



## Donald T. Witchley, Jr.

November 25, 1968 - June 27, 2008

Mr. Donald T. Witchley, Jr., age 39, of New Hartford, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 27, 2008 at his home as the result of an aortic aneurysm.

Born in Utica on November 25, 1968, Donnie is the son of Nancy (Fuller) Witchley and the late Donald T. Witchley, Sr. He was raised and educated in Frankfort and was a 1986 graduate of Frankfort Schuyler Central High School. He continued his education at Utica College where he earned a degree in Graphic Design & Fine Arts. On August 20, 1994 he married the former Celeste M. Bossone and to this 13 year relationship came the blessing of 3 cherished children.

Donnie was the owner of Landworks Landscaping Company. Talented, creative, and with an eye for aesthetic detail, he was a perfectionist in his work. Motivated and energetic, he integrated his college training and his innate artistic ability which was evidenced in so many ways in his life, his work and his home. Light-spirited and sociable, he was the life of the party. He had a gourmet taste for food and could be considered a connoisseur of local specialties. He also had an appreciation of the outdoors and an affinity for the Adirondacks where he patronized the Wigwam and Daiker's Inn. Locally, he was first in line at Saranac Thursday, and looked forward to Tuesday night poker at Valley View with his buddies. He also had a passion for fishing, jet-skiing, snowmobiling, motorcycling, and a zeal for automobiles, which he enjoyed with his father and brother, and most recently with his son "D",

affirmed by the recent acquirement of his Mustang “race car”. As a sports enthusiast, he supported Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Notre Dame “Fighting Irish”. But above all else, Donnie loved being a dad, which was the greatest accomplishment of his life, and he was so proud of his children and spent countless hours playing catch with them. He was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Donnie is survived by his wife, Celeste; his daughters, Danielle Witchley, and Jessica Witchley; his son, Donald T. “D” Witchley III; his mother, Nancy Witchley of Frankfort; his brother and sister-in-law, David R. and Kimberly (Viti) Witchley of Whitesboro; his mother-in-law, Lillian Bossone; his in-laws, Anthony and Mary Bossone of Palm Harbor, FL, Linda O’Connor and Wink Doolittle of Kayuta Lake, Laurie Bossone, Carmen Jr. and Gina Bossone, all of Utica, and Carleen and Michael Jany of Chicago; his nieces and nephews, Tony and Amy Bossone, David and Dana Bossone, John O’Connor III, Carmen Bossone III, Samantha Bossone, and Michael Jany; his great-nephew, Anthony Bossone III; and his many cherished aunts, uncles, and cousins. Donnie had a great number of people he called his friends, but closest to his heart was the fellowship he shared with Dan DeLuke, Frank Scarchilli, Jim Scarchilli, Torre Viti, Paul Monescalchi, Rocky Zammiello, Anthony Monescalchi, Chris Pelli, Tony Esposito, Jimmy Caiola, Frank Caiola, Mike Entwistle, and John Randazzo. He was predeceased by his grandparents; his father-in-law, Carmen A. Bossone, Sr.; and his cousin, Tommy Petronio, with whom he shared a special friendship.

The family extends sincere thanks to Mark and Karen Steckler, neighbors and friends who rendered such comfort to Donnie’s family during his untimely passing.

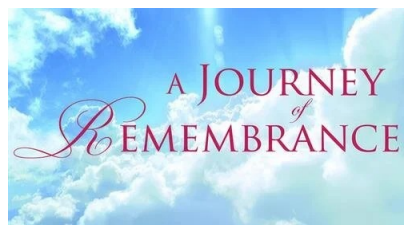
Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit

floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Donnie's honor to the family, enabling them to establish a scholarship fund for his children; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Donnie's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

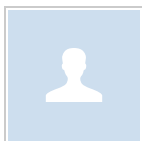
# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald T. Witchley, Jr.

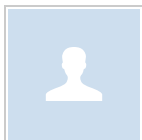


Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Lessie, Dan, Jessie, & D.....Just wanted you to know that I have been thinking of you, and especially Donnie all day today. Hope you guys cracked open a can of Old Milwaukie and celebrated for him the way he would have wanted. Wish I could have been there- know in spirit, I always am. Love, and miss you all. Happy 40th Donny  
!!!!!!##imported-begin##Michelle Elefante##imported-end##

November 25, 2008 at 09:48 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved Dad, Husband, Son and friend.

*I attended elementary school with Donnie, and had seen him only few times since. I remember him as a good friend with a great sense of humor and a very calm and comforting demeanor.*

*He touched us all with his kind attributes.##imported-begin##Sean Hart##imported-end##*

July 03, 2008 at 11:51 AM



“ I am shocked at the recent passing of Donny. I went to School and played baseball with him and remember him as a fun and easy to get along with friend. My condolences to the family and he will always be in my thoughts.

