



Mr. George D. Derby, Jr.

August 15, 1951 - August 22, 2025

UTICA – Mr. George D. Derby Jr., age 74, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, August 22, 2025, in the comfort and dignity of his home.

Born in Pittsfield, MA, on August 15, 1951, George was the son of the late George D. Sr. and Dorothy (Gaylord) Derby. He was raised in Pittsfield and attended local schools there. In 1968, George enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving his country overseas during the Vietnam War.

George spent the majority of his career in the manufacturing industry, working for various companies including Rome Cable, Chicago Pneumatic, and General Electric Co. Most recently, he was employed by Pursuit Aerospace in Whitesboro, where he served as a supervisor on the production line.

Kind, caring, and empathetic, George was down-to-earth and hardworking. He found joy in life's simple pleasures—a bit of sunshine, a warm smile, or a good joke. In 1994, he began the cherished tradition of family getaways to their camp in Ohio, NY. Few moments were more meaningful to him than those spent around the campfire, surrounded by loved ones. When the weather didn't allow for a trip to camp, George could often be found trying his luck playing cards at the Turning Stone Casino.

George is survived by his children, Jay Derby, Todd Derby (his partner Moira

Chiusano), Heather Derby, Josh Derby (his wife Jessica Lemaire); as well as his beloved grandchildren, Ryan, Sophia, and Devin. He is also survived by his sister, Beverly Casella; his brother, Gaylord Derby and sister-in-law, Debbie; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; his longtime companion; and his two cats, whom he cherished.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. George's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 5:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will take place on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., in Bellevue Cemetery in Adams, MA.

Cemetery Details

Bellevue Cemetery

149 Bellevue Avenue
Adams, MA 01220

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
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Utica, NY 13501
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Funeral Service

AUG 27. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ I worked with George for many years, he was always very insightful about production and people .

Anthony Benincasa - September 02, 2025 at 04:32 PM

DP

“ I was proud to know and work with George for many years. Always kind, always a gentleman. Condolences to his family!

donna prentice - August 27, 2025 at 07:47 AM

KK

“ Kelly Derby Koch purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. George D. Derby, Jr..



Kelly Derby Koch - August 26, 2025 at 08:46 AM

BU

“ So sorry for your loss .was a nice man.Always made you laugh rest in peace

bunnyzim6@gmail.com - August 25, 2025 at 06:48 PM

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Gail greenleaf

bunnyzim6@gmail.com - August 25, 2025 at 06:48 PM

GG

Sorry for your loss god man Always made you laugh

gail greenleaf - August 27, 2025 at 07:42 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Smithson lit a candle in memory of Mr. George D. Derby, Jr.*



Sandra Smithson - August 25, 2025 at 06:17 PM

SS

“ *George was a kind person who always had a story that would make you smile. He will be missed. Don and Sandy Smithson.*

Sandra Smithson - August 25, 2025 at 06:16 PM

MM

“ *Lisa Aversa Fitzgerald, I am so sorry to hear of George's passing. He always treated me like a friend he had known forever. Sending thoughts & prayers to you ❤️*
Melanie Malorzo

Melanie Malorzo - August 25, 2025 at 12:22 PM