



Mr. Eleuterio J. "Terry" Daniels

January 7, 1955 - June 7, 2023

UTICA- Mr. Eleuterio J. "Terry" Daniels peacefully passed from this life in the comfort of home and with his loving family surrounding him after a courageous battle with cancer, on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at the age of 68.

Terry was born in Utica on January 7, 1955, to the late Alfred M. and Mary R. (Assisi) Daniels. He attended St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Grammar School, Conkling Middle School, and was a 1974 graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. He was an outstanding athlete in the sports of baseball, football, and bowling. He participated in the NY State Legion Championship ~ hit "for the cycle." He was thankful for these many wonderful experiences and opportunities.

On August 17, 1979 Terry wed the former Susan A. Zwir. They were always in touch with each other's hearts. Family was paramount, and they shared great dedication to things that might have been obstacles. He was an amazing husband, dad, and poppy.

Terry was an accomplished wallpaperer, painter, and decorator. He had a knack for always choosing the right color for a particular job. He was blessed and proud to be an employee of the Oneida County HEAP program, where he met and helped many people along the way with great joy.

Terry had a special grin that would light up any room in a memorable way. He loved gossip—if you didn't want someone to know, you shouldn't let him know! He had no malice about it, but just liked sharing the interesting news. Through friendships, he began to appreciate camping. Terry and Sue customized their

camper and enjoyed this time spent together. They moved onto a larger model, and then onto a park model, and then the memories were added. Ta-Ga-Soke Campground in Blossvale was a favorite spot where they met a whole new “family.”

Terry was an avid golfer whose favorite courses included Stonebridge, where he was on the Goodfellow’s League, Valley View, McConnellsville, and Turning Stone. He was an excellent handicapper and he had several holes in one. Additionally, he loved bowling at Pin O Rama Lanes. He threw four 300’s games, and three 800’s series. His comradery, with all of the sports, was exceptionally special to him. Terry was great when it came to knowing numbers, he could calculate anything. Cruises were his go-to vacations; he was a great conversationalist and always made new friends. He loved the vast amount food and the entertainment. Sue and Terry took a memorable cruise to Aruba for their 30th wedding anniversary. They also enjoyed trips to Seneca Lake Wine Trail, and wineries; celebrating their anniversary in style! They also enjoyed attending the Glenora Jazz Festival. Terry was a caring man and an adoring husband.

He was the best Poppy; the sun rose and set around his favorite man. He had all the qualities to entertain him—Terry did anything Ben wanted him to do. He was the best pal, and Ben is left with a huge amount of memories. Terry was always drinking coffee and having a smoke. He was a slow-moving man because he was meticulous in all he engaged in.

Terry knew the Lord and when COVID prevented everyone from attending mass physically, he was present virtually. They as a couple shared in the sacred word.

Terry is survived by his beloved wife Sue, also known as “hon.” He will forever be remembered by his sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas “Tom” and Shelley Daniels, and Derek and Melissa (Cardillo) Daniels. He was the best buddy and Poppy to his grandson, Benjamin Richard Daniels. He is also survived by his nieces, nephews, and cousins, including Michael P. and Gayle E.

Taurisano, Eleuterio D. “Terry” and Barbara Taurisano, Philip P. and Kathleen

Taurisano with whom he shared a special bond, and Jean Rastani (and her late husband Thomas); and great-nieces and great-nephews. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Irene Zwir; and many of Sue's siblings and their families. Terry had so many wonderful friends, but his cousin Philip was his best friend and confidante. More close friends included Larry Desiato, Sr. and Larry Desiato, Jr., Jeff Daniels, Dawn Delmonte who was a great caregiver and navigator, and family friends Caprice, Lynn, John Talerico, and the Burline brothers. He was predeceased by his aunts and uncles, Attilio T. "Terry" and Josephine M. (Assisi) Napoli, Alfred R. and Philomena C. (Daniels) Taurisano, John Assisi, Frank Daniels, Enrico Daniels, and Jean Daniels; his cousins, Antionette "Toni" Napoli, Terrence S. Napoli, Alfred M. Taurisano, Denise Taurisano, and Sam Assisi; and his father-in-law, Adan Zwir.

