



David A. Knopka

April 15, 1959 - May 16, 2009

Mr. David A. Knopka, age 50, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, with his loving family by his side.

Born in New Hartford on April 15, 1959, David is the son of Shirley J. (Smith) Knopka and the late Bernard A. Knopka, Sr. He was raised and educated locally. On August 30, 1980 he married the former Diana D. Williams with whom he shared 28 years in a loving union founded on mutual love and respect.

For many years, David worked in the maintenance department of several local companies until the time of his illness. A giving and considerate man, David always thought of other's needs before his own. He had a stern demeanor but was gentle of heart and always gave in. Family was his priority and he was even known to his children's friends as "Uncle David". He enjoyed the tranquility of being outdoors just as he liked a quiet night watching television with his family.

David is survived by his wife, Diana; his mother, Shirley; his daughters and their families, Denise Knopka and Christopher Irizarry, and Dana Knopka and David Wells; and his son, David Knopka, all of Utica. He also leaves his grandchildren, Elianna Irizarry, Mia Irizarry, and Sophia Wells; his brothers and sister-in-law, Bernard, Jr. and Anna Knopka of Frankfort, and Christopher Knopka of Utica; many nieces, nephews, especially Ryan Williams, who was like a second son to David; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts,

uncles; and many brothers and sisters-in-law and their families who were very special to David. He will also be missed by his cherished friends, Edwin Gil and David Jackson. He was predeceased by his brother, Timothy Knopka. The family is grateful to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston for all the care and attention shown not only to David but also to his family.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In keeping with the family's wishes, there will be no formal funeral services. Interment will take place in Holy Trinity Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David A. Knopka



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - May 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My second father, who never failed to make me smile, you will be greatly missed. And to the Knopka family, my heart is with you.##imported-begin##Allison Drake##imported-end##

May 24, 2009 at 10:51 AM



“ To the Knopka family, and especially Denise, Dana, and Ryan,

You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be with you in the days ahead and give you comfort and peace.

With sincere sympathy,

Cindy Gilbert##imported-begin##Cindy Gilbert##imported-end##

May 21, 2009 at 06:56 PM



“ My condolences to the Knopka family, i know how much you cared fro your dad! Dee you where a terrific wife and should be commended for the love and care you gave Dave. It was quite evident you took your vows seriously. God Bless!##imported-begin##tom giruzzi##imported-end##

May 21, 2009 at 04:02 PM



“ We were joined together 23 years ago by an add for an apartment & forever over those years we shared some wonderful memories. We will miss you David, but you will remain in our hearts forever. Your family was blessed to have you in their lives, may you be at peace now.##imported-begin##Billy & Leonore Mastrangelo##imported-end##

May 20, 2009 at 10:29 AM



“ TO DAVIDS FAMILY MAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES YOU HAVE OF DAVID MY THOGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME. SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.##imported-begin##DEIRDRE SPICER##imported-end##

May 20, 2009 at 09:24 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We will miss David, and it was our privledge getting to know him and your family on 11A at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Wishing you peace.##imported-begin##Jessica Mooney RN & Kimberly Ladouceur RN##imported-end##

May 19, 2009 at 04:10 PM



“ To my father who i will miss very much. There wont be a day that goes by that i won't think about you.##imported-begin##Denise ##imported-end##

May 19, 2009 at 04:03 PM



“ i'm gonna miss him forever,he was very special to me and a part of me is gone forever.i wont forget the special times we had together and how hard he tried to be nothing but a loving brother to me.This is a pain that will not subside for years to come.I will miss him dearly!!!!##imported-begin##chris knopka##imported-end##

May 19, 2009 at 10:10 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers our with the family, Though I did not know him personally I worked with Ryan and I know how much he cared for his uncle. Again I am very sorry.##imported-begin##Patti Eddy##imported-end##

May 19, 2009 at 06:51 AM



“ Dave is forever in our hearts a true friend to all those dear in his heart there has been no barriers keeping our brotherhood close and even now we cant see you but our bond lives on never dying so we love you and we will miss your smiling face your jokes your company hey we will miss you our brother from another mother always.##imported-begin##David Charlette Jackson##imported-end##

May 18, 2009 at 03:06 PM



“ wwere very sorry and to here about the death . or david we've known is son dave and family for some time now and they are very nice people . love robin and family##imported-begin##robin irla and family##imported-end##

May 18, 2009 at 01:09 PM