



Jeffrey J. Hack

January 6, 1969 - February 15, 2009

Mr. Jeffrey J. Hack, age 40, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 15, 2009 in the privacy of his home.

Born in Utica on January 6, 1969, Jeffrey is the son of Ingolf and Anna (Grzywacz) Hack. He was raised in North Utica where he attended Seymour Elementary School and graduated from New Hartford High School. He continued his education at SUNY Cobleskill where he earned an Associates degree in Landscape Architecture. He also received a degree at Syracuse University in the Environmental School of Forestry. He was currently enrolled at Mohawk Valley Community College in the nursing program.

At one time during his accomplished career Jeffrey operated a successful landscaping business in California. Those who knew and loved him will remember his outgoing personality, mellow nature, and contagious smile. He had an affinity for the outdoors, especially the ocean where he enjoyed sailing with his uncle. He was also an avid fisherman. He supported the Utica College Hockey team, and he took pride in his volunteer work at the Hilton Head Hospital and Animal Shelter.

Jeffrey is survived by his parents, Ingolf and Anna Hack, formerly of Hilton Head, SC, and currently of Clinton; his brother and sister-in-law, Ingolf C. and Caroline Hack of Clinton; his maternal and paternal grandmothers, Helgard Hack, and Emilia "Baba" Grzywacz; aunts and uncles, Alexandra and Dr. Nazzarola Hakim, Helmtrud Hack, Monica and Mark Polkosnik, Birchie Hutter, and John and Cheri Grzywacz; great-uncle, Chris and Betty Jo Hutter; nieces

and nephew, Jacqueline, Ashley, and Ian Hack; and cousins, Gregory, Darren, Tony, Lisa, Kristina, Susan, Julie, and Alicia. He was predeceased by his maternal and paternal grandfathers, Gustav Hack, and Boleslaw Grzywacz; uncle, Ray Hutter; and cousin, Michael Hutter.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Jeffrey's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday evening at 6:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Fr. Felix Colosimo officiating. Interment will take place at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

“ We were fortunate enough to live close to the Hack house during our families’ growing up years. The Hack home was the most inviting house you could ever know. Our son, close to Jeff’s age, was partially raised in the Hack household—his time spent there perhaps approaching time spent at home. And Jeff did likewise with us. I do feel, however, that we got the worst end of the deal. That feeling was unquestionably related to “Metal Man.”

Every day—for what seemed to be many years—Jeff would appear at our house, mid afternoon, to plan the strategy of the “surprise” attack on Metal Man (Jeff’s name for my husband) as he appeared at the door returning from work. The kids had no concept that a surprise attack was not a possibility with a routine so predicable. Hours were spent in the planning, watching and waiting.

When Metal Man appeared (with me hiding away upstairs) I knew it would go on until one of the three got hurt, fortunately never seriously. I never went down those stairs to witness this free-for-all as, believe me, the auditory experience was plenty enough. From what I could gather, Metal Man would thwart off the two challengers by slamming them on our decrepit sofas in the basement. How Metal Man managed to derive 1/3 of the injuries is still a mystery to me as he outweighed them by close to 160 lbs.

Even as an adult, whenever Jeff saw Metal Man, he addressed him as such. Good, old memories are ones that last and needed to be acknowledged by Jeff.

Our families remained close regardless of location. The night before Christmas Eve was our traditional, special night with the Hacks. One of my responsibilities was to make the notorious apple pie. It was a beautiful sight. The top crust always crowned high making it very appealing. Cut into that pie, however, and you would find the apples having settled in the cooking process to be only about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch high. Jeff’s response? Is this a joke? Where are the apples? Those pies collectively got dubbed affectionately by Jeff as, “Low

Boys.” As before, Jeff made reference to Low Boys often with that sparkle of mischievousness in his eye. I’ll repeat: Good, old memories are ones that last and needed to be acknowledged by Jeff.

And to this day any loaf of bread that doesn’t rise to the occasion in my house gets referred to by Jeff’s pie description of, Low Boy.

Jeff had a playfulness about him. But one sensed a deep respect for others, an appreciation for the beauty of nature and style and, of course, that love of fond, old memories of which I spoke. And that’s the way I choose to remember him.

Lois Cox - January 07, 2011 at 07:17 PM

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“ *Even though time has gone by, the things Jeff truly believed in, a friendly word and smile for everyone, helping others and giving back to the community are timeless. We could all make the world a better place by following Jeff’s simple ethos. In memoriam to Jeff, please take a moment to remember a moment (s) that he brought a smile to your face and pass that friendly sentiment on to others during your hectic days ahead.*

Ing - January 04, 2011 at 08:22 AM



“ Jeffrey came into our lives when he moved to San Diego several years ago. He rented a room from our daughter and he took on the role of big brother for our grand daughter Lindsey. He was such a sweet and gentle man and very creative. His profession, Landscape architecture, was a perfect calling for him. He beautified the world around him. I always hoped he would come back to San Diego one day. Good Bye, sweet Jeffrey. Love, Karin and Dieter Bethke (second cousins) San Diego###imported-begin##Karin and Dieter Bethke###imported-end##

