannah Conkling - October 27, 2011 at 07:55 PM

 Kayla
Emery

“ it seems like it has been forever since you have been gone but it has only been 8 months to the day...i hate thinking that your gone i just rather think your on vacation or something or like when you moved to AZ its one of those kinds of thinks!!! i miss you so much that noone can really see because i try and hide it becuae i hate cry and think of bad things...i was at a friends house the other day and they were watching football and i just thought of you becuae that was your sport you always were defencive with your football like it was your job or something lol...in screen printing i am making a shirt that says "never give up" with a ribbon on it because i know that you didnt give up i know that you fought til you couldnt fight anymore!!! so i will never give up on supporting everyone and anyone that has cancer!! i will help them!! i am going to do everything i can to support cancer in your memory you will always have a spot in my heart no matter what happens you and papa always will!!!! i love and miss you dearly keep watching over me well all of us!!! and please vist me soon in a dream or even just some stupid sign....

love Kayla <3

Kayla Emery - September 12, 2011 at 09:56 PM



“ hi daddy i love and miss you and i am gonna tell u how it is going around here well u proble know becouse i bet you are allways looking down at us well we have three cats 1'davey he was named after you and i bet he love his name as much as i do 2.max and last peper and we have a dog and i will send you a picther of the three cats they are really cute and i bet you would of loved them they are good sometimes and also we and mommy are doing good and thinking about you well we think about u ever day and night and we tell you to r.i.p and we and mommy are missing you like crazy and i cry for u every day and night i just wish to give u a hug one more time or more and me and mommy are visting you every day and giving u flowers next time we go we are giving you a picther of me and mommy and the cats and dog well i got to go i love u so much by

by ,
your love hannah



Hannah Conkling - June 26, 2011 at 07:18 PM

HC

“ hi daddy the one what say cece jones is me i love u daddy



hannah nicole conkling - May 26, 2011 at 03:35 PM



“ hi daddy i love and miss u i remember when you yelled at the tv because the patriots were losing but at the end they won and u were like yeah baby i love when u did that and most of all i love u by hannah nicole conkling david lee conkling's dauthter only dauther

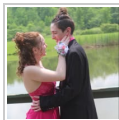


Hannah Conkling - May 26, 2011 at 03:26 PM



that was me who wrote that

Hannah Conkling - May 26, 2011 at 04:19 PM



Awwww

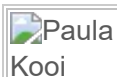
Sabrina Conkling - July 30, 2020 at 02:42 AM



“ Cassandra McClure sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling




Cassandra McClure - February 09, 2011 at 06:02 PM



“ Paula Kooi sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling



Paula Kooi - February 07, 2011 at 10:18 PM

 Paula
Kooi

“ I wear the ring you gave me for my birthday on a necklace and every day Sabrina sees it and says it is Uncle Dave's. Sabrina is only a baby but she really loves you and misses you like everyone else does. The little bear with the heart is for you from Sabrina.


Paula Kooi - February 07, 2011 at 10:18 PM

 Paula
Kooi

“ Paula Kooi sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling



Paula Kooi - February 07, 2011 at 09:41 PM

 Paula
Kooi

“ Today is a bad bad day bub, I am missing you so much. I have been thinking about you a lot today. I will see you at the cemetary as I always do, every weekend. I love you.
Your sis
Paula

Paula Kooi - February 07, 2011 at 09:40 PM



“ Cassandra McClure lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling



Cassandra McClure - February 06, 2011 at 05:13 PM



“ DAVID ... YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY MEMORIES AND TRULEY BE MISSED... LOVE YOU MY COUSIN!!!!

Cassandra McClure - February 06, 2011 at 05:11 PM



“ Paula Kooi sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling



Paula Kooi - February 06, 2011 at 12:05 AM



“ i will miss you and you will always be here in my heart <3

brittany conkling - February 03, 2011 at 07:08 PM



“ we love you uncle dave

jeffrey - February 03, 2011 at 06:59 PM



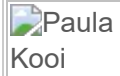
“ Jessica Yaddow (fiance) was added to the Family Tree.

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 04:05 AM



“ Kim Sacco was added to the Family Tree.

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 04:03 AM



Paula
Kooi

“ *Sandra Page was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 04:01 AM



Paula
Kooi

“ *Jay Lynn Vrooman(fiance) was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 04:00 AM



Paula
Kooi

“ *Sabrina Marie Conkling was added to the Family Tree.*

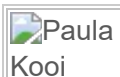
Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:37 AM



Paula
Kooi

“ *Natalie Filmer was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:36 AM



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Kooi

“ *Brittany Marie Conkling was added to the Family Tree.*

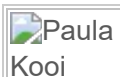
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“ *Kayla Marie Conkling was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:34 AM



Paula
Kooi

“ *Jeffrey Scott Conkling(step-brother) was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:33 AM



Paula Kooi

“ Sabrina Marie Conkling was added to the Family Tree.

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:31 AM



Paula Kooi

“ Natalie Filmer was added to the Family Tree.

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:30 AM



Paula Kooi

“ Brittany Marie Conkling was added to the Family Tree.

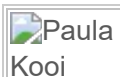
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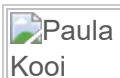
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Paula Kooi

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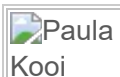
Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:27 AM



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“ Zachary James Conkling was added to the Family Tree.

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:26 AM



Paula Kooi

“ Sabrina Marie Conkling was added to the Family Tree.

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:25 AM



“ *Natalie Filmer was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:24 AM



“ *Brittany Marie Conkling was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:23 AM



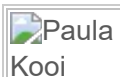
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Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:22 AM



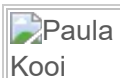
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Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:17 AM



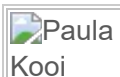
“ *Zachary Filmer was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:13 AM



“ *Natalie Filmer(step sister) was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:11 AM



“ *Alyssa Filmer(step sister) was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:10 AM



Paula Kooi

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Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:09 AM



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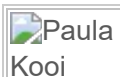
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Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:02 AM



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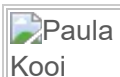
Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 03:00 AM



Paula Kooi

“ Zachary Conkling was added to the Family Tree.

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:49 AM



Paula Kooi

“ Natalie Filmer was added to the Family Tree.

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:47 AM



“ *Alyssa Filmer was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:46 AM



“ *Colleen Ann Conkling was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:39 AM



“ *Paula Kim Conkling/kooi was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:39 AM



“ *Jeffrey Scott Conkling was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:38 AM



“ *David Lee Conkling was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:35 AM



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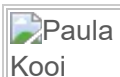
Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:12 AM



Paula Kooi

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Paula Kooi

“ *Paula Kim Conkling was added to the Family Tree.*

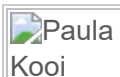
Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:10 AM



Paula Kooi

“ *Billie jo Conkling was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:08 AM



Paula Kooi

“ *John David Conkling was added to the Family Tree.*

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:07 AM

Paula
Kooi

“ I just wanted to say hi and I miss you so much Bub. I think about you every day. I can not wear the ring you bought me for my birthyday a couple of years ago, so I wear it on a chain, this way you stay close to my heart. Even though you are gone you are still my little brother and you always will be. I will never stop thinking about you. I love you and miss you.

Your Sis
Paula

Paula Kooi - February 02, 2011 at 02:04 AM

TS

“ You were a unique individual a man on little words but boy when you did talk omg lol. I will miss you and all your humor, not everyone understood you but you were just Dave and what was there not to love about you. I know how much you loved Rosanne and Hannah and I will help them out as much as I can. I will always remember how you loved to tease Roe with her special names RFF and Rosetta and how you had Jeffrey calling her that. I also remember all the love you had for Hannah and how her and Roe were your world. Watch over us brother we all miss you.

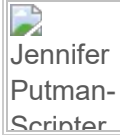
Terri Schiffinger - January 31, 2011 at 07:58 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



kayla - January 30, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to my friend Colleen and all of her family...I am so sorry for your loss...*

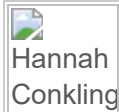


Jennifer Putman-Scripter - January 21, 2011 at 05:38 PM



“ *Arlene (Ma), Paula, Colleen, my heart is with you. I'm so sorry to hear of David's passing. Sending all of you prayers, and hugs. Love you all.*

Lynnette Cash - January 21, 2011 at 05:15 PM



thats my daddy :)

Hannah Conkling - May 26, 2011 at 04:09 PM



“ *Lynnette Cash lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling*



Lynnette Cash - January 21, 2011 at 05:06 PM



“ *Rosanne, I want you to know that I am sorry for YOUR loss. I love you like a sis. and that will never change.*

Colleen Conkling - January 21, 2011 at 04:45 PM



Hannah
Conkling

hey do u love me

Hannah Conkling - May 26, 2011 at 04:10 PM



Colleen
Conkling

“ *Klarissa R. Gilchrist was added to the Family Tree.*

Colleen Conkling - January 21, 2011 at 04:38 PM



Colleen
Conkling

“ *Destanee A. Gilchrist was added to the Family Tree.*

Colleen Conkling - January 21, 2011 at 04:37 PM



Colleen
Conkling

“ *Jason M. Conkling was added to the Family Tree.*

Colleen Conkling - January 21, 2011 at 04:36 PM



Colleen
Conkling

“ *Jason M. Gilchrist {fiance'} was added to the Family Tree.*

Colleen Conkling - January 21, 2011 at 04:35 PM

RJ

“ *Rev. Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr.
David Lee "Dave" Conkling*



Rev. Johnson - January 21, 2011 at 04:34 PM



“ *Colleen Conkling lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling*



Colleen Conkling - January 21, 2011 at 04:23 PM



To Dave, I could never forget you and I never will. I love you with all my heart and you will be missed as my Brother and my Friend.

