



Gerald A. "Pepe" Trotta III

May 17, 1969 - May 31, 2013

Gerald A. "Pepe" Trotta, III, age 44, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 31, 2013.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, Gerald was the son of Utica native, Gerald A. "Jerry" Trotta, II and Jean (Walter) Trotta.

Pepe was proficient and vivacious in his vocation in charge of a pit crew for Funny-Car Racing. He had a comprehensive knowledge of engines with an amazing understanding of their mechanisms and working parts. Professional racers looked to him for assessment and much-respected advice. He could decipher the internal workings of dirt bikes, motorcycles, or any other vehicle with an engine. Pepe possessed a charismatic personality, and people were attracted to his mind set and his desire to achieve peak performance at his post in the pit. He was blessed with manners, humility, and a drive to help anyone in need. He held the qualities one would look for in a best friend. He was also graced with a great smile and a handsome demeanor. Although God has him in his care and is keeping him safe, his loved ones have him in their hearts. He was especially proud that he strived to exceed the existing standards for speed in a race. He was also extremely disciplined and physically fit and was a semi-professional body builder. When he competed, he was just shy of national competition.

Pepe is survived by his father and best friend, Jerry Trotta, II; his step-mother, Bonnie Love; step-sister, who he loved and adored, Bridget and her husband Ed Bonanno; his step-brother, Nathan Kerrigan; his niece, aunts and uncles,

Marie Luce, Rita and Joseph Nitti, Jr., Vincent and Roz Trotta, and Frank N. and Gloria Trotta; and many cousins. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Jerry and Louise Trotta.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Pepe's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday evening, June 28th at 5:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Pepe loved working on cars! I use to live with him for 4 years and he was either in the garage or at 75 and 80 drag racing. I had a blast with Pepe. He made me feel like his little sister. He had a huge heart. I miss you very much. I hope you rest in peace. Love, Michelle*

Michelle Ray - November 24, 2013 at 04:00 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are still with you, Jerry and Bridget and the rest of your family. It was evident by the show of people at the memorial we had here in Gaithersburg, how much Pepe was loved. He will always have a special place in my heart. I love you Pepe and know you are finally at peace!*



Alison Tober - June 27, 2013 at 06:40 PM

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“ *You never forget your first love even if we were only 13 and dated for a year!! We lost contact for many years but so glad I found you again!! R.I.P my friend you will always have a place in my heart*

cathy - June 25, 2013 at 12:42 PM

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“ *Pepe: I have many fond memories of the times we played in the alley way and back yard at Nanny's house when you would come visit with Uncle Jerry and your dog Sam. I always felt so proud of you when Uncle Jerry would share the stories of your days competing in BMX races, building your cars and most especially, as you pursued and progressed through your bodybuilding career. A man with such great passion for the variety of hobbies and skills you possessed, yet someone who was so humble....that's what made you so unique and special. You've left a lasting impression on so, so many people who loved you Pepe! While you may not be here in person any longer, you will forever be in thought and spirit in my heart, mind and soul! May your soul rest in rest in peace. I love you! Your cousin, Gina Luce*



Gina Luce - June 23, 2013 at 11:50 PM