



Dennis F. Padula

May 20, 1947 - January 31, 2013

Mr. Dennis F. Padula, age 65, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of his family by his side. Dennis died just as he lived, with unsurpassed bravery.

Born in Utica on May 20, 1947, Dennis was the son of the late Michael E. and Margaret R. Aversano (Also known as Averson) Padula. He was raised and educated locally. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, he served his country with the Seabees during the Vietnam War in the Construction Battalion Unit 302 and was honorably discharged as an E5. Shortly after that in 1969 Dennis met Lynda A. Perritano. They became the best of friends developing an unbreakable bond; always on the same page and as a team in everything they did. Their personalities complimented each other beautifully. The dynamics of their relationship were carried into their marriage on March 9, 1974. Creating a close knit, loving family admired by many.

Though Dennis faced adversity early in his life, he prevailed and became a successful businessman. A union roofer of Local 95, Dennis began his career working at Continental Roofing. In 1979 he established his own roofing business, Dennis Padula Roofing and Sheet Metal Co. along with his wife, Lynda. Dennis was master craftsman in his vocation and it was reflected in his artistry. His intuitive and creative work utilized his specialty of hot tar, rubber roofing and sheet metal design applications. He expanded his business

throughout the Northeast; gaining the respect and confidence of other contractors that still exists today. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Stars & Stripes Chapter #82, American Legion Post 229, and the Mohawk Valley Builders Exchange.

Dennis and Lynda worked side by side in their business endeavors while raising their four beautiful children. Dennis held the love and respect of the community because of his hard work ethic and success within his industry, and through his fatherly instincts he mentored his employees who reciprocated with loyalty to him and his business insights. The legacy continues today through his children who strive to rise to their father's standards at Dennis Padula & Sons Roofing and Sheet Metal Co.

Whether at home, work, or leisure, Dennis was a kind-hearted, strong, tough and determined take charge man. He was selfless, always putting others before himself; humble and a quiet giver. He had the ability to crack a joke when you least expected it. He loved his family unconditionally and embraced friendships faithfully. Dennis enjoyed his home, which was always open. All were welcomed and treated as family; Dennis loved entertaining. Who can forget the parties at the Padula House? No matter the occasion, house or restaurant Dennis and Lynda made sure everyone was having a good time. Dennis loved the simple things in life --- spending the day with his wife and children, cooking Sunday morning breakfast with his unique eggs-over-easy, taking the kids to get hair cuts and attending their sporting events and various musical performances. He enjoyed the serenity of fishing often accompanied by his wife, children, or employees. Dennis was a NASCAR fan who rooted for Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Jr. He also had a love for football and knack for picking winning teams. He enjoyed his annual Superbowl party at home with friends and family. Dennis loved canning sausage in the oil and hot cherry peppers at the shop; another favorite was making sausage rolls at home surrounded by loved ones. He enjoyed driving around with his family and

proudly pointing out jobs he had completed. Traditions were very important to Dennis and he always counted his blessings. Celebrations were centered around preparations, and the spirit of the holidays.

Dennis is survived by his beloved wife Lynda; his cherished children Renata A. (Padula) and Joseph Dunadee of Frankfort; Joseph P. and Heather (Kaelin) Padula of North Utica, Dennis F. Padula II of New York City; Peter M. and Danielle (LaBella) Padula of Frankfort; and his adored grandchildren, Antonio Joseph who was just like grandpa, Nina Belle his “Nina Beana”, his lovely step-granddaughters, Alexandria who especially loved the way grandpa cut ice cream and Analise, of which grandpa and her always teased each other of cheating in Gin Rummy. Dennis anxiously anticipated the arrival of his additional grandchild expected this June. Everyone knew that Dennis missed his best buddy “Max”, his beagle who won his heart. Also left to remember him are his siblings, Dominick Padula, Antoinette “Toni” Padula, and Robert and Phyllis Padula, all of Utica; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sister-in-law Kathy Perritano and special aunt, Victoria Perritano. The good fortune of his life was reflected in the magnitude of his many friends who will miss him dearly. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Beth Kocyba; his parents-in-law, Peter A. and Ann W. (Wood) Perritano; his brother-in-law, Peter D. Perritano; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family is grateful to Dr. Fred Talarico and his staff, the personnel of St. Elizabeth Medical Center ICU, Dr. Stephen Graziano and staff at Upstate Oncology in Oneida for the constant and unrelenting care offered to Dennis and his family; Fr. Mark Pasik of St. Mark’s Church in North Utica for his prayers, visits, and spiritual guidance; Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for their concern and compassion; and all those who have helped the family during this difficult time, especially Ron and Jesse Cerminaro along with the LaBella, Galimo and Arcuri families. A special thank you to his loyal employees whom

he considered family.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. Dennis' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/ Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Fr. Mark Pasik. Interment will take place graveside at Calvary Cemetery with Military Honors accorded by the US Navy.

“Love is ---never having to say goodbye”

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 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>

Service

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis F. Padula



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ I knew Dennis way back when he was starting out in the roofing business. He always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell. He will be missed by everyone. The memories that I have of him will always keep him in my thoughts. My sincerest condolences to his family...

Gene DiFondi - February 15, 2013 at 08:34 AM

KW

“ Ken And Joyce Williams lit a candle in memory of Dennis F. Padula



Ken and Joyce Williams - February 09, 2013 at 02:00 PM

GE

“ Gerri, Bill, Stephen Shafali Nathan Desnoyers lit a candle in memory of Dennis F. Padula



Gerri, Bill, Stephen Shafali Nathan Desnoyers - February 05, 2013 at 06:13 PM

PM

“ Paul Mangano lit a candle in memory of Dennis F. Padula



Paul Mangano - February 05, 2013 at 01:14 PM

JP

“ Jordan & Nancy Polizzi lit a candle in memory of Dennis F. Padula



Jordan & Nancy Polizzi - February 05, 2013 at 09:53 AM

AG

“ Andrea Grabski lit a candle in memory of Dennis F. Padula



Andrea Grabski - February 05, 2013 at 09:16 AM

AG

“ *Renata and family. I am very sorry for your loss. I will be keeping all of you in my thoughts. RIP Mr. Padula*

Andrea Grabski - February 05, 2013 at 09:16 AM

PD

“ *Joe ,Heather and family we are very sorry to hear of the loss of your father.*

Love Nanna and Papa Devins.

paul devins - February 05, 2013 at 08:53 AM

WG

“ *While I didn't know Dennis personally, I did get to know about him from his brother Bob when we worked together for LB Security. Bob's sharing and the tributes I've read help me visualize a life well led.*

W. Griffin - February 05, 2013 at 01:08 AM

GS

“ *Dear Padula Family,*

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to express my deepest sympathy and prayers. I will always remember seeing Mr. Padula at countless baseball games at Keuka. He was always good for a laugh and encouragement after a big win or a tough loss. The one thing I'll never forget is how he could never watch Petey pitch and would always go down and stand behind the dugout and just stare at the back of it because he would get too nervous. He will be greatly missed and I know you all have wonderful memories of him to get you through the difficult times. God bless you all.

-Greg Stevens (Pattie, Dick, and Jonathan too)

Greg Stevens - February 04, 2013 at 11:33 PM

MB

“ Dear Padula Family:
You have been in my thoughts and prayers over these past few days. Mr. Padula was such a wonderful man whom I have very fond memories of. Please know that we are thinking of you all!
Love,
Maria Barresi & Carter Baller

Maria C. Barresi - February 04, 2013 at 12:38 PM

MH

“ The loss of someone so wonderful and close is never easy, but always know that your family is so genuinely loved and held close by all of those around you who will never forget this man. You are all in our thoughts and hearts. May love surround you and support you.

The Hoch Family.

Matt Hoch - February 04, 2013 at 10:51 AM

MS

“ Dear Lynda,
We are so sorry for your loss. Dennis was a special man! My God bless you, your children and grand-children.

The Stanimer Family

Martha Stanimer - February 04, 2013 at 08:39 AM

 Edvin
Hadzic

“ Edvin Hadzic lit a candle in memory of Dennis
F. Padula



Edvin Hadzic - February 03, 2013 at 08:32 PM



Rip dennis u thought me allot and my brother at work ty so much for giving us a chance to work with u and ur Sons

Edvin Hadzic - February 03, 2013 at 08:36 PM

GP

“ *Gina Padula lit a candle in memory of Dennis F. Padula*



Gina Padula - February 03, 2013 at 06:42 PM

RJ

“ *Robert J Surprenant Jr lit a candle in memory of Dennis F. Padula*



Robert J Surprenant Jr - February 02, 2013 at 06:05 PM

MS

“ *Melissa Shafer lit a candle in memory of Dennis F. Padula*



Melissa Shafer - February 02, 2013 at 05:53 PM

TF

“ *The Tomaino Family lit a candle in memory of Dennis F. Padula*



The Tomaino family - February 02, 2013 at 04:58 PM

AP

“ *I have grown up knowing the Padula family. It is with much compassion that I send my deepest sympathies. I have to say I did not know Mr. Padula well but was great friends with his son, Dennis, growing up. Knowing Dennis, I know he was raised by great parents and was always close with his father! My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time!!*

Amy Pastorella - February 02, 2013 at 04:51 PM

NJ

“ *rest in peace to a great man great father great husband and friend .. never will I forget him I grew up with the family spent lots of time at the house as the whole family is family to me im deeply sadend by this but know he is pain free in a better place and he knowd he raised one amazing family that I love ... best time was going to nyc for mets yankee game for joeys bachelor party the ride down was such a blast and he was one of tje funnest guys I ever knew rest in peace my friend*

nick jones - February 02, 2013 at 04:41 PM

 Dan Mullins

“ Unfortunately to my dismay I've never been fortunate enough to meet you. However, if you're half the man that Denny has made you out to be then you're exponentially the man I only hope to become. It's no mystery to me where Denny's courage, loyalty, strength and enthusiasm came and will continue to from. Please rest, your son will be a star much sooner than late. I guarantee that Mr. Padula; thank you.

All my thoughts thoughts, prayers and positive energy to the beautiful Padula family.

Dan Mullins - February 02, 2013 at 04:17 PM

AG

“ R.I.P Dennis, you were and still are a GREAT guy, taught me a lot. Prayers for the family, very sorry for your loss.

Anthony Grieco - February 02, 2013 at 03:52 PM

AL

“ All my thoughts and prayers to the Padula family. Mr. Padula was an incredible man and a role model not only to me, but to many others. I'll never forget how he welcomed me and made me feel at home any time I was in his presence. He was a one of a kind, and I'm proud to have known him.

All my love,

Aaron Lamb

Aaron Lamb - February 02, 2013 at 03:45 PM

SA

“ My condolences to the Pedula family, I go back as far as high school with Dennis and had many good times and fond memories of him, and his smile..... Remember him with his smile and sense of humor.....
Sal Avesa

Sal Aversa - February 02, 2013 at 03:04 PM



“ Dear Cousin Lynda and Family:

Patricia and I would like to express our deepest Condolence on the passing of our Dear Cousin Dennis. I feel Blessed to have known Cousin Dennis throughout my several trips to Utica. Cousin Dennis will always remain in my heart and thoughts. He was a kind and generous man. He would go out of his way to please you. I will always remember the mornings with Cousin Dennis. He loved is DD Coffee and that Italian Bread for toast. Sometimes I would bust out laughing when he would make me the butt of his jokes. He said those jokes with endearment towards me. Cousin Dennis loved his Family!! Cousin Renata, Joey, Dennis, and Peter, my Heart goes out to you as well. I got to know all of you and your interactions with your Dad. I felt the love that you all had for your Dad and your Dad had towards all of you. Cousin Lynda, your husband knew how much you cared for him and how much you loved him. Especially during the last months of his life. He is looking now from Heaven above, and smiling down upon you and your Family. Patricia and I love all of you so much!!

Love, from Cousin Vinny and Patricia in California

Vincent Ortega - February 02, 2013 at 12:33 PM

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“ *Padula Family,*

I am thinking of all of you right now. You are family that has so much spirit, strength and faith. I am sure your house is full of stories and jokes about Mr. Padula right now, what an exceptional man he was and what a remarkable legacy he has left behind.

Stay courageous and keep each other close.

