



David F. Rinaldo

September 25, 1956 - December 12, 2008

Mr. David F. Rinaldo, age 52, of Utica passed away on Friday, December 12, 2008 in the privacy of his home.

Born in New Hartford, NY on September 25, 1956, David was the son of the late Jacqueline Mae Rinaldo. He also knew the blessing and guidance of his grandparents, Frederick and Helen Rinaldo. Raised and educated in New Hartford, he was a 1976 graduate of New Hartford High School.

David was employed in the health industry for several years, as well as the grocery business. "Dancing Dave", as he was affectionately known to many, Dave also was a karaoke enthusiast, and music was truly a way in which he expressed his personality. Respectful to others, he was a good soul who was gentle of heart. He was an avid sports fan and supporter of the New York Yankees and the New York Giants. His favorite pastimes were bowling, shuffleboard, and playing cards with his friends. He loved his cats who were a great source of companionship to him.

David is survived by his precious daughter, Mary Palma Elizabeth Bertke of Utica; and his former wife, Mary Theresa Bertke with whom he maintained a warm relationship. Survivors also include his aunts and uncles, Cynthia and Donald Stevener, Leslie J. Matteson, and Frank Matteson, all of New Hartford, and Vernon and Catherine Rinaldo of St. Petersburg, FL; his nine devoted cousins, sharing a special relationship with his cousin Rick Fowler; and his friend and lifelong buddy, Al Groezinger and his mother, Louise, who were very important people in his daily life. David was also blessed with many

wonderful friendships, especially acknowledging Josie and Tony Esper, and his extended family at Bengée's.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend David's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence this evening at 6:00 immediately upon the conclusion of visitation with the Rev. John Rose officiating. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Dave,
Your family takes great comfort in the fact that you were so loved, by so many. We will think of you always, especially during this holiday season, when your place at my table this Christmas Eve will be empty. Our hope is that you are with your Mom, and Nana and Grandpa Fred. Rest in peace, which you so deserve, and watch over all of us. We love you Cousin, and we hope that you knew that while you were here with us on earth. God Bless You always.##imported-begin##Karyn Vitagliano##imported-end##

December 21, 2008 at 07:34 PM



“ dave i will miss u and karaoke will never be the same with out you i will think about you each and everytime i sing##imported-begin##troy janicke ##imported-end##

December 16, 2008 at 09:58 PM



“ Dave,
I'm sorry I couldn't be there, buddy. You always gave everyone you touched joy. It was always such a pleasure when you came in wherever I was playing or if I saw you somewhere. Your free spirit is what ignited you and I know that's what God wants too. May God bless you, keep you and send you on your journey my friend. I'll see you again at the edge of forever.
Dennis (3-d mobile)
to Family: my deepest condolences on your loss, what a great guy we will miss.##imported-begin##Dennis Day##imported-end##

December 15, 2008 at 06:37 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you. David & I spent alot of time together in our childhood years. I remember spending alot of time at the house on Rt. 5 in Canastota. I was good to see David at our last family reunion. God be with you. Love Debbie###imported-begin###Debbie Rinaldo Poppe###imported-end##

December 15, 2008 at 03:31 PM



“ dave will be missed. i knew dave from my show jane's star search. i'm the one who gave him the name (dancing dave). i haven't seen him in a while, but he was often thought about. my sypathy goes out to the family. he's in a better place now. love jane###imported-begin###jane wadsworth###imported-end##

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“ Our hearts are broken for the family and friends of this gentle man. We will never forget the joy David brought to all of his family when he dressed up as Santa, at a family party, to the delight of all attending. May God rest his soul, and bless his wonderful family.###imported-begin###Francie & Jim Callahan###imported-end##

December 15, 2008 at 10:30 AM



“ My heart goes out to you. Dave always had a wonderful smile, a good conversation, and a wonderful singing voice he shared with all. I remember Dave through Bengees, and the former Timmy's Tavern. He will be missed. My deepest sympathy. May Dave Rest in Peace. Pat Zajac###imported-begin###Pat Zajac###imported-end##

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