Patrick Paratore##imported-begin##Patrick Paratore##imported-end##

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July 02, 2008 at 01:48 PM



“ To Celeste & children & the Witchley family, I am terribly sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Denise Damanda Deline##imported-end##

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July 01, 2008 at 07:23 PM



“ To Nancy Witchley and Family,  
I went to High school with Donnie he was a wonderful person. I am deeply sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Francesca Bogdon ( Fran Criscione)##imported-end##

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July 01, 2008 at 06:15 PM



“ Dear Celeste, children, and families,  
My deepest sympathy sent to you for the loss of Don. Sorry I was unable to attend the services, was in Rochester at Strong Memorial Hospital. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Love to all, Cousin Cheryl##imported-begin##Cheryl Mond-Smith##imported-end##

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July 01, 2008 at 06:13 PM



“ *Celeste, children and all the family,  
I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your husband Don. Also, very  
sorry I was unable to attend, my daughter and I were in Rochester  
all afternoon at Strong Memorial Hospital. My granddaughter has to  
have surgery tomorrow. My love to all the family and may Don rest  
in peace. Cousin Cheryl###imported-begin##Cheryl Mond-  
Smith###imported-end##*

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July 01, 2008 at 02:17 PM



“ *Celeste, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers and sympathy to you  
and your family... Love Carla###imported-begin##Carla "Mondi"  
Kolwaite###imported-end##*

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July 01, 2008 at 12:37 PM



“ *David & Kim,  
We are very sorry to hear about your brother, and that we were  
unable to attend the services. You and your family are in our  
prayers.###imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Michael  
Chambrone###imported-end##*

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July 01, 2008 at 11:19 AM



“ *Dave & Kim, Mrs Witchley , Celeste & Family,*

*We are very sorry to hear about Donnie, your friends' thoughts are  
with you. God bless all of you during this difficult time.*

*Joe & Jami###imported-begin##Joe & Jami Palumbo###imported-  
end##*

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June 30, 2008 at 10:56 PM



“ I just wanted to say how incredibly sorry I am to hear of Donnie's passing. I have know Donnie since grade school but haven't seen him in many years. I can still remember his smile, his laugh and hear his voice. He was such a sweet guy. He will be missed. Our prayers are with all of his family.##imported-begin##Kim Rubin##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 10:29 PM



“ Aunt Celeste - Dana and I are deeply saddened for the loss of Uncle Donny. He was a great man and a wonderful father. He was always the life of the party and had a way of bringing laughter and smiles out of everyone. I can remember a few instances in my life where I laughed so hard it made my stomach hurt and each of those times Uncle Donny was there. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids. We love you all very much.##imported-begin##Dana and David Bossone##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 10:13 PM



“ Nancy, Celeste, and family,

We were so very sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time.

Brad Witchley & Kris##imported-begin##Bradford Witchley & Kris##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 07:53 PM



“ Dear Celeste,  
I realize how much you must be suffering from your loss. Donnie was a wonderful person, and well love by many. I truly believe Donnie has slipped into the next room; what you were to eachother, you still are and, someday, when God decides, you'll be together again. My prayers are with you and your children. We were all blessed to have known him. I am sorry I cannot be with you during your time of loss.  
Love, Deanna##imported-begin##Deanna Santino##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 07:49 PM



“ Donnie was an amazing man whose jokes always put a smile on my face and I will truly miss him and his smile.

*If tears could build a stairway  
and memories a lane,  
I'd walk right up to heaven  
and bring him home again.*

~anonymous~##imported-begin##Karin ##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 02:37 PM



“ Celeste and family - I am so sorry for the loss of your husband and father. Don was blessed with a beautiful family -I could always see how proud Don was of you and how much you meant to him. He definitely knew how to light up a room and make everyone laugh. Please know that I am here for you and will hold you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jamie Nicholas##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 01:25 PM



“ Celeste and family, I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Donnie could ALWAYS make me laugh!##imported-begin##Jeanna Heretz##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 10:18 AM



“ To the family of Don Witchley,  
I went to school with him and have many funny memories of him. Sounds like he still likes to be the life of the party. May god keep you and your children strong without him.##imported-begin##Melissa (Missy Ventura)Biamonte##imported-end##

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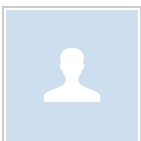
June 30, 2008 at 10:00 AM



“ Celeste, I was very sorry for your loss and my thoughts are with you and your children. I went to school and graduated with Don and haven't seen him in many years, but all of my memories of him are fun loving and always happy. Donny always knew how to have a good time. Again, my thoughts are with you. Megan##imported-begin##Megan Eichhorn##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 09:18 AM



“ Danielle, i'm so sorry about your dad. Reading the paragraph, he was a loving father to you, and your siblings. Donald T. Witchley, Jr. may Rest In Peace.##imported-begin##Alexa (friend of Danielle)##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 09:15 AM



“ JOE AND I FIRST MET DON WHEN HE WAS STARTING HIS BUSINESS . VERY IMPRESSIVE,KIND AND HARD WORKING YOUNG MAN.  
MAY YOU FIND CONSOLATION AND SOME COMFORT KNOWING OTHERS CARE.  
.GOD BLESS YOUO AND YOUR FAMILY.