*All my love,
Betsy Sherwood*

102381 - February 02, 2013 at 10:00 AM

RD

“ *Padula family,*

So sorry to hear of your loss. Words of comfort can never make up for the feelings you all are sharing at this time. Know that you are in my thoughts as usual but especially at this difficult time. Let the music of your father/husband's life ring in your hearts and your ears for a long time to come.

Randy DeVett-McKeon

Randy DeVett-McKeon - February 02, 2013 at 09:14 AM

AA

“ *Dennis and Family:*

I'm so sorry for your loss and my deepest condolences to you and your family. Your father was a great man. I still remember the many times he came to school to see some activity that the kids were in or school open houses with his Padula Roofing jacket. I remember he and your family being in the audience at SU and being the most proud family in the room. May your love and closeness help comfort you during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Amanda Ashley

Amanda Ashley - February 01, 2013 at 01:41 PM

EI

“ *Renata - All our love and prayers to you and your family in this time. I can only imagine the deep loss you are feeling. Knowing that he is now at peace is the the only condolence I can offer but please let us know if there is anything else we can do for you. God Bless, Liz and Peter*

Elizabeth Iglar - February 01, 2013 at 01:05 PM

RP

“ Dennis was my Uncle, Godfather, and Friend. On the outside, he was loud, swore a lot, and he never "beat around the bush" or put up with anyone's BS. On the inside, he was kind, caring, and compassionate, especially to those of us who had the honor of being close to him. There are acts of kindness that Dennis displayed that only those of us close to him know about and I'm sure there are even more that only Lynda and the kids know about. Dennis "willed" himself to success in the roofing business, and we are all very proud of him. There are many things that I learned from Uncle Dennis, that helped me to succeed as a high school and college hockey player, and helped me to become a successful business man and father. Dennis leaves behind an amazing legacy and he will be greatly missed!
Love, Bobby, or as he liked to say, "Bobito".

Robert A Padula - February 01, 2013 at 12:41 PM

DC

I can't put it any better than Bobby did. I can tell you that he has always been special to me too. He was my birthday partner and I was always happy to share the date with him. He and Aunt Lynda came over our house when I was about 9 with a charm bracelet. I still have it. I found it today and it is on my wrist where it's going to stay for good. I will miss you terribly Uncle Dennis. Be at peace. Love forever.

Debbe Clark - February 01, 2013 at 05:46 PM

DZ

“ Joe and Family. I am so sorry for the loss of Dennis. He was a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. xoxo

Dana and Zeek - February 01, 2013 at 11:44 AM

AC

“ To The Family Of Dennis, We are so Sorry for your loss, He was a great Guy! Our thoughts and prayers are with You, Andy & Linda Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - February 01, 2013 at 09:50 AM

TP

“ Very sorry to her about the passing of Dennis we go back to days at Proctor and through working in the construction business he one person you'll always remember God Bless.

Thomas L. Petronio - February 01, 2013 at 08:56 AM

RA

“ Very sorry to read about Dennis this morning. You are all in my prayers.



Richard Aversa - February 01, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DO

“ Dick Owens lit a candle in memory of Dennis F. Padula



Dick Owens - February 01, 2013 at 08:06 AM

RP

i will always miss you dennis you were a nice person and great guy. you were so nice to talk to.my prayers are with you lynda and family love and god bless you all. xxxxxxoxoxo rose perritano - 2 hours feb 1

rose perritano - February 01, 2013 at 03:18 PM

CS

*Dear Lynda and all Padula family,
What can I say, our families grew up together..We all laughed and cried together...and there was more laughs...many..
As we grew older, of course, we didn't see each other as much..but when an important event took place, we could always count on Dennis and family to come forth...I am remembering your trip down to our son's wedding in Long Island...It meant so much to our son and Don and me..
We will miss him so much..He was a wonderful cousin to my brothers and me..
He has left his mark on his children and grandchildren..
May he rest in peace..
Love, Carol and Don Schieble*

carol and don schieble - February 02, 2013 at 09:52 AM

CP

Dear Lynda, Renata, Joe, Dennis, and Peter. Please accept our condolences on the loss of your Husband and Father .We have known your family a lot of years. He was a very generous man. He will be deeply missed. You are all in our prayers. Sincerely, Cissy and Vin Pastorella

cissy pastorella - February 03, 2013 at 02:31 PM