



## David J. Lasek

November 18, 1959 - August 22, 2006

Acts of condolences or concerns may be made to David's family through his brother Edmund Lasek, Jr. 51 Glenridge Road, Whitesboro, NY 13492, (315) 768-2319.

Mr. David J. Lasek, age 46, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 22, 2006.

Born in Utica on November 18, 1959, David was the son of Edmund L. Lasek, Sr. and the late Mary (Siriani) Lasek. Raised and educated in Utica, he graduated from T.R. Proctor High School in 1978. He then continued his education at M.V.C.C. He was married to the former Maria Szuba for over 20 years.

David was a successful entrepreneur for 25 years, and during those years was a true-hearted friend to his patrons. He had operated several taverns and restaurants, including La's Place, and Garrfield's. But he will be best remembered as owner and operator of Lasek's Bar & Grill at 822 South St. Affable and gracious of character, he had a capacity for making people feel at home in his establishments. David concurrently worked for several local radio stations as a sales representative, and once again, his innate sales abilities were required for his current position at the Mason Dixon Energy Company. David possessed a gentle soul, a generous spirit, and a truly kind heart. He also had a 'unique and corny' sense of humor, and was the kind of man who would take the "shirt off his back" for others. He was a loving father to his

children, a blessed son to his parents, and a loyal brother to his siblings. He was a staunch supporter of his children's sporting events and could provide a play-by-play narration on demand. He also enjoyed his stint as announcer at his son's games. He had a great enthusiasm and involvement in his children's lives. They, in turn, embraced him with love and respect. This made David the happiest of men. He had a natural appreciation for music and was the biggest Jimmy Buffett fan ever --- may we all remember him when we hear "Come Monday". His friends were 'forever', and when he befriended you, "he kept you on board". David was loyal and enduring. His home parish was St. Agnes Church and he was also a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. David is survived by his children, Alyssa M. Lasek, Jenè L. Lasek, and David J. Lasek, Jr., all at home; their mother, Maria; his father, Edmund L. Lasek, Sr.; his sister, Donna M. Capraro of High Point, NC; his brother and sister-in-law, Edmund L. Jr. and Elaine C. Lasek of Whitesboro. In addition, he leaves many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly with mention of Gerald Capraro, Jr. who was also his godson, Michelle Capraro, Edmund M. Lasek, and Audrey L. Lasek who was his goddaughter. Also surviving are his aunts, uncles, cousins and his mother-in-law, Maria "Molly" Szuba, and his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. David was endeared to many friends, too numerous to mention but deserving recognition. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law John S. Szuba.

The family offers heartfelt appreciation to all of David's relatives and friends who have been of great support during this difficult time.

Visitation will be held today (Friday) from 4-8 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in David's honor to the family to enable them to establish an educational fund for his children; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. David's funeral will commence on Saturday morning at 8:00 from the funeral home and at 9:00 at St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Holy Trinity Cemetery.



# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **26**. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church  
700 Kossuth Ave  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dave its going to be 5 yrs, I love & miss you more and more every day....My life is just not the same ..*

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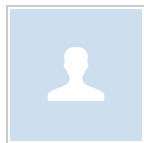
**Gina Ionta** - August 17, 2011 at 09:48 PM



“ *We had some fun times. Miss you Dave!!!##imported-begin##Harry Enea III##imported-end##*

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February 27, 2010 at 03:00 AM



“ *My Friend.  
Happy B-day.  
Love & Miss you!  
Ros!##imported-begin##Steve Ros##imported-end##*

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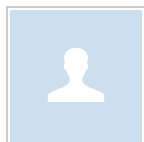
November 18, 2009 at 11:17 PM



“ *Happy 50th Birthday !  
We Love and Miss You##imported-begin##xo##imported-end##*

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November 18, 2009 at 09:06 AM



“ *dave, dave, dave.....it's hard to believe that tomorrow marks another year. some days i wonder what you'd say, other days i swear i hear you saying it! you still make me laugh out loud. thanks for watching over. see, i do pay attention. peace. g.##imported-begin##g##imported-end##*

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August 21, 2009 at 12:56 PM



“ just sitting here thinking. i wonder if you can see what's ahead. i wonder if you can see it all going on now, unfolding. i wonder what you'd say. miss you. g.##imported-begin##g##imported-end##

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April 07, 2009 at 01:13 PM



“ My Dearest Dave,  
As I normally have done for many years I got your birthdays mixed up with Mark & Hank. Some things never change.. I remember how you would throw subtle hints to me , but as usual I didnt pay attention..For some reason I went down to the bar last night which I never do sat had had a glass of wine, & looked hard at your picture on the wall the pain of you gone came back, but most of all I remembered the fun we had. In every corner of that place I see you, I laughed with you, I cried with you, Most of all I sang Happy Birthday to you!!!

I miss you . & happy birthday

Gina...##imported-begin##Gina ##imported-end##

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November 21, 2008 at 09:30 AM



“ Happy Birthday Unc.  
I looked at the date 1-1-1-8, and remembered Alyssa telling me that you would buy lotto tickets with those numbers... and the clerk's accent was pretty funny. Anyways, I looked at the date, and got that feeling in the pit of my stomach. I miss you. I hate not seeing you, or messing with you, but i'm always thinking about you. I'll be in utica next week... damn....  
I hope you actually get these thoughts that I send out to you. Help me out from up there will ya?##imported-begin##Michelle##imported-end##

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November 18, 2008 at 04:01 PM



“ *Happy Birthday Dad! I Miss you.##imported-begin##Alyssa##imported-end##*

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November 18, 2008 at 08:49 AM



“ *hope you are at peace. i really hope you are at peace. love, g.##imported-begin##g##imported-end##*