Terry's family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Arul Kannon, Dr. John Kane (from Rosewell Park), and Dr. Atul Butala and his entire staff, especially Debbie Collins, RN, they all fulfilled the art of assisting Terry and his family through this most difficult time. Thanks is also extend to the staff of Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. for their perfect timing and immense compassion. Additionally, the family took comfort in the care rendered by members of the UPD especially Captain Taurisano, and the UFD and Paramedics. Gratitude is also extended to John Trapasso, and Jeff Foley for their friendship and care.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Terry's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay Street. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of the mass. For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed at <https://youtube.com/@st.maryofmountcarmelblesse1703>. In lieu of floral offerings, donations in Terry's honor may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. online at www.hospicecareinc.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUN **15**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay St
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Sue and family,
Please accept our deepest condolences on Terry's passing. We were so grateful to Terry and you for all the years of watching out for our Aunt Florence and being great neighbors to her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Mark Stormes and family

Mark Stormes - June 16, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ I had the pleasure of both partnering and playing against Terry since 2010. He was both an excellent partner and a worthy opponent. He is always so cheerful, and jokes around a lot in the spades lobby. Even though he seldom plays in the past year, I did have the opportunity to have him as a partner in a tournament. He definitely will be missed by his spades family. Susan (Noli)



Susan Smith - June 15, 2023 at 08:25 PM

BS

“ To the family of Terry Daniels: (TD). It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to have coached Terry in both football and baseball at Proctor. He was such a competitor and very instrumental as a team leader in helping me get the Proctor baseball program back on track to the success we had leading Proctor to its first Sectional Title ever. He was by far the best catcher in the area during his playing days. Our friendly relationship continued over the years and his work van was such a good site to see, every time he stopped in front of the house. His quality of work he did for me and the neighbors was second to none. Rest in peace my good friend and you will always be in my heart. Coach Sisti

Butch Sisti - June 15, 2023 at 09:20 AM

SD

Thank you for the kind words. He spoke of you often coach!

Sue Daniels - June 15, 2023 at 08:36 PM

CO

“ Carmen O lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eleuterio J. "Terry" Daniels



Carmen O - June 14, 2023 at 11:13 PM

CD

“ Sue and family I am so deeply sorry for your loss !! I've just learned of this today. I didn't know your husband but I know you and he had to be a wonderful guy to be your husband . I am so sorry. Thoughts and Prayers w you all. Cathy Drew 🙏🙏🙏🙏

cathy Drew - June 14, 2023 at 09:17 PM

SH

“ Terry was a great Spades player and will be greatly missed in Spades Friends! He lit up the room whenever he came to play and was a formidable opponent. He was kind to all and I enjoyed the opportunities I had to sit opposite him as his partner. You will be greatly missed, Terrydandaman!
Sfergy1209

sheryl - June 14, 2023 at 04:06 PM

MT

“ Ms Theresa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eleuterio J. "Terry" Daniels



Ms Theresa - June 14, 2023 at 02:13 PM

FS

“ I knew Terry through the HEAP program where I worked for three years. We were all a close knit group and most of us became good friends and colleagues. Our families go way back, my father Peter Saraceno was very fond of both Terry and Susan. My office was right next door to Terry's. When you work at HEAP on the computer , you need to concentrate so that you did not make a mistake. I was especially nervous about possibly making a mistake. I continuously went to Terry to ask questions about HEAP and I interrupted him a lot. He was ALWAYS gracious and kind and very helpful to me. We joked around every morning since he and I always came in way before starting time and he always made coffee where he shared with me. He was a kind and generous person . I will miss him! Rest in Peace Terry!
Frank "Bud" Saraceno

Frank Saraceno - June 14, 2023 at 01:45 PM

KS

“ HE WAS A GOOD GUY AND CO WORKER. HE HELPED THE ONES THAT NEEDED HELP AT WORK .HE WAS UPBEAT THRU IT ALL HE WAS GOING THRU. HE WAS GOOD AT TELLING STORYS ABOUT OLD FRIENDS. I WILL MISS HIM.

