



Erin Ann Brush

September 6, 1966 - September 15, 2006

Erin Ann Brush, age 40, of Utica, passed peacefully on Friday, September 15, 2006, at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center.

Born in Upland, California on September 6, 1966, Erin was the loving daughter of Edwin A. Brush, Sr. and Ellen (Elias) Brush. She was raised and educated in Scotia, NY and Niskayuna, NY. Upon moving to Utica, she attended Mohawk Valley Community College, and graduated with a degree in Substance Abuse Counseling. She then took a position at the college cafeteria as a cashier. As a loving, caring person, she often helped those in need, despite their circumstances. She was a great humanitarian and practiced charity and good will toward every fellow man. Erin was a free spirit who loved the Blues, tattoos, motorcycles, and her mission of providing support for anyone at any time it was needed.

Erin is survived by her longtime companion and soul mate, Gary Lee Petrie; her three loving sons, Duane, William, and Ira; her parents, Edwin, Sr. and Betty Brush of Homosassa, FL, and Ellen Brush and Jim Alfree of Scotia, NY; her grandmother, Kay Elias of Zephyr Hills, FL; her loving brother, Edwin "Eddie" Brush and his fiancée, Cindy Guadagno of Schenectady. Her extended family includes many aunts, uncles, and cousins, especially acknowledging her cousin, Mike Schwalbach. Also surviving are many dear and cherished friends. She was predeceased by a brother, Eric W. Brush, in 1985.

The family offers its deepest gratitude to the nurses and staff of the Faxton -

St. Lukes Healthcare Center ICU for the care and attention shown to Erin and her family.

Visitation will be held today (Thursday) from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Family and friends are invited to attend Erin's Celebration of Life, which will commence on Thursday at 7:00 p.m., at the conclusion of visitation. Please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Erin's honor to the Erin Ann Brush Memorial Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Inurnment will take place at the convenience of the family in Mountain View Cemetery, Cambridge, Vermont.

Tribute Wall



“ We miss Erin at work every day. Our prayers go out to her family.##imported-begin##John&Gloria Joyce##imported-end##

September 24, 2006 at 08:36 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy and prays are with you and your family.##imported-begin##carmine & carolyn guadagno##imported-end##

September 21, 2006 at 08:13 PM



“ Dear Erin,
You will always be in my heart and in my prayers. I know your journey to the other side was a peacefull one and we shall meet again.
With Love
Len##imported-begin##Len Mallozzi##imported-end##

September 21, 2006 at 02:38 PM



“ We were blessed with you for 40 years and we are grateful for that. You touched more lives in 40 years than most people could in 100. You will be dearly missed. We will carry on your spirit, your love, and your laughter. We will try to continue our own lives, yet carry on a part of your commitment to helping others. I already miss you so much. Please join Eric in heaven and save a spot for me, Mom, and Dad. Love you and God Bless You, your brother EDDIE##imported-begin##Eddie Brush (Brother)##imported-end##

September 21, 2006 at 08:39 AM



“ Erin will be greatly missed at MVCC she was always very cordial to the cuatomers.##imported-begin##John&Gloria Joyce##imported-end##

September 20, 2006 at 05:47 PM



“ Eddie, Ellen and Jim:
I've never understood why people say someone has passed on, as our loved ones never really leave us.
I hope that your grief will soften to sorrow and then someday all your fond memories of Erin will push aside your feelings of loss.
Your cousin
Bianco##imported-begin##Bianco##imported-end##

September 20, 2006 at 05:25 PM



“ Dear Erin, All the family will miss you greatly, hope you will continue to help others as you have before, one day we all will join you, until then my LOVE is with you. Love always, Nannie##imported-begin##Nannie (Kay Elias)##imported-end##

September 20, 2006 at 03:16 PM



“ To the family of Erin Ann Brush I wish to convey my deepest sorrow.##imported-begin##William Fagg##imported-end##

September 20, 2006 at 05:42 AM



“ Our dear Erin, you will be walking right beside the Lord but you will be with us always in our hearts, we will Love you forever
.*###imported-begin###Cathy and Larry Smallwood (Aunt and Uncle###imported-end###*

September 20, 2006 at 12:05 AM



“ You accepted me for who I am. You never judged me. Cuz I`m gonna miss you. I am so lucky to have a cousin like you. *cousin mike###imported-begin###michael t schwalbach###imported-end###*

September 19, 2006 at 08:18 PM



“ You will always be my princess. You will always be my Mitzy. May you rest in peace. I`ll see you on the other side. God Bless. Your Dad
###imported-begin###Edwin&Betty Brush###imported-end###

September 19, 2006 at 06:02 PM



“ Born September 6th 1966 in Upland, California, she was the loving daughter of Edwin A. Brush Sr. and Ellen Brush. She grew up in Scotia and Niskayuna and attended school in both places. She was a Girl Scout and always loved animals, flowers (especially morning glories and tiger lilies), and the outdoors. She later moved to Utica where she graduated from Mohawk Valley Community College with a degree in Substance Abuse Counseling. She then went to work at the College cafeteria as a cashier, but was seen by many of the students and staff as an unofficial guidance counselor and mentor. She loved to interact with people so she loved her job and rarely was absent. She was a longtime member of AA and currently held the position of secretary of her local group. She will be dearly missed by this group as she has helped so many people and asked for nothing in return. Her only reward was to see people improve their lives and that was all she wanted. She helped a lot of people in the group overcome their issues and encouraged these people to go to college or continue (or complete) their educational process. She actually considered this group to be a huge extended family. She never judged people and always accepted people the way they were. She was a loving, caring person who often helped those in need regardless of their past. She was a free spirit who loved: listening to the Blues, the art of tattoos, riding motorcycles, and providing support for anyone at anytime. She was a bundle of energy that loved to make people laugh and smile. She was a great humanitarian and loved all types of people. She would give all she had to help others even if it left her with nothing for herself. She was a giver, not a taker and because of that she was able to help so many people in so many ways.

Erin is survived by: her loving parents, Ellen (Jim Alfree) Brush of Scotia; Edwin (Betty) Brush Sr. of Homosassa, Florida; her loving brother, Edwin (Cindy Guadagno) Brush Jr. of Schenectady; her three loving sons: Duane Masters (Kentucky), William Masters (Utica), and Ira Huntington (Palatine Bridge); her Grandmother, Kay Elias of Zephyr Hills Florida; her Aunt Cathy and Uncle Larry Smallwood of Zephyr Hills, Florida; her Cousin, Michael

Schwalbach of Utica; her longtime boyfriend and soul-mate Gary Petrie of Utica; and several other Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins. Erin was predeceased by her brother; Eric W. Brush in 1985.

Funeral arrangements: Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South Street, Utica NY (315) 724-6714

It is the request of the family that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: The Erin Ann Brush Memorial Fund c/o Edwin A. Brush Jr. c/o Trustco Bank 1700 Union Street, Schenectady, NY 12309.##imported-begin##Edwin A Brush Jr##imported-end##

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