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August 20, 2008 at 01:33 PM



“ *I met David when I was very young. My cousin Maria met a great man and was soon-to-be his wife. Then the beautiful kids came along...they were both great/loving parents to my "lil" new cousins. I remember David as a warm-hearted man who always had a smile on his face...as a young kid i would go to the bar and he'd fix me a coke and we'd play a game or two of pool. I've been away from Utica for many years now but think of my family a lot...and David was a part of the "Szuba" family. I'm so sorry for Maria & kids and family/friends, I can't even imagine the pain you all have endured. David, you will be missed greatly. With Love, your cousin, Peter Szuba##imported-begin##Peter Szuba##imported-end##*

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July 20, 2008 at 05:04 PM



“ Uncle Dave, I miss you so much. There isn't a day that goes by where I don't think of you. I miss you making fun of my dad when he was all uptight or did something stupid. Every time he does something like that it makes me laugh because I hear the funny comment you'd make about him or to him. I also laugh when he makes a facial expression that you used to make. And of course I'm always thinking of you when I listen to Jimmy, but it's hard for me to listen to Come Monday so sometimes I skip it. I miss the fabulous food you made at our cookouts in the summer. I couldn't get enough of it. I miss you throwing me in the pool when I had all my clothes on. I miss you making fun of me and teasing me. I miss you rapping all the lyrics to Rapper's Delight. I was really excited when my dad told me that you got a new job and you would have to make trips out to Syracuse and Oswego and that you would come visit me out here. Thank you for being the greatest Uncle and the coolest guy I ever met. Thank you for being my Godfather, which by the way, I have the money clip I gave you for my confirmation. It has scratches on it so I know you used it. Thank you for all the laughs. You left way too soon, but I know your with grandma up in heaven shining down on us. I love you and miss you every second of every day.  
- "Aud"###imported-begin##Audrey##imported-end##

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February 27, 2008 at 01:13 AM



“ I just found this message board, and I feel compelled to write my thoughts. When I saw David in the summer of 2005, it was the first time I had seen him in person since I was a baby.

For whatever reason, distance, family ,etc.. it was the first time I was able to meet my dad's cousins (Edmund also). I felt a strong connection to them both. David took time to tell me family stories that I will cherish and pass on to others. The short time I spent with him had a tremendous impact on me. I felt the connection, I could feel the presence of family. I regret that I never had the chance to tell him, how much it meant to talk to him that evening.

After the relatives left Ohio, I could not stop thinking about them. I was very sad to hear the news of his passing. I think about him often, and hope he is at peace.##imported-begin##Steve Milano Jr (Stevie)##imported-end##

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December 28, 2007 at 02:44 PM



“ Happy Birthday Uncle Dave!!!  
I know you're up there looking down at us all, saying I'm right here! But we can't see you, and we miss you terrible! I still can't believe you're gone. We were so much more alike than you'll ever know! I wish I could still hear your voice, and see your head twitch when you speak with such enthusiasm! You are the BEST uncle, and I wish I got to tell you that more! I love and miss you!  
Michelle##imported-begin##Michelle##imported-end##

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November 18, 2007 at 07:40 PM



“ Happy Birthday. Miss you##imported-begin##Alyssa##imported-end##

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November 18, 2007 at 06:51 PM



“ Happy Birthday###imported-begin###Alyssa###imported-end##

November 18, 2007 at 06:51 PM



“ happy birthday. will be lighting a candle for you sunday. miss you terribly. thank you for bringing me home and reminding me every day that life is fragile. i love you. g.###imported-begin###g###imported-end##

November 16, 2007 at 03:35 PM



“ Hey Dave, it's taken me awhile to write to you... mainly because I felt like I never really got to know you as well as everyone else. Alyssa shares stories about you all the time, and from what I can tell, she definitely got your sense of humor!! Well, I basically just wanted to say that I hope at this point your looking down and smiling when you see how far your family has come. Lyss is one of the most stubborn, determined, and driven people I know and I love her for that! Although she probably don't realize it, she's taught me so much about life, most importantly, that it goes on. No matter how awful or how hard something is, Alyssa (and Maria, Jene, & David) have inspired me to see the good in life because despite all they've been through, they still find reason to smile everyday. It's sad to think your not around to be here for everything, but at the same time I want to thank you, because you've given me Lyss, so in a way you've given me my inspiration!...

“I hope you're enjoyin' the scenery, I know that it's pretty up there.”###imported-begin###Meg###imported-end##

October 16, 2007 at 12:27 AM



“ David I can't believe it has been a year since you left. I hope you know how much you are loved and missed by so many people. I have thought about you alot. I hope you are still making people laugh. It has been difficult this past year. Please keep sending your love down to your family.##imported-begin##tricia##imported-end##

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August 23, 2007 at 12:16 AM



“ Hi Boss,  
Well it is a year and the pain continues. I still ask questions everyday, but I am trying to understand and forgive you. I miss you so much and the memories that we shared are the only link to you that I have. I am going out tonight to hopefully find some strength from our mutual friends. I don't go out often because it hurts too much. I visit "the bar" and it leaves me with so many mixed feelings. My prayers are with you always and for Maria and the family. I miss watching Little David going into the register to play on the MegaTouch and I miss seeing the Girls come and go with hugs for "Miss Donna". I love you Dave!##imported-begin##Donna##imported-end##