KEVIN STRAIL - June 14, 2023 at 08:45 AM

SD

Thank you for your kind words ❤️

Sue Daniels - June 14, 2023 at 11:17 AM

DL

“ Sue, Tom, Derek I am sorry for the passing of Terry. Always remember the times I visited you when I was in Utica at Christmas. Thank him very much for taking care of my Godson Tom and providing a wonderful life for you. May he rest in peace. I will be watching the service on YouTube.

David Lia - June 14, 2023 at 08:25 AM

SD

I love and miss you Dave!!

Sue Daniels - June 14, 2023 at 11:15 AM

WP

“ Terry, you will be sorely missed by all who knew you as a Spades player in Spade Friends for all these many years. RIP Bud. Your friend,, Wayne

Wayne Wright-Spades Player/Friend - June 13, 2023 at 10:08 PM

DR

*TERRY WE WILL MISS YOU IN OUR SPADES LOBBY AND WE WILL PLAY SPADES IN YOUR HONOR EVERY DAY N NIGHT RIP
terrydandaman*

Denise reedy - June 13, 2023 at 10:21 PM

SD

I just love this, thank you!

Sue Daniels - June 14, 2023 at 11:19 AM

SD

Thank you Wayne.

Sue Daniels - June 14, 2023 at 11:21 AM



Charlotte Webbe

Kia ora from New Zealand Lower Central North Island. Condolences to the family for the loss of terrydandaman - From Charlotte aka BaggyPants. Gaming online especially league play in a safe space is a celebration of global peace. We do notice when a nick drops off the tourneys. 'kua mate te Totara' - A great Tree in the Forest has fallen - indigenous New Zealand phrase.

Charlotte Webbe - June 23, 2023 at 03:43 AM

RE

“REMY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eleuterio J. "Terry" Daniels



REMY - June 13, 2023 at 09:26 PM

MG

“ So much love, so many laughs, lots of food & wine - holiday's. Tears of sadness, tears of joy, prayers & blessings from our Lord. Will miss you, our best man & friend. No shit, Joe! (LOL) See you in Heaven.

Uncle Todders & Aunt Mousy.

Marcie Guerriero - June 13, 2023 at 09:14 PM

SG

“ My sincere condolences Sue and family. Your in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of loss.

Sandra R George - June 12, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Eleuterio J. "Terry" Daniels.



June 11, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ Sue & family,
My heartfelt condolences to all of you. I met Terry many years ago while golfing and we hit it off instantly. We golfed many times and had some great golf trips to Savannah and Florida in the winter,,always smiling and never in a rush to do anything LOL Made us all laugh too.

Rest in peace my friend.

Tony Domanico

Tucson,AZ

Tony Domanico - June 11, 2023 at 01:02 PM

SD

Thank you for your kind words 💕💕

Sue Daniels - June 16, 2023 at 09:58 AM

DC

“ *Donna Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eleuterio J. "Terry" Daniels*



Donna Campbell - June 10, 2023 at 11:53 AM

SD

Thank you!

Sue Daniels - June 16, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Eleuterio J. "Terry" Daniels.*



June 09, 2023 at 06:29 PM

PN

“ *Patti Nitti lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eleuterio J. "Terry" Daniels*



Patti Nitti - June 09, 2023 at 05:01 PM

TM

Sue I am so sorry for your lost. My prayers go out to you and your family. Terry was such a nice person, always smiling and doing for others.

Toni Biancardi Murphy

Toni Murphy - June 09, 2023 at 09:51 PM

SD

Thank you, he loved you and so do I !

Sue Daniels - June 16, 2023 at 09:59 AM

CA

“ *So very sorry for the loss of Terry. I remember many years of bowling against him and sometimes with him at the Pin. May he rest in peace. Go throw some strikes up in heaven now Terry.*

Carlene Asselta - June 09, 2023 at 01:14 PM

SD

Thank you!

Sue Daniels - June 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM