



Mr. David Harold Getz

September 7, 1971 - June 17, 2022

UTICA – Mr. David Harold Getz (fondly known as “Uncle” or “Sucker”), age 50, passed away suddenly on June 17, 2022. His passing will leave a void in the hearts of so many people who loved him.

Born in New Hartford on September 7, 1971, David was the son of Virginia “Ginny” (DeSarro) Getz and the late Harold Getz. He graduated from New Hartford Senior High School in 1989 and furthered his education at Mohawk Valley Community College.

A man of many talents, David’s career path began as a waiter at Butcher Block in New Hartford and then Symeon’s Greek Restaurant. His skills took him later to the House of the Good Shephard, Smith Packing Company, and finally Sitrin Health Care Center, he loved to cook a “home cooked” meal with love for the residents. One could always find David wishing golfers well as they teed off and giving them the advice, “keep it in the fairway,” at Sauquoit Knolls Golf Course.

David will be most remembered for his hospitality and his easy ability to connect with others. He loved striking up conversations and getting to know others better. David truly embodied the meaning of being a people person. He was the type of man who left a lasting impression. Whenever someone mentioned David, people smiled and laughed. He wore his heart on his sleeve, but was also a man’s man. He liked to keep things simple and had a wonderful personality. He was an “organic” person, and was truly special without knowing he was special. His passing has made those who loved him

much more aware of the wonderful things he accomplished during his life. You couldn't ask for a better person than David.

But the people he loved to be around the most were his niece and nephews. Known as the fun uncle, he had a pet name for all of them, never calling them by their birth names. From the start, he held a special place in their hearts. They turned to him when they needed someone to talk to or help with their school work – and he always followed up asking them for the results! You always knew when David was at any of the kid's games because you could hear him yelling out, "be alert, be alert!" He simply loved to be a part of their lives.

David followed the New York Mets and the New York Rangers with enthusiasm. He was a true sportsman, knowing all the rules, play, and stats. David also loved game shows, especially "Press Your Luck." He was an over-the-top fan, often chanting "no whammies, no whammies!" along with the contestants. Music was also a very large part of his life. It soothed his soul and you could see him move about to the rhythm, always tapping the beat with his fingers. Some of his best times and memories were made at concerts. When he was there, he would keep engaged and moving, and was unstoppable!

Another one of his hobbies was baking – and he did it with style. He did follow a recipe for his famous cookies, but he often mixed it up. He did the same with his "uncle sauce" too, blending it with love and secrets. Long live his corn chowder! He knew his way around the kitchen and cooked things well ... but he never cleaned up the mess!

Some of us know the love of canine companions, so was true of David with his gal, Lola, who was his princess.

David is survived by his mother, Virginia; his sister, Pam Sypek; and his brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Ondrea Getz. He will go on in the hearts of his nephews, Joey Sullivan, Nicholas Sullivan who was also a godson, Anthony Sypek who was also a godson; Carmine Getz; and his niece and goddaughter, Ellia Getz. He is also survived by his aunt and uncle, Chris and

Judy Kain and their children Heather and Simon Riddiough, Lori and Brad Williams, and Sally and Jack Canning; and his aunt, Phyllis DeSarro (and her late husband Joe DeSarro) and their children Joe and Jennifer DeSarro, Jeffrey and Dina DeSarro, and Anthony and Alicia DeSarro. David adored John Clair and looked upon him as a second dad. The two shared a very close relationship. He also was an integral part of the lives of those who frequented the fairways at Sauquoit Knolls Golf Course, they were family to him. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Alfred and Rose Getz, and Carmen and Florence DeSarro.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the Clayville and Sauquoit Fire Departments and Kunkel Ambulance who cared for David. Special gratitude is given to Danny Porter who was the first to administer CPR. Special thanks are also given to the emergency department at MVHS St. Elizabeth Campus, who showed compassion and empathy to the family. Visitation will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 26, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home. Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend David's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning, June 27, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Clayville.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

2515 Church Rd.
Clayville, NY 13322

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 2:00 PM - 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>

Funeral Service

JUN 27. 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



“ I worked with David at the Butcher Block. There's not a week that passes that I don't think about him, so many years later. He was really the best and I'll always remember how many laughs we shared. (And we'll always have Elton John!)

Kimberly Coccagnia - July 04, 2022 at 09:16 PM

A grey square profile picture containing the initials 'MM' in white.

“ David was awesome guy have a lot of fond memories. He always had a smile of his face and brought sunshine to those round him. he will surely be missed.

Michael Morinitti - June 27, 2022 at 09:34 PM

A light green square profile picture containing the initials 'VC' in white.

“ I had so many great memories of David! Best times were when we were young, playing golf with him. Seeing this put a big hole in my heart. He was so full of life and laughter. He would always put a smile on my face when I saw him.

Vinny Chiffy - June 27, 2022 at 09:12 PM

A grey square profile picture containing the initials 'MH' in white.

“ David and I always had a blast teasing and joking when we were swimming at the high school. He always, always had a smile on. Bless him and bless his family.

Michelle (Fischer) Holbrook - June 27, 2022 at 04:14 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear about such a wonderful person. I will miss him at the golf course, talking to him about everything. David always had time for my group and myself. No better person. My thoughts and prayers to the family.

Jim Pagan

James Pagan - June 26, 2022 at 01:36 PM

CB

“ Ginny and family, I am so saddened to hear about David. I have such fond memories of swinging the clubs at the Knolls and seeing you and the kids. Please know I am thinking of all of you and sending my heartfelt condolences.

Cindy Banas - June 26, 2022 at 10:22 AM

FA

“ Ginny, Pam, Stevie and Ondrea, our prayers of Peace, Comfort and Understanding with your loss of David.
David was always Kind, Caring and Respectful to us, our memories of him will be everlasting.

Sincerely.

Frank and Mary Annese

Venice Fl.

Frank and Mary Annese - June 23, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mr. David Harold Getz.



June 23, 2022 at 09:11 AM

FR

“ Ginny, we are saddened by the passing of David. Our prayers are with you and the entire family.
Cousin-Frank Rachubka and Gay

Frank Rachubka - June 23, 2022 at 08:21 AM

VF

“ Judy and family-

My deepest sympathy on the loss of your nephew. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

Vic Fariello



Victor Fariello - June 22, 2022 at 09:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. David Harold Getz.



June 22, 2022 at 07:59 PM

MK

“ Ginny, Pammie and Stevie, I am just getting this news and I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. You all were such a wonderful tapestry of my younger years. Beautiful memories on Court Knolle. Prayers and love to all of you. David was always happy and smiling. This is how I remember him.
Michele Stagliano Kelley

Michele Kelley - June 22, 2022 at 07:10 PM

ME

To David's family, I'm so sorry for your loss, fondly remembering him as my friend on court knoll, we had such fun as kids, deepest thoughts
Michele Randazzo Emery

Michele Emery - June 23, 2022 at 05:42 PM

FU

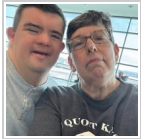
“ So very sorry for the loss of David. God bless your family during this difficult time. May he Rest In peace. Prayers for you all.

Our Deepest Condolences.

The Furgol Family



Furgol - June 22, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ Mrs. Getz, Pammy, Stevie, and Families, I have no words, other than I'm so sorry for your loss! David will be missed! I love you all! I'm here if you need anything at all! Rest In Peace David! ❤️🙏

Dawn Korzec Carpenter - June 22, 2022 at 01:58 PM

LS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. David was a kind soul. Always a smile and a kind word. Even though I'm a Yankee fan and he was a Mets fan it was all good. I was honored to go and help pick out Chloe (My God Daughter) He always said your God Daughter is here. To the Getz family. We send our sincere condolences. Ginny, Steve, Pam, we are praying for you and all the family. Love from The Stenske's Love You All ❤️❤️❤️

Lori Stenske - June 21, 2022 at 11:30 PM

DB

“ Mrs. Getz, Pam, Steven and family,
I'm so very sorry to hear the loss of David. He
was such a nice, funny and caring person. My
thoughts and prayers are with you all. May he
RIP.



Dana Putrelo Boliver - June 21, 2022 at 08:30 PM

PB

“ So sorry for your loss Pam and I will miss seeing David and Lola
when we came to the course we will also miss his delicious treats
during the holidays may you rest in peace david

Phil bailey - June 21, 2022 at 07:59 PM

SG

“ I loved David from the time I met Pammie. He
was a great guy who was funny. My husband
and I would ask Pammie how he was doing.
Condolences to the family. May he RIP 🙏.



Sue Giruzzi - June 21, 2022 at 03:20 PM



“ Ginny and family, so sorry for your loss.
Mike MacKay

Mike MacKay - June 21, 2022 at 03:06 PM

JP

“ Pam, Steve and family so sorry for your loss..

Joseph Plado

Joseph Plado - June 21, 2022 at 07:47 AM

LW

“ David was one of my all time favorite students...he taught me how to shoot a rifle, he was always smiling, kind and loyal. When my parents were in the nursing home, he was the chef in the cafeteria and continued to be a happy, comfort to me, a genuine beautiful soul. There are not many people I can say this about. Love never dies, his kind spirit is with those he loves. Louise White

Louise (wrate) White - June 21, 2022 at 05:32 AM

SA

“ Ginny, Pammy and Stephen I am so sorry for the passing of David. He was the kindest, gentlest man whose beautiful smile and big hugs will always be remembered.

May he rest in the light of Jesus' glorious face and share in eternity with family members that have gone before him.

You're all in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in paradise cousin David. You were truly loved. 🕊️🙏😭

Sue Arcuri - June 20, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ Awwww Ginny and all.....I remember babysitting them on court knoll....I am sooooo sorry.

Gina Arcuri - June 20, 2022 at 07:14 PM