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August 22, 2007 at 05:57 PM



“ its been one year. i still havent accepted it, and i dont belive ur gone....im waiting for the day to look at my phone and see "dad" calling and thinking "what the hell does he want now" and im waiting for u too take the car away again...and im waiting for u to yell at me and start fights about stupid things...and im waiting for u to make fun of me and break my balls like u do....and im waiting too watch u do something stupid like fall in a hole trying to race me and almost breaking ur leg...and im waiting to go to the casino with u again so u can win and give me money (or lose and still give me money)...and i am going to be needing some gas money and money to go shopping for school so im waiting for that too..but when it sinks in to me that ur not gonna be here to do any of that i just dont know what to do....what am i suspost to do for the rest of my life without u?? i hate u so much and i am so mad at myself for alot of things...but the main person i am mad at is u dad! some people say thats theres a woman to blame.....but i know its my OWN damn fault! i know that what ur saying now.....but come monday it will be alright....mom bought me tickets to jimmys labor day weekendshow and i know ur coming with me to that....this year has gone by so fast and u missed so much and there is so much more ur gonna miss and thats y i am so mad at u!!! u dont know what u are putting us throught with everything. this was so selfish of u. but ya know what i hope ur happy now, because it appears we wernt the ones who made u happy other wise u wouldnt have left us...this year has been filled with so much drama, pain, stress and unknown questions.....i just wish u were here and i miss you so so much!!!!!! i love you dad....and im always gonna be you little lissa pissa (so cute i wanna kissa).....i love you!###imported-begin##Alyssa Lasek##imported-end##

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August 22, 2007 at 12:01 PM



“ Well tomorrow it will be a year, time flies. We missed you on Christmas Eve at the bar, Christmas Eve just wasn't the same without you we had to go to Sparkie's and stand there at the bar with money held up til our arms were tired, I think the bartender was blind. Anyway Dave I jsut wanted to say hello and that I miss you. Say hi to my dad for me.##imported-begin##Bill George##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 02:21 PM



“ It's hard to believe that tomorrow will be a year that you've been gone. I have visited this memorial so many times, but have had a hard time writing anything. It's been such a long and trying year. A year with much sadness and many tears. Also a year filled with many new memories that you have missed out on. I know I will never be able to understand why, but as time goes by, I am learning the meaning of forgiveness and the true meaning of strength. Your three beautiful children have suffered so much pain in the past year, it's so heart-breaking and so hard to watch. My strength comes from their love and the support from family and very special friends who have been there from day one. As I look at your picture every day, I miss you with all my heart. I miss the butterflies Dave.! I hope you are at peace. XXXOOO##imported-begin##Maria##imported-end##

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August 21, 2007 at 02:06 PM



“ I cant believe its almost been a year. Dave I never got to thank you for everything that you've ever done for me. Not only treating me as one of your daughters but for giving me the best friend anyone could ask for. You made one amazing daughter and not just alyssa but jene is a strong and very intelligent girl and david is a very smart kid too and he has your sense of humor. I no your looking down on us and trying to help us through this little bump in the road we hit. But i just wanted to say thank you so much for being like my second father! I love you and i miss you!!###imported-begin###Danae###imported-end###

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August 08, 2007 at 01:00 AM



“ I put up the Saranac paddle you gave me the other day. I'm proudly displaying the "Lasek's" logo that I've come to brag about to all, back when the biggest thing for me to do was to go to my Uncle's bar in NY and drink for free, play pool, and play d.j.

Now I'm going back to Utica for the holidays, but there is no bar to visit. That I can handle. What I can't seem to get a handle on is that I won't see YOU.

Tomorrow is your birthday. I've thought about you all week long. I can't help but feel that you are communicating with me. This week especially, I've had soooo many memories of you. I find myself thinking about you, and then Jimmy Buffet comes on the radio, or I sit down at a pub, and we're sitting at the "Buffet" table, or I'm putting on a shirt, look down and it's the Killian shirt... the one you gave me, and you just keep popping into my thoughts!!!

I just want to tell you, Happy Birthday Uncle Dave!!!!!!

I hope Gramma is making you spaghetti for your birthday, and you make your spaghetti sandwiches. Take a big bite for me! 'cause you know I loved 'em too!

I know you see us from up there. You're probably saying, "guess what???" "ya know what???" then you point to something on my shirt and when I look down to see, you flick me in my nose... I know you are!!! We all know it! We all think about you everyday!

I'm keeping my promise to you as well. I talk to Alyssa all the time, and Jene' on the computer. David and Aunt Maria are never far from my thoughts or heart either. I will see them when I get up to NY!

I just wish I could see you too!

I miss you and I love you!##imported-begin##Michelle##imported-end##

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November 17, 2006 at 07:15 PM



“ They say "time heals all wounds" I am not so sure about that.....  
Happy Birthday Dave, I hope you hear my prayer's, and my  
peaceful wishes for you & yours... Everyone misses you, Tonight I  
shall raise my glass of wine for a toast...to you...Salute  
Peace,Jo###imported-begin##JoAnne Suppa###imported-end##

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November 16, 2006 at 10:20 PM



“ When our paths crossed I instantly connected with you because we came from the same place. Anyone raised in East Utica knows what that means. At that time I was younger, single, and running with a "gypsy bunch" who I will always love; but it was you Dave, who looked at me and said, "you forgot where you came from". The context of that conversation pertained to a guy I met through Dave and "Zip". Because I always remembered what Dave said to me that day, about where I came from and where I belonged, now that "guy", one of Dave's brothers-in-law, is my husband. I will never forget Dave's words to me, how they changed my life, and how I will always remember to repeat those exact words to my daughter when she needs to be grounded. But that was Dave in so many ways, not just words, but by simple presence. When my daughter was baptized I wrote a poem and gave a copy to all of our family that day. The poem was about family and what the word meant. I know that for me personally, this is all starting to hit me, maybe because all of my energy has been focused on Maria, Alyssa, Jene and David. I look into my mother-in-law's eyes and I see her hurt because of this great loss. For me, in my family, there isn't such a thing as "in-laws". When Wally and I got married I gained sisters, brothers, and another mother. That is "where I come from". There isn't a "piece of paper", a legal document, "license" or "certificate" that can make that concept happen and there isn't one that can take it away. Dave reminded me of that in life, and his spirit that he left us with reminds me of that today. I come here often to see his face. Today I wrote something because it was the only way to wish him a Happy Birthday. I am sure that wherever you are Dave, you will have a spread on Saturday and you will be telling stories about where you come from. Although we will be sad because we miss you, somehow, on your Birthday, Thanksgiving, and everyday to come, we will be thankful for you. Happy Birthday. Love,  
G.##imported-begin##Gina Szuba##imported-end##

