



## Derek A. Abraham

October 14, 1963 - September 5, 2009

Mr. Derek A. Abraham, age 45, of Utica, passed peacefully to the hands of the Lord on Saturday, September 5, 2009. His unexpected passing occurred in the privacy of his home.

Born in Utica on October 14, 1963, Derek is the son of William "Bill" Abraham and Angela (Scampone) Abraham. Raised and educated locally, he attended John F. Kennedy Middle School and T. R. Proctor High School.

Derek was a hard worker during his time of employment at the Utica Waste Management. Faithful to his family and concerned about their well-being, he made daily phone calls to keep in touch. Blessed with a good soul and honorable intentions, he always saw the beauty in others and was a loyal and true friend. The simple means by which he lived his life was an inspiration to those who knew and loved him. A jokester at heart, he had a keen sense of humor, a great memory, and a sense of intellect that was admired. He was independent by nature and did the best he could during his journey through life. As an avid fan of the sports world and a competitive sportsman, he followed the sporting news and highlights of the NY Yankees and the Miami Dolphins. Sunday dinners were special to him and were highlighted by his standard statement that he enjoyed "another successful meal". He filled his day with music and the melodies of the J. Geils Band, the Rolling Stones, Aerosmith, and classic 70's tunes. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Derek is survived by his mother, Angela Minicone and step-father, Jake; his

father, Bill Abraham of Sylvan Beach; and his maternal grandmother, Rose Scampone of Utica. Survivors also include his brothers and sisters-in-law, Billy and Anita Abraham and their children, Amanda and Zachary Abraham; and Chris and Janine Abraham and their children, Alexandra and Marc Abraham; his half-sister and her husband, Kelly and Victor Castronovo; several cousins; aunts and uncles, Philip and Carol Scampone, Byron "Todd" and Rosemary Abraham, Beverly Abraham-Romano and Lewis Romano Jr., and Gary Abraham; great-aunt, Christine Lombardi; and great-uncle, Sam Fanelli, with whom he shared a close relationship. He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Anthony J. "Skirm" Scampone; and his paternal grandfather and grandmother, George and Mabel Abraham.

The family is grateful to the Utica Police Department and the EMTs for their response and concern.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Derek's funeral service will commence on Thursday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Derek A. Abraham



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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - September 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ happy birthday derek. we are a far cry from lansing st., mary st. school, black bridge, gracie's and penny candy. now, birthday parties are snapshot memories, but they are still our memories. thinking of you today. love you.##imported-begin##g##imported-end##

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October 14, 2009 at 04:07 PM



“ Chrissy & Billy,

*I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Derek was a wonderful person - I will never forget all of the great times we had with him. You and your families are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Maria Tedesco Spine##imported-end##*

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September 28, 2009 at 05:18 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Derek,,I was out of the country and just heard the sad news today..My thoughts and prayers go out to Chris and Billy and there families.##imported-begin##Joslyn Wallace##imported-end##

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September 19, 2009 at 09:12 AM



“ To the Abraham Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless Derek. We had fun playing Pop Warner Football and Little League Baseball.##imported-begin##John T. Cocomazi##imported-end##

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September 16, 2009 at 09:19 PM



“ Billy, I was so sad to hear of the loss of your brother Derek. My deepest sympathy for you and your family. I can't help but think of all the fun times we had growing up. God Bless and stay strong.##imported-begin##Kim (Muraco) Blidy##imported-end##

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September 12, 2009 at 11:15 AM



“ i am very sorry for your loss of my godson .i I pray for him and may god grant him eternal pease. please let me know if you recieved my card and check.##imported-begin##gary m/ abraham##imported-end##

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September 11, 2009 at 05:16 PM



“ Thanks for the fond memories. You were always eager to make someone laugh or smile. Thanks for the joy that we shared, ever so brief as it may have been. Rest in Peace. Your brother,  
Chad.##imported-begin##Chad W. Curtis##imported-end##

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September 10, 2009 at 05:58 PM



“ Angela & Billy so sorry to hear the loss of your son..He is with GOD now and he is in peace..GOD BLESS you and keep yourself healthy..

Annette Herrmann##imported-begin##Annette Herrmann##imported-end##

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September 10, 2009 at 12:23 PM



“ what a wonderful person derrick must have been. I am only sorry that I did not get a chance to know him. He will be missed. I was at the wake for him and it was so beautiful. I am touched and proud to be a part of the Abraham family. We all loved Derrick like anyone could love anyone- and that is with all of our hearts.##imported-begin##dion abraham##imported-end##

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September 10, 2009 at 01:15 AM



“ I remember Derek from Grammer School at Wetmore Street School as he and I were classmates in Mrs. Munski's homeroom. I remember him being very jovial and happy most of the time and he was also very good in sports. It has been many years since I have seen him but I still am shocked that he has passed away. To his friends and family I would like to express my deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Mark Semeraro##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 09:42 PM



“ i will miss you . you were one of a kind  
i think i know you as a cousin a good friend.you will always be in my thought and dreams. i will miss you cuz!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
i hope you are at peace now !! give my mom a kiss for me!!!!!! love you cousin!  
peace be with you. all my love  
tinky##imported-begin##tink##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 08:46 PM



“ to Rose, Angela, Billy & Anita, I am truly sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers our with you and your whole family. God Bless##imported-begin##rick schafers##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 07:02 PM



“ Dear Cousin Billy, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your son Derek.  
I remember visiting your home with my Aunt Mabel when Derek was little.  
I am so sorry about your loss. Please be assured of my love and prayers for you and your family. God bless you.  
Your loving cousin,  
Lorraine##imported-begin##Sister Lorraine James##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 04:32 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Abraham family: I remember all too well growing up with the Abraham boys. You couldn't mention one brother without the other two. I am sorry for the loss of your son, brother and friend.##imported-begin##Dina Graziano##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 01:31 PM



“ Ang & family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss! You will all be in my prayers, God Bless Mary-Degiglio-Hallatt  
Jacksonville, fl##imported-begin##Mary Degiglio Hallatt##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 11:48 AM



“ I still remember the last time I saw you. It wasn't more than a couple of months ago. The bright light in your eyes that shown when you recognized me. The big hug and the inevitable "How's Richie?" When we were teenagers and you came "up to the Beach" to stay at your Dad's, campfires on the Beach front... Good times Derek; Good times. You taught me some valuable lessons for my life back then and now; Acceptance and Understanding. I'll miss you Buddy.##imported-begin##Terry Burton##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 09:23 AM



“ Billy, Anita and Family,  
Our deepest sympathy during your time of loss. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared with your brother, comfort you now and in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Phil and Natalie##imported-begin##Philip and Natalie Beratta##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 09:01 AM



“ Dear Angela, Rose, Billy, Chris and family,  
  
You are always in our thoughts during this time of sorrow. We love you and are here for you.  
Love Always....##imported-begin##Valerie, Rich, Jaimie, Jordan & Josh Glover##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 08:31 AM



“ To Rose, Angela, Billy & family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Derek. I remember growing up with him, he truly was a wonderful person. Take care, my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Dana Furgol##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 12:57 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Abraham family..though i have not seen Derek in many years..i recalled The Wetmore and Proctor school years..I will always remember Derek and the hair brush he carried in his back pocket...he was something else..i have many fond school memories of him..my thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time..##imported-begin##Sarah Bice-Hensel##imported-end##

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September 08, 2009 at 07:59 PM



“ Your life was filled with joy and happiness I will always remember how kind you and your family have always been to me. The times up at camp and as kids getting into mischief together, I love you all as if you were my family. You are and always will be loved and missed. May you rest in Peace and may god bless you. Brothers always.

Rick Mendez##imported-begin##Rick Mendez##imported-end##

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September 08, 2009 at 04:41 PM



“ well, it's only fitting that i follow my oldest, dearest friend lisa....i was thinking just now, of how lisa and i were up late this weekend texting and talking. we talked about a lot of things, mainly our childhood. and we found it profound, this whole thing; and how we sometimes go through life and get caught up in things, and then this happens, and we're brought back to 'center', and we realize who and what matters. i asked my mother if she found the picture of the birthday party. she did. this year i won't hear you say, "you know it's my birthday today too gina".....i know derek....i know.....it's a part of our childhood that's gone. and it's funny, today being the first day of school for so many, i thought of how you would walk me to mary st. everyday and sing "my eyes adored you".....that was a great part of our childhood. rest now. love, g.##imported-begin##g##imported-end##

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September 08, 2009 at 04:29 PM



“ To Angela, Billy, Chrissy and family:

*I was so sorry to hear about Derek, I have known you all my whole life growing up in East Utica. We had a great neighborhood growing up and Derek will be sadly missed. My prayers are with you all.  
Lisa Trinco Raehm##imported-begin##Lisa Trinco Raehm##imported-end##*

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September 08, 2009 at 04:12 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. My God guide you through this very difficult time. Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace Derek.##imported-begin##Steve & Jill Conley##imported-end##

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September 08, 2009 at 02:04 PM



“ *The Bennett family expresses its sincerest condolences on the loss of Derek.##imported-begin##The Bennett Family##imported-end##*

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September 08, 2009 at 10:55 AM



“ *To the Abraham family, I'm sorry to hear about the loss of Derek, he was a good man and always funny and laughing when I ran into him back in the day. Sad to see another fellow East Utica person pass at such a young age! Rest in peace!##imported-begin##Ralph A. Pastorelli##imported-end##*

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September 08, 2009 at 09:41 AM



“ *My Dear Friend Angela, and Family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss of Derek. I know that this loss leaves a tremendous void for your family and all of Dereks friends.  
He will always be remembered for his sweet and loving heart, and for his deep love of family.  
Derek cared from the depths of his soul, this is such a rarity.  
Janice##imported-begin##Janice Nappi##imported-end##*

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September 08, 2009 at 04:21 AM



“ *'BIG D'i was always proud of you. You inspired me in many ways. im thankful to have had you in my life. i love you##imported-begin##billy abraham##imported-end##*

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September 07, 2009 at 10:39 PM



“ *My prayers go out to the family of derek god bless you all.  
Derek was one of the boys of mary street play ground.##imported-  
begin##Frank Puleo##imported-end##*

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September 07, 2009 at 10:14 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Derek. God has taken you in his care now where you  
will forever watch over your family. You will be dearly missed.  
Love,  
Karla##imported-begin##Karla Abraham-Conley##imported-end##*

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September 07, 2009 at 09:15 PM



“ *Bill Sr.  
Many prayers of comfort, peace and healing in the loss of your son  
Dereck.  
With Sincere Sympathy.  
Frank Annese  
fFt. Mitchell Ky##imported-begin##Frank annese##imported-end##*

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September 07, 2009 at 04:46 PM



“ *Bill..very sorry to hear your son Derek has passed away. My thought  
are with you....with deepest sympathy ...Anna##imported-  
begin##Anna Marie Monaco##imported-end##*

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September 07, 2009 at 12:50 PM



“ TO The Abraham.Scampone & Minicone Families,our deepest and sincere sympathy during this very difficult time of loss.Derrick was a true Yankee,rest in peace my friend.##imported-begin##Saladino Family##imported-end##

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September 07, 2009 at 09:23 AM



“ To the Abraham Family,  
We were so sorry to hear that Derek had passed away. Our prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Debbie Barbero and Bob Crouse##imported-end##

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September 07, 2009 at 08:15 AM