



Don R. Pautke

February 27, 1942 - January 10, 2009

Mr. Don R. Pautke, age 66, of Utica, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center.

A friendly, kind, gentle, and loving man, he had a warm personality and an easy way of making friends. He was a sports enthusiast and a member of the North Utica American Legion Post #229.

Don is survived by his loving and devoted fiancée Kathy DePinto; his daughters, Valarie Bennett, and Dawn Christ, both of California; and his grandchildren, Timothy, Marcus, Brianna, and Ciara. He also leaves his friends, Mark, and Tom; and his faithful canine companion, Toby.

The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff of the 5th floor at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, Dr. Jerry Sloan, and Dr. Mario Carrillo for their care and compassion.

In keeping with Don's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Memorial Service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, memorial contributions in Don's honor may be made to The Family Place of the Family Nurturing Center of CNY; envelopes will be available at the service.

Tribute Wall



“ We are very sorry to hear the loss of our dear friend, Don. He was a wonderful man that put a smile on the children's faces. We will always remember the fun at Sylvan Beach and taking the kids to the car shows. We were very blessed to have known Don. You are in our hearts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jacquelyn Christian##imported-end##

January 18, 2009 at 07:45 PM



“ Kathy,

Robert and I have you in our thoughts at this very difficult time. May Don rest in peace. We are here if you need anything at all.##imported-begin##Alison Rowan ##imported-end##

January 14, 2009 at 08:24 AM



“ Kathy,

I am truly sorry for your loss. I know how much you are going to miss Don. You both are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sue Wells##imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 11:28 AM