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November 16, 2006 at 10:40 AM



“ Dearest Dave, It's taken some time for me to write something. I feel so saddened since I just moved back to Utica in Spring after being away for 15 years and I didn't get to see you since I've been back. I did, however, get to meet your beautiful children and know how much you will be missed by them. Our mothers worked together for years, we doubled at the Proctor prom, and you were in my wedding. All memories I will cherish forever. You always had a smile on your face and that is what I want to remember. Utica just doesn't seem the same without you. You will be remembered by all who knew you and we will all meet again someday. Thanks for the times we had together. Love Always, Lynda###imported-begin##Lynda Cunningham###imported-end##

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October 17, 2006 at 09:40 AM



“ Summer ended very quickly after you left, a little time has passed, and it's still and the pain is still fresh, for it still seems impossible to believe.  
We still envision you walking through the door at whatever speakeasy we may be cocktailing at...it is not the same without you... Play that funky music white -boy!!!  
Play it loud...Look down upon your children and loved ones, watch over them as a Guardian Angel.  
We will always pray for your peace brother... you've been a good-friend.  
You & Philly together again...  
Love & Respect Always, The Suppa's###imported-begin##JoAnne & Franny Suppa###imported-end##

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October 01, 2006 at 10:41 PM



“ Thank You everyone who left a message to my dad. He was the greatest man i have ever known and i dont know what i am going to do now.....I appreciate everyones prayers and thoughts! and i also appreciate how many people showed up for my dads services. Everyones knows he was a good man and nobody can begin to explain why he would do what he did. To everyone who has been here for us....please continue to stop by or call.....we need people at a time like this for the next months to come! and to everyone else please continue to pray for my dad! He will be missed! I LOVE YOU DADDY!!!!##imported-begin##Alyssa Lasek##imported-end##

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September 04, 2006 at 11:40 AM



“ Since we have not lived in Utica for many years, our remembrance of David were in his younger days as a free-spirited, fun-loving little boy on South Street. We did visit Lasek's Bar a few years back, while on a visit to Utica, and enjoyed reminiscing with him. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and children, to his father Ed and to Eddie and Donna and their families. May you find peace in the fond memories you have of David. Sincerely Tony and Lucy##imported-begin##Tony and Lucy (Mancuso) Migliaccio/ Kissimmee, FL##imported-end##

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August 30, 2006 at 09:15 PM



“ you're in our thoughts and prayers. you will be missed.##imported-begin##benita and shannon riley##imported-end##

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August 29, 2006 at 11:22 PM



“ Eddie,  
*I am so sorry for your loss. My memories of Dave focus on when I worked for him cleaning up at La's Place and Garfield's. Dave had a smile for everyone and was the mayor of East Utica. He was my first boss, and he'll be missed very much. God Bless you and all of your family.##imported-begin##Tony DelGenis##imported-end##*

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August 29, 2006 at 02:13 PM

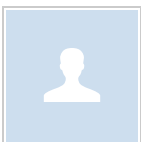


“ Eddie,  
*My heart goes out to you and your family at this tragic time. I remember Dave laughing and smiling with so much energy to share. I last saw him at my aunt's services. We talked for a while and his warmth and sincerity was so apparent. What a wonderful soul. I will keep him in my prayers.  
Love to you and your family.*

*Leslie##imported-begin##Leslie Carzo-Pendergast##imported-end##*

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August 28, 2006 at 08:32 PM



“ Donna and Family: *Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this painful time. Irma (BOA)##imported-begin##Irma Aguilar##imported-end##*

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August 28, 2006 at 05:49 PM



“ Cuz,

*From nearly birth we were together, playing catch, fishing, swimming, and being "up camp". As years passed and we grew up, time and adulthood took their toll, and we went our separate paths. But, you were ALWAYS there for me, whenever the need arose; merely only a phone call away. Have fun playing catch with Gary, and have him take you fishing, i'm sure he knows all the good spots. i'll see you's guy's one day. Until then, if you feel the need for my help, just give me a sign, you know you can depend on me. Because, you KNOW i'll be asking for your help from above! i love ya, Cuz! Jay###imported-begin##Gerard##imported-end##*

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August 28, 2006 at 08:51 AM



“ Dave,  
Even though our time together was very limited you left me with so many good thoughts of myself, and seeing the best in others. You were such a caring man and I will never forget you. I will pray for your entire family that they receive comfort and consolation, in their minds and hearts. Your son and two daughters are amazing and had a great teacher, father. Life will go on, but we will never forget you David I promise you that. I hope you, Uncle Gary (Turk) and Cousin Anthony (Siriani) and the rest of our extended families will watch down on us. May the road in heaven rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back, and may the sun shine warmly on your face until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand. To the entire Lasek Family may our Lord Jesus Christ be with you in your time of need.  
I leave you with this prayer used for All Souls Day.  
Lord God,  
you are the glory of believers  
and the life of the just.  
Your son redeemed us  
by dying and rising to life again.  
Since our departed brother David J. Lasek believed in the mystery of our resurrection, let them share the joys and blessings of the life to come. Amen  
Be with our Lord David and God be with his entire family.##imported-begin##Gregory Turk ##imported-end##

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August 27, 2006 at 02:28 AM



“ I hope your ok, this is so hard for me to understand. David always made me feel at home like I never move away your friend forever Frankie Man##imported-begin##Frank P Mancuso##imported-end##

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August 27, 2006 at 01:32 AM



“ *Lasek family-  
There are no words to stop your pain only great memories to make us smile. Thank you David for the smile. Our deepest sympathy##imported-begin##Lisa Desiato & Rich Angelini##imported-end##*

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August 26, 2006 at 09:30 PM



“ *To the Lasek Family my deepest sympathy. Dave and I go way back to the Wrong Number pub we shared great times together. He was a role model to me when he took me under his wing at Garfields. He will be greatly missed by all. Bernie Gerrer##imported-begin##Bernie Gerrer (Big B from the sea)##imported-end##*

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August 26, 2006 at 06:02 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. We have known Dave for many years and most recently we had the pleasure of listening to his play by play announcements at the kids baseball games. Seems like only yesterday he was behind the bar at Garfields.....He always had the ability to make us laugh... We will cherish the memories!  
God bless!*

*Robert and Barb Goldsmith##imported-begin##Bob and Barb Goldsmith##imported-end##*

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August 26, 2006 at 01:09 PM



“ Friday night Happy Hours will never be the same without you, how i wish you would have walked through the door tonight greeted me with a smile, and ordered your favorite cocktail. My heart is heavy, but i know now that you are at peace. My thoughts are with you Maria, your children and your family.##imported-begin##Renee S Geddes##imported-end##

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August 26, 2006 at 12:32 AM



“ Maria, I am so sorry. I cannot believe that Dave is gone. The last time I saw him was a few months ago, still smiling like always. I will never forget all of the late nights after closing the bar, that he would take me home from babysitting the kids and we would sing Jimmy Buffet all the way to Arthur Street! We usually got through half a song!

Alyssa, Jene, David, My family and I want to let you know that we are here for you in anyway. Please do not hesitate to call. You are in our thoughts and prayers always.

Love you all, Adrienne##imported-begin##Adrienne Pezzulo##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 09:42 PM



“ Dear Lasek Family We are so sorry for your great loss. I knew Dave from High school. He was a great guy with a super personality. I would see Dave around the holidays when I came back home to Utica to visit. During this time of sorrow, just know there are many family members and friends that care about you.

With our deepest Sympathy  
Bernie and Jim Jackson Glouster Twnship NJ.##imported-  
begin##Bernadette Filipelli##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 09:13 PM



“ Dave, thank you for being a cherished friend to my brother and for the endless childhood memories that will never fade and always make me smile.##imported-begin##Melanie Cortese##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 08:51 PM



“ Alyssa, and family, I am so sorry about your loss. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Lori Hobaica##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 08:38 PM



“ sorry about your dad dave he was a nice guy##imported-  
begin##JohnGuarascio##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 08:23 PM



“ to the family of david lasek. we are so sorry for your loss, dave was a good man. our thoughts will be with you.##imported-begin##mike & melody surace##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 07:51 PM



“ Ed, Donna, Eddie & families,  
I am so saddened with the news of David's passing. So many memories as neighbors, will always be cherished forever. May God be close to you. May he embrace you with his love and give you comfort. Love, Cookie##imported-begin##Cookie (Mancuso)Hughes##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 07:38 PM



“ Dear Maria, Alyssa, Jene`,David, and family

*Please know that our hearts ache for you during these most difficult days. We only hope that these words of friendship will ease your pain even for a moment.*

*After Phil lost his father and I lost my brother, we tried only to remember all the happy times we spent with them. We tried to remember their laughter, their smiles, and their wonderful personalities. Try to remember your husband and fathers beautiful smile, his wonderful laughter, and his warm and loving personality.*

*Dave loved his family and friends so much. When he would talk about his family he would just light up. He was proud of his family. That is love! That love will make you strong and that love will keep you safe!*

*God Bless all of you!*

*Love,*

*Patty and Phil###imported-begin###Patty Cittadino###imported-end###*

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August 25, 2006 at 05:13 PM



“ David,  
I will never forget the first day we met  
I was shy back then. It was my first day  
at school kindergarden. You came up to  
me and asked me my name. We have  
been friends ever since. We will always  
have our 2nd grade picture day memory.  
Sixth grade School show you were so  
nervous because you were the narrator  
(perfect for you) I always admired when you wailed into a room  
how it would light up. Your outgoing personality  
and the way you made people feel. I thank you for years later taking  
care of  
my only child tricia who worked for you at Laseks she adored you  
and Maria. everytime she came home she would tell  
me how wonderfull you were and how you always worried and  
made sure she  
got home safe. That is the only Dave i  
will ever remember. Say hi to Al  
Love Always  
Thank you for so many wonderful memories.  
Lisa Alberico  
Don Lisa Tricia Hughes###imported-begin##lisa alberico  
hughes###imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 05:11 PM



“ May our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Tycoa-  
BOA###imported-begin##Tycoa Noble###imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 04:51 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave's family and friends. Great memories of better days.##imported-begin##Angelo "A.D." Maggiore##imported-end##