JOE AND MADELINE HOBIKA##imported-begin##madeline hobika##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 08:21 AM



“ celest.I am so sorry for your loss.My thoughts and prayers are with you.christina##imported-begin##christina gillette##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 07:21 AM



“ Celeste and Family - I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and father. Donnie was always someone who had a huge smile on his face at every family event in Utica and a man who will be terribly missed. While I cannot be with you during this time, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time. Love always, Joseph Jr.##imported-begin##Joseph Morelle Jr##imported-end##

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June 30, 2008 at 02:37 AM



“ *Celeste and Children,*

*Surrounded with love, you will trust in the Lord,  
for he has blessed you, with many friends,  
and a wonderful, wonderful, family.##imported-begin##Kelly's Uncle  
Jeff, and Gramma Franz##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2008 at 02:11 AM



“ *Donnie,*

*Our years with you were cut short, but the memories of you will be  
in my heart forever. You were a loving and wonderful person. I'll  
never forget your smile and great sense of humor. I'll miss you & will  
always be thinking of you.*

*I love you,*

*Aunt Bon##imported-begin##Bonnie Yesrby##imported-end##*

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June 29, 2008 at 10:59 PM



“ *Both my wife & I send our deepest condolences to Don's family &  
friends during this time.##imported-begin##Chris & Bre'  
Giambrone##imported-end##*

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June 29, 2008 at 08:12 PM



“ I am very saddened by the news of Don passing. He came in to Dunkin Donuts everyday where I work and he was such a good guy, always happy and he was always a pleasure to talk to and joke around with. I'm gonna miss him coming in everyday. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Jeffrey Evans##imported-end##

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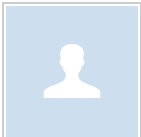
June 29, 2008 at 06:41 PM



“ ~Dear Danielle,  
Sorry to hear about your dad!! :( I hope you are okay! Take my email if you ever want to talk.  
Your Friend,  
Brooke Giglio :)##imported-begin##Brooke Giglio##imported-end##

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June 29, 2008 at 04:39 PM



“ Many hearts were broken the day the angels came to take Donnie to heaven. I know in my heart that his father and grandparents were there to greet him also.  
We are all going to miss his handsome smiling face and his unique way of looking at life. He will be in my heart and my prayers forever along with his family.  
Rest in peace.  
I love you.  
Aunt Deb.  
PS Give your dad a hug from me.##imported-begin##Deborah Monescalchi##imported-end##

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June 29, 2008 at 03:42 PM



“ *Donnie, I will miss your huge smile and kindness whenever I ran into you, all over Utica. When I see a mower like yours and you are not behind it I will say hi to you in my heart. Rest In Peace, Honey. Celeste, I am sorry for your loss but I am grateful to you that you brought him into our family. I am always here if you need me. I Love You and the Kids!!*

*xoxo*

*Love, Dana and The Girls.##imported-begin##Dana  
Todd##imported-end##*

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June 29, 2008 at 02:58 PM



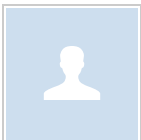
“ *We are so sorry about the loss of Donnie. We have so many good memories of him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. We will miss him very much.*

*Love,*

*Amy, Tony, & Baby Tony Bossone##imported-begin##Amy, Tony, &  
Baby Tony Bossone##imported-end##*

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June 29, 2008 at 02:43 PM



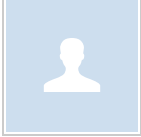
“ *We are so sorry about the loss of Donnie. We have so many good memories of him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. He will be missed very much.*

*Love,*

*Amy, Tony, & Baby Tony Bossone##imported-begin##Amy, Tony, &  
Baby Tony Bossone##imported-end##*

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June 29, 2008 at 02:42 PM



“ dear nancey, and family. i'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved son donnie. my thoughts and prayers are with ALL of you during this time of sorrow. if i could be there i would.but i will be there in spirit. take care and god bless you.##imported-begin##pam pipprd##imported-end##

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June 29, 2008 at 02:02 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss! He was a great and funny guy! My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Sincerely,

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(ex-girlfriend of Frank Caiola)##imported-begin##Geniene Hogan Rivera##imported-end##

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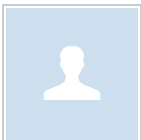
June 29, 2008 at 12:17 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear about don he was a good friend of mine i have known him for about 1 in a half now he was a good guy funny also.i am really going to miss him my heart goes out to his family and expecially his daughter.I will miss u don (dave) that was a name between us.##imported-begin##Sarah Lefevre##imported-end##

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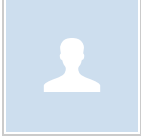
June 29, 2008 at 10:16 AM



“ Very sorry and sad over this terrible news. God bless your family and we will pray today for you  
Your neighbors.##imported-begin##Marchitelli's##imported-end##

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June 29, 2008 at 09:23 AM



“ Nancy, Celeste and family, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God Bless all of you especially the children. Mary Jo Arcuri##imported-begin##mary jo arcuri##imported-end##

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June 28, 2008 at 09:04 PM