



## Mr. David C. "Rusty" Fero

December 29, 1952 - December 2, 2022

WHITESBORO- Mr. David C. "Rusty" Fero went home to the Lord unexpectedly on Friday, December 2, 2022 at the age of 69.

David was born on December 29, 1952, to the late Charles and Shirley (Streed) Fero. He was raised and educated in Utica graduating from J.F.K. High School, and continued his education at H.C.C.C., concentrating his studies in accounting. David was previously married to Christine (Montana) Fero, and from that relationship came the blessing of their son, Chad. They were able to maintain a respectful rapport to this day.

David worked for many years for Frank's Transmission. He is remembered as a trusted employee with a great eye for detail working right along with Frank for 20 years. He continued his love for cars and saw Frank on his days off. His next stop in his long working career was at Turning Stone Resort and Casino where he worked as a table game supervisor. He excelled in his responsibilities here too, and was well-respected by his co-workers and clientele, currently employed for 29 years. Despite his career change, he maintained a love for cars and continued to spend a lot of time with Frank on his days off. Ironically, when David took ill, he was actually with Frank who attended to him with great compassion.

David was a longtime NASCAR fan. Rusty Wallace was his favorite driver, and this is where "Rusty" gained his nickname. He had a flair for life and had the remarkable trait of never bearing any animosity toward anyone. He had a contagious sense of humor and was able to use it in any situation—he was

charming and always able to put a humorous spin on life. He was kind, loving, and gentle in all his relationships. He was a wonderful father and his love for his son was clear. David was a dedicated and responsible dad, finding the most important moments and pleasures with his son. Chad adored his dad and considered him his best friend. David was always helpful and considerate of his son's needs.

David was an engine aficionado, including cars, motorcycles, snowmobiles, really anything with a motor. He was always willing to assess an engine or motor part, always with excellence and precision. He had a passion for a Corvette! He could tell you the year, engine, and identify or any detail – his passion truly ran deep for that particular premier sport car. He was an avid bowler and dedicated his Friday nights to bowling with his son at Vista Lanes. Tuesday was set aside for league bowling with his co-workers. He very much enjoyed the competition yet always maintained an even temper. Christmas was always his favorite holiday to enjoy with loved ones. He was a bit of a “chef” and was noted for his homemade pizza, which was the best! Additionally, he had an enthusiasm for the NY Yankees and NY Giants teams. David was a believer in the Lord and always did his utmost to spread love and good deeds, “paying it forward” as often as possible.

David is survived by his adored son Chad David Fero and their beloved feline “Snickers.” He is also survived by his former wife and Chad's mother, Christine. Additionally, he will be remembered by his siblings, John and Wendy Fero, Jill Dodge and her partner Jim Harrer, Brian and Mary Fero, and Paul Fero and Catherine DeFuso. He will live on in the hearts of his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and several maternal uncles. Because of Rusty's personality, he acquired many friendships, but he held close his “additional brothers” Tom Hoban, Frank Ruscito, and Bob Swiecki.

David's family would like to extend a special “thank you” to the incredible first responders as well as the doctors and nurses at the Rome Memorial Hospital ED for their kindness and empathy.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. David's Celebration of Life and committal farewells will commence at 7:00 p.m.

To all of Rusty's friends, please share a story on the website so that Chad can learn more about his dad's life in his earlier years.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
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## Celebration of Life

DEC 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Tom and Brenda Hoban purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. David C. "Rusty" Fero.



Tom and Brenda Hoban - December 06, 2022 at 09:27 PM



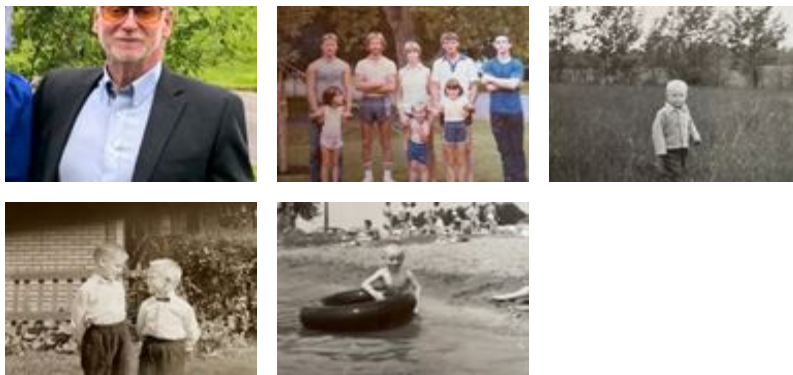
“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. David C. "Rusty" Fero.



December 06, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ 163 files added to the album Life Tributes



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 06, 2022 at 01:16 PM

WH

“ David is my cousin .  
My mom Thelma was his mom's sister .  
I have so many memories of David always  
smiling and laughing growing up.  
I will never forget the first time I saw him  
working at TS .I was with my friend and I told her that I knew that  
guy was my cousin David .But why did he have a name tag RUSTY  
??  
I went up to him and said Rusty is your mom named Shirley. He  
goes is your mom named Thelma .We laughed and he then  
explained to me the name Rusty.  
Fly high Rusty and give Aunt Shirley, Aunt Janice Gram/Grampa  
and my mom & dad a hug from me.



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Wendy Hazzard - December 05, 2022 at 02:18 PM

JC

“ I first met Dave when we started at the  
Turning Stone Casino. He was such a good  
guy it would be hard to find anyone that did  
not like him. We had things in common ,  
bikes, cars,Nascar, etc.. we went to a couple  
Bike Weeks together.  
Even though we didn't stay in close contact because of distance,  
when  
we did get together it was like old times. He will be deeply missed  
by many.  
  
My sincere condolences to Chad, Christine, and Family.  
R.I.P. Rusty



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John Crowell - December 05, 2022 at 11:06 AM

BS

“ Dave was like a third brother to me and the whole Swiecki family. My mother always enjoyed having him over for dinner. My brother Mike and Dave always enjoy doing motorcycle projects in our garage. How could I not forget the day Dave delivered my new Harley Davidson Ultra Classic to my home from Utica Harley Davison and the first trip to Americade with his wife' Chris and my wife Donna and rainy trip home. Dave and I enjoyed snowmobiling and playing golf. Being a NASCR fan Dave always enjoyed hearing and see pictures of my NASCAR trips that my son Craig and I had taken. Will miss you Rusty and now you are home with the Lord. 🙏🏻🏁🙏🏻

Bob Swiecki - December 04, 2022 at 09:09 PM

CF

David was one of those employees that you looked for when you entered the building just last Sunday he was my relief and as always smiling and happy to see me Rusty, you will be greatly missed for your smile and your friendship rest in peace my friend

Chelley Fischer - December 04, 2022 at 09:54 PM

PN

“ Chad & Chrissy,  
We are so sorry for your loss. You have all of our prayers and love and we will be here for you both. God just needed another Angel.  
Love you 🥰



Patti & Ralph Nitti - December 04, 2022 at 08:40 PM

JB

“ I am so terribly sorry for your untimely loss. I did not know David, but I do know his loving Brother John. Over the years, John with share stories about his Brother. You could always hear the love and admiration in John's voice - and the smile on his face - when talking about David.

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**Jay L. Bloom** - December 04, 2022 at 05:41 PM