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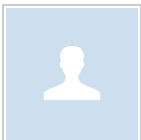
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“ I hired Dave at WOUR in the early 90's and will never forget the first time he walked into my office. He just lit up the room with his smile and enthusiasm. He worked for me at WOUR and Regent Broadcasting at various times over a 10 year span and through those years we became great friends. I'll never forget how he helped me through my own tragedy in 1997 with his friendship and kind words. When I left Utica to move to Florida, Dave threw a wonderful going away party for me at his bar and I'll never forget it. I'm deeply saddened by his passing and wish the family and especially his kids the strength to get through these difficult times. Focus on the good times and always remember that wonderful smile. I know I will.  
Patti Gallacher##imported-begin##Patti Gallacher##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 04:27 PM



“ Ed, Donna, Eddie and family, I knew David when your Mom brought him home from the hospital. I am so saddened to hear the news about David. He was such a wonderful kid and man as I knew him. I pray for God's comfort and may he help you all with your pain. I will cherish all of the memories that we have shared being neighbors. He is home with his Mom now and feeling no pain. God Bless you and God's peace be with you. Love Agnes##imported-begin##Agnes Mancuso##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 04:21 PM



“ I worked with Dave for 5 years at Galaxy Communications, no one ever made me laugh as hard as Dave, no matter what. I will miss him greatly. He had a heart of gold and will truly be missed. My deepest sympathies to his family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Kristy Nicoletti##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 03:34 PM



“ Maria, Ed and family, when I recieved news of Dave's passing, my heart sank. I hadnt seen him in some time,but when ever he was in the valley he would stop in for a slice of pizza. I had some great times at Garfields, Dave always made me feel welcome. So many childhood memories going all the way back to grade school.I hope that you all can draw comfort from how many peoples lives he touched so positively during your time of grief. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless he will be missed.##imported-begin##Bill De Lude##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 03:14 PM



“ Maria, Alyssa, Jene`, David and the entire Lasek family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this unbelievably painful time. We pray for eternal peace for Dave's spirit and we send you white light, healing energy and wishes of inner peace to all of you. Much Love, Jene` & Dan Rossi##imported-begin##Jene` Rossi##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 03:06 PM



“ To all of Davids family and friends...we grieve for a true Icon of our city. God Bless!##imported-begin##Joe Montanaro##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 02:41 PM



“ May we ALWAYS remember the genuine love that my Uncle had for both his own children, and for us kids, his neices and nephews. He raised us as much as his own children. I will never forget you Uncle Dave. You and Aunt Maria welcomed me and included me in all of your family's experiences. You wanted me to be as close with your children as you were will your own cousins. You treated me like your own as I was growing up, and that relationship turned into a friendship as I got older. I LOVE YOU FOREVER!

To all of our friends and family, the Lasek's sincerely appreciate all the warmth and kindness you've shown over the last few days. It has been made VERY clear through your concern for us, why my Uncle held each one of you close to his heart. He knew how blessed he was to have each of you in his life, and it's comforting to us to witness exactly why he felt this way about each of you.

Uncle Dave, I promise to carry memories of you with me until we meet again. I'll never let Alyssa, Jene', David or Aunt Maria be far from my heart or mind. I love you all, and I'll be there for you forever and always!

Thank you for my cherished memories!

love always,

Michelle##imported-begin##Michelle Capraro##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 01:49 PM



“ Donna and Lasek Family, my sincerest and deepest condolences to you for the unfortunate loss you are going through. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Alfredo and Deborah Valtierra##imported-begin##Alfredo Valtierra##imported-end##

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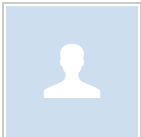
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“ As one of Donna's co-workers at Bank of America, I know just how much she cherishes her family and how much she loves her brothers. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this incredibly painful time.##imported-begin##Kim Black##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 01:22 PM



“ As you may know Dave worked for me at Galaxy Comm for 5 years. Dave always brought great enthusiam to the staff, he was comical and a hell of a character. I can recall many times being stressed at work and Dave would walk in with that big grin or a funny comment that would make me smile. You couldn't help liking Dave! You will be missed greatly. My deepest regrets to your children and to the rest of your family. May you rest in peace.##imported-begin##Jim Castellano##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 12:49 PM



“ *Maria, Ed and Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this most difficult time. Dave had such a super charismatic personality. He was a fun loving guy and the thoughts of good times will be memories always. God Bless and keep you well. Denise Woolheater-  
Wolanin###imported-begin##Denise Woolheater-  
Wolanin###imported-end##*

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August 25, 2006 at 12:48 PM



“ *My deepest Sympathy to the Lasek family, David will be deeply missed. Going back to Utica will never be the same with out David.###imported-begin##Frank "Cheech" Rizzuti###imported-end##*

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August 25, 2006 at 12:45 PM



“ *I am so deeply shocked by this news. I am out of town and usually read the O-D on-line as a rule.  
Please allow me to express my sincere condolences to the family. Dave was very well liked and will be missed. My family and I will keep David and his family in our prayers. May God bless his soul and grant him peace eternally and may he give strength to his family as they mourn this terrible loss.  
Respectfully,  
Vince###imported-begin##Vincent Mazzei###imported-end##*

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August 25, 2006 at 11:42 AM



“ To all of the Lasek Family, Dave was like a brother to me. Although I moved away we always kept in touch and when we did get together we never missed a beat, it was like seeing him yesterday. It is difficult to not be able to attend the services this week, but, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always miss Dave.##imported-begin##Vinnie Mastracco##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 11:27 AM



“ To the Lasek and Szuba families: Dave was a great person with a warm heart and a tremendous ability to make people laugh. He will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.##imported-begin##melissa paciello##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 10:35 AM



“ David's big heart and great smile touched so many of our lives; he will be missed. Maria and family, my heart and prayers go out to you. With deepest sympathy, Ann-Renee##imported-begin##Renee Joseph##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 10:17 AM

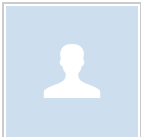


“ No one that I know lived life to the fullest as cousin David. Growing up in NC and having the coolest relatives up in Utica made us feel like we were the luckiest kids in the world. And I guess we were. David always showed us the most fun time, as he did to everyone who knew him. That was just the kind of person that he was. As a kid being exposed to such a different culture as was Utica and having David as our host was always a blast. We can still tell stories about David and those years and totally crack-up. His love of great music and good times, but also his deep concern for other people are what I will always hold dear in my heart. We will continue to share the joy that David brought into all of our lives with his beautiful children, his father, sister, brother and friends as long as we shall live.