Colleen Conkling - January 21, 2011 at 04:30 PM



“ *You will be missed by everyone especially your sister.*

Jay Vrooman - January 20, 2011 at 03:06 PM



“ *Heidi Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Lee "Dave" Conkling*



Heidi Evans - January 20, 2011 at 12:39 PM

LA

“ Dave will be missed and remembered every single day.....I will remember all of our conversations and all of our girls nights with Dave....lol....Rosanne, I dont know what I can say to make you feel any better but know that you, Dave, and Hannah have always had a special place in my heart. I will be here for you when you need me just like you have always been there for me. I know its gonna be a long hard road but you are a strong girl and you will continue to be strong and do a great job raising Hannah just like you and Dave have always done. Dave will be watching over you and her every single day....I believe in you and you can do this, even if it feels like some days you can't. I just wanted to share this story with everybody on this site....This morning my five year old son walks by the refridgerator and I have Daves picture hanging up there from the wake and he looks at the picture and says well at least I can still talk to Dave and hes not in the hospital...So I just lind of looked at him and smiled and then he sat down at the table and started eating and after about five minutes he started singing Mama Im coming home!!! I was kinda in shock and he does know the song because my brother listens to it all the time but he started singing it right after he mentioned Daves name, it was the weirdest thing ever but it brought a big smile to my face. Love you guys!!

Leeann Andrade - January 18, 2011 at 05:36 PM

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“ Colleen Ann Conkling was added to the Family Tree.

Arlene /Mother and Grandmother - January 18, 2011 at 12:46 PM

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Arlene /Mother and Grandmother - January 18, 2011 at 12:43 PM

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Arlene /Mother and Grandmother - January 18, 2011 at 11:59 AM

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Arlene /Mother and Grandmother - January 18, 2011 at 11:57 AM

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Arlene /Mother and Grandmother - January 18, 2011 at 11:55 AM

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Paula Kooi - January 17, 2011 at 07:31 PM

TH

“ *David will be missed but always remembered.He will reunite with my sister and his grandparents, aunt and uncle then they will look down on all of us.We all love you. Love Your Cousin Tammy*

Tammy Herringshaw - January 17, 2011 at 07:01 PM

Hannah Conkling

and he will be looking down at me is dauther and mommy is wife

Hannah Conkling - May 26, 2011 at 04:14 PM

AG

“ *My heart is heavy with grief for the loss of my son David. My heart goes out to his sisters and brothers as they grieve for him. I also pray that the love of God will help Rosanne and Hannah get through these very difficult times. David will be missed by all. My prayers are with all of you. I love all of you.*
Love, Arlene

Arlene /Mother and Grandmother - January 15, 2011 at 06:13 PM



I love you mom!

Colleen Conkling - January 21, 2011 at 04:50 PM

PC

“ *I would like to thank everyone who posts a tribute for my brother David Conkling, he will be missed so much and always on my mind.*

Paula Conkling - January 15, 2011 at 03:25 PM



yeah i am always thinking about him and i mean always and he will be always in my heart as long as i live

Hannah Conkling - May 26, 2011 at 04:16 PM

CD

“ *Rosanne, I am so sorry to hear about Dave. He was your sole mate. I remember the good times at Bonnie's Place. Remember he will always be in your heart, and the two of you will be reunited again. Since I can't be there I'm sending you and your daughter a big hug.*
Love Carol
aka Aunt Carol

Carolyn Day - January 15, 2011 at 12:56 PM

CF

“*Rosanne, my thoughts and prayers are with you and Hannah. If there is anything I can do for you please don't hesitate to call me. Dave will surly be missed by all who knew him, but remember he will always be with you. May God watch over you and Hannah in this difficult time and keep you both in his thoughts and prayers forever.*

Chastity and Family - January 15, 2011 at 11:01 AM

CP

“*Rosanne, I was shocked and deeply saddened yesterday when you told me of Dave's passing. I felt depressed the rest of the day. I know he meant a lot to you and you did a lot for him. Take comfort knowing he is no longer bound by what ever physical ailments plagued him. I hope that you rely on the wealth of family and friends you have around you for their love and support during what I'm sure will be difficult times. I will keep you and Hannah in my thoughts and in my prayers.*

*Best wishes and sincere condolences,
Chris Penz*

Chris Penz - January 14, 2011 at 08:36 PM