*Diane Lasek, Atlanta GA##imported-begin##Diane Lasek##imported-end##*

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August 25, 2006 at 10:12 AM



“ Maria, Alyssia, Jene, David and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss and for the loss of everyone whom's lives David touched. He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Denise & Jim Giruzzi##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 09:20 AM



“ Maria, Alyssia, Jene, David and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss and for the loss of everyone whom's lives David touched. He will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Denise Giruzzi##imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 09:20 AM



“ *Maria and Family, Always in our thoughts, always in our prayers. May God give you the strength during this difficult time and may His perpetual light shine on Dave for all of eternity. Bless you.*###imported-begin###Lorrie Arcuri###imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 09:02 AM



“ *Lasek Family- I am so saddened by your loss of David. He was a good friend. Coming back home to Utica from New Jersey will never be the same again. My prayers are with you.*  
*Joe Capraro*###imported-begin###Joe Capraro###imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 07:23 AM



“ *I will always remember your smile and laugh. I still can't believe you're not here. You are missed greatly. Thank you for always making us (your cousins from N.C.) feel welcome and showing us a great time. We had some good times that I will cherish forever. When we meet again we'll have more good times. I miss you and love you and will never forget you.*  
*Tricia*###imported-begin###Tricia Lasek###imported-end##

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August 25, 2006 at 01:53 AM



“ Dave was a great guy and no matter the length of time that you didn't see him he always greeted you with a warm heart.. and a big smile. Always happy to see his old friends. ..He always remembered his friends from high school....He always made Lasek's like a reunion from the past....My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time..He was someone I will always remember. Just remember the happy memories of him and keep him close to your hearts....Always Karen "Rosato" Wrate###imported-begin###Karen Rosato Wrate###imported-end###

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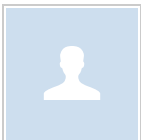
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“ MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL AT THIS TERRIBLE TIME. DAVE YOU WILL BE MISSED ALWAYS!! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOUR GONE! EVERYONE WHO LOVED AND KNEW YOU I'M SURE WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR SMILE! GOD BLESS !  
WITH MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY  
LOVE ,KARA###imported-begin###kara jones###imported-end###

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August 24, 2006 at 10:21 PM



“ Maria, Eddie and Family,  
Like many people, I have thought a great deal about Dave since I heard the horrible news of his death. Although we knew each other for many years, I got to know him much better over the last few years... and I really liked him. I feel that he was a good person, which I believe is a high compliment. I can't imagine the anguish you all must be experiencing. My deepest regrets and best wishes for you, as you move forward.###imported-begin###Dan Falatico###imported-end###

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August 24, 2006 at 10:00 PM



“ *davids style, class, and carirma were beyond reproch!!  
he will always be fondly remembered as  
a wonderful and gracious friend and host.  
it breaks my heart to lose another friend  
the likes of which we will never get to duplicate again  
rest in peace buddy  
you're friend whiskey###imported-begin###whiskey###imported-end##*

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August 24, 2006 at 08:34 PM



“ *THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GREAT TIMES OVER THE YEARS !  
YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED KEVIN & TAMMY  
KREIMEYER###imported-begin###KEVIN AND TAMMY KREIMEYER  
###imported-end##*

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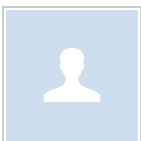
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“ *David, Will sadly miss you and your great big smile.  
Debra Carcone###imported-begin###Debra Carcone###imported-  
end##*

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August 24, 2006 at 06:27 PM



“ *Dave you are a legend, one of a kind! You will be truly missed by all.  
Our deepest regards to all of your family. Good bye for  
now.###imported-begin###Furgol Family###imported-end##*

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August 24, 2006 at 05:28 PM



“ *Maria and family, My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family at this time. Dave was truly a warm, loving and not to mention humorous soul. He was very proud to have you as his family! Just remember that he lives on in each on every one of you! We were all blessed to have known him and are blessed to know all of you as well.. Find strength in each other. Just remember the good times. Think of his great sense of humor, his love for cooking- especially his infamous lunchtime "La Burger", which was my personal favorite, his obsession w/Jimmy Buffet, which he tortured all of us w/numerous times at the bar playing it on repeat, and most of all his passion for the people he loved.*

*We are all here for you and your family..*

*Dave, we will miss you!##imported-begin##Danielle Pawelek##imported-end##*

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August 24, 2006 at 04:10 PM



“ *Sean and Carla, We are so very sorry for your loss. I know that your family and friends will be at your side to help you at this difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at all times.##imported-begin##John & Katie and families##imported-end##*

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August 24, 2006 at 03:31 PM



“ despite our differences in the past year we had a chance to forgive and forget for that i am so glad. i loved u like a father all the time we spent together day in day out getting lunch ready or setting up for parties. i cant imagine u not there so i can imitate u and make everyone laugh we all know ur sayings, turn on the cellar light, watch yourself, right or wrong, geuss what, all these things, i love u i miss u and i will look out for our buddy little david, i am so grateful to have met u and ur family thank you for the years at the bar and for having such a beautiful family, and for making me a part of it, i will never forget u..... i missu and remember "fins" our song the bartenders anthem.....##imported-begin##christina ##imported-end##

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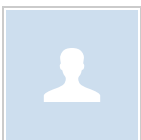
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“ Our hearts and deepest sympathy go out to your families. Dave was so generous to us when we lost Gary. I hope they're together now, in peace.##imported-begin##Linda Turk and Family##imported-end##

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August 24, 2006 at 01:57 PM



“ Ed,

*I hope it gives you comfort to know that during your time of sorrow we are thinking of you.*

*Roselle and Jim##imported-begin##Roselle Damiano##imported-end##*

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August 24, 2006 at 01:19 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Lasek family at this most difficult time. Our deepest sympathies go out to our cousin David's family, and we will always remember him fondly. Although we have lived at a distance, we will always cherish the recent memory of discussing form our growing up years when we all lived in Utica, to the love David had for his children.##imported-begin##Steve and Barbara Milano and family##imported-end##

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August 24, 2006 at 12:44 PM



“ Maria and Family, My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. With prayers, family, and love you will find the strength to see you through these tough times.  
Love,  
Hon##imported-begin##Sandra Montalbano {HON}##imported-end##

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August 24, 2006 at 11:53 AM



“ Maria & family; our thoughts & prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Paula Dontino##imported-end##

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August 24, 2006 at 11:52 AM



“ *Eddie & Family*

*Our love and prayers go out to you and yours. May God give you strength to hold a memory in your heart today and always. I lost my brother years ago and I hold my memories close, no one can take them away. Love to you my friend.*

*Love Chich & Dominick###imported-begin###Chich & Dominick Colacicco###imported-end###*

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August 24, 2006 at 09:40 AM



“ *Your Mom, Philly, & Bubba, Joe, there all waiting for you.*

*And a Cheeseburger in Paradise with a Margarita.  
I love you & will miss you. thank you for  
all the years we shared.*

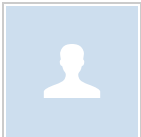
*You will be safe*

*God bless you and your whole family.*

*Gina Ionta###imported-begin###Gina Ionta###imported-end###*

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August 24, 2006 at 09:36 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Maria and their children and all of the Lasek family during this very sad time. David will be missed by all who knew him. He touched lives with his laughter and kindness. He was a great person and a good friend and I was blessed to have known him for all these years.*

*David,*

*"We Just Disagree" will always be ours forever and I will hear it and smile and always think of you. Love Ya, Donna###imported-begin###Donna Toussaint###imported-end###*

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August 24, 2006 at 08:52 AM



“ My deepest sorrows go out to Maria and the entire Lasek family. Dave Monday nights will never be the same without you. We will all truly miss you.

Steve Rositano##imported-begin##Steve Rositano##imported-end##

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August 24, 2006 at 07:56 AM



“ My deepest condolences to David's family in this time of sorrow .##imported-begin##Mike Proite##imported-end##

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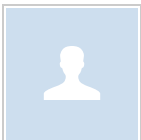
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“ My heart aches for you in this sad time. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Family and friends at this time will be the stepping stones to help heal the hurt, myself and Terry included. We are here for you in any way. I wil miss him too, sincerely sue daniels##imported-begin##susan daniels##imported-end##

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August 24, 2006 at 07:30 AM



“ There will be many who will miss Dave and wonder why he can no longer be with us.##imported-begin##Bill George##imported-end##

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August 24, 2006 at 07:24 AM



“ Dear Eddie and family, I am so grateful to have shared so many memories in my life time with your family. I cannot be there at this time to share your grief and pain, but my family and I are with you in spirit. I ask for God's comfort and understanding during this time. David will always be remembered for his fun loving personality and all our fun times as kids on South Street. Love & Peace###imported-begin###Judi Patino###imported-end##

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August 24, 2006 at 06:31 AM



“ Dear Eddie and family, I am so grateful to have shared so many memories in my life time with your family. I cannot be there at this time to share your grief and pain, but my family and I are with you in spirit. I ask for God's comfort and understanding during this time. David will always be remembered for his fun loving personality and all our fun times as kids on South Street. Love & Peace###imported-begin###judipatino###imported-end##

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August 24, 2006 at 06:28 AM



“ I am so thankful that I got to spend time with David last summer and that we got to talk this summer the night of the graduation party. His infectious laugh and genuine love for his family and friends are something I will hold dear to my heart. He will always be my sweet, feisty, little cousin with the beautiful blue eyes. I wish I could be there for all of you. My love and sympathies are always with all of you and I am always just a phone call away. Love, Cousin "Joanie" in Dayton###imported-begin###Joan Milano###imported-end##

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August 24, 2006 at 02:16 AM



“ *Eddie and Dave's Family,*

*The pain we feel when we are apart, can be measured ONLY, by the Love we shared when we were together. You are a fine family. Be comforted in knowing, that Our Lord will walk with you these next few days, and always.*

*Dave is with your Mom now, and untill we ourselves join them, let the love of your family, and MANY MANY friends, embrace you, as you and Dave have embraced them in their own hour of need. God Bless##imported-begin##Jeff Franz and Family##imported-end##*

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August 24, 2006 at 02:13 AM



“ *It is so hard to express our thoughts into words. We always will remember the happier times growing up with Dave. To the Lasek family, be assured of our thoughts and prayers. We will pray hard for our cousin Dave that the perpetual light will shine upon him. God Bless.##imported-begin##John and Anne Siriani and Family##imported-end##*

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August 23, 2006 at 06:06 PM