April 01, 2009 at 05:11 PM



“ I miss Jeff terrible he w2as a great son,I was looking foreward to spend time with him here in Utica,playing pool,going to hockey games,maybe fishing which he liked so much or just hanging out together.We had some good times on Hilton Head he especially enjoyed the area.Jeff loved the beach and the local hangouts,he did volunteeer work in the local hospital and Humane society,one day he beought disabled tennis players who had enterd a tournament on Hilton Head to the house,he put the kayak in our pool and had the guys float around, they loved it.Jeff was a great guy to be with and have as a son and friend.I miss you Jeff###imported-begin##Ingolf Hack###imported-end##

March 31, 2009 at 04:28 PM



“ Jeff was such a good son.In all his life he never had a bad feeling or word towards me. I loved him so much and I miss him immnsely.###imported-begin##Anna Z. Hack, Jeff's Mom###imported-end##

March 27, 2009 at 09:35 PM



“ Dear Ingolf & Anna,

I was so sorry to read of the death of your son - though we have lost touched at times like this it is good to hear from people we once knew and enjoyed each other company. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Your upstairs neighbor in New York Mills##imported-begin##Annette Puleo Wilcox##imported-end##

February 23, 2009 at 12:41 PM



“ To the Hack family; Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of Jeffrey. We are so very sorry. Love Ursula & Ron##imported-begin##ursula and ron merhib##imported-end##

February 22, 2009 at 11:53 AM



“ I am also very sorry for the loss of Jeffrey to his parents, friends and anyone close to Jeff . I was very saddened to see his obituary in the paper.

I attended Seymour School with Jeff, and I sat next to him in the 5th grade, and I can still remember his face, short little hair cut and favorite little red and blue striped shirt. We had Mr Mower's class together and Jeff did have a contagious smile from early on and he was such a nice boy, he made my day sitting next to him!!! His parents raised a beautiful young boy and from his photo I see a handsome young man.

The last time I saw Jeff , years ago he was working cashing me out we said hello at a local Utica grocery store.

I will pray for his family and I just wanted to let them know how he touched my life, when I had some issues with that class, student , he always could make me laugh and smile. God Bless you all.

Melanie Beckwith-DeSantis##imported-begin##Melanie Lynn DeSantis##imported-end##

February 21, 2009 at 07:50 AM



“ Really sad to hear about Jeff. Deepest sympathies to the family.##imported-begin##Paolo Latella##imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 06:11 PM



“ To Ingolf and Hack Family,
Our deepest sympathies go out to you on this very sad day. Our prayers are with you!
Larry Klein and Family##imported-begin##Larry V Klein##imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 01:58 PM



“ Dear Ingoff and Anna : I was so sorry to read about the passing of Jeffrey. To lose someone so close is so hard, but a child is worst. I lost so many in my life time, and It never gets easier, just with prayers and faith, it helps me though it.. God Bless you and your family, and help you all get through this terrible time. He was so lucky, and he knew it, to have wonderful parents to always be by his side. God Bless you All. May he rest in peace.. Love Linda Sciortino###imported-begin##Linda Sciortino###imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 11:17 AM



“ Ingolf and family, very sorry to here of Jeff's passing. My thoughts are with you in this very sad situation.###imported-begin##Andy Artessa###imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 06:57 AM



“ Jeff will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies you his family and friends.###imported-begin##Daniel P. Casey###imported-end##

February 19, 2009 at 06:55 AM



“ Getting to spend time with my older cousin Jeff on trips to Utica were always a highlight of the holidays growing up. Riding his ATC, shooting pellet guns, going to the movies, playing video games, etc were all a blast. I still have the ATARI games and Legos he passed on to my brother and I twenty-something years ago!! His passing is a great tragedy and I offer my deepest sympathy. He will be missed.###imported-begin##Darren Grzywacz###imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 06:50 PM



“ He will be sadly missed!##imported-begin##Nina Caporale##imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 01:43 PM



“ We can't express in words our sorrow for Jeff's passing and we offer our most heartfelt condolences to all of Jeff's family. We were so very lucky to have Jeff stay with us in our home in Virginia on a few occasions. We would chat long into the evenings and we all so enjoyed his company. We will forever remember his smile, laugh, sound of his voice, and warm embrace. After our last visit, before Jeff drove to his next destination, I packed a cooler for him with lunch and dinner and a few added treats. When I handed it to him I told him I felt more like he was my brother, than a cousin. We will miss him so. May God bless Jeff and all his loving family. Keeping you in our hearts and prayers....Julie, Ed, Elizabeth and Catherine Belte##imported-begin##Julie Belte##imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 10:54 AM



“ Hack,

I can't believe it. It seems like yesterday that you were in San Diego. All the times growing up in New Hartford. Those were great memories. I want to keep it simple. I'll miss you but I will always remember the good times. God Bless your family in their time of need. If there is anything I can do please let me know. You will live on in the memories of people who knew you. Good Luck Old Friend, Take it Easy on the People Upstairs.##imported-begin##Louis Jweid##imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 10:35 AM



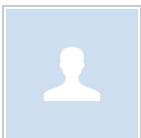
“ As a kid I always looked forward to seeing my cousin Jeff on family visits. Eight years older than me, I looked up to him as he defined “cool.” I’ll always remember the rides on the 3-wheeler ATV, wanting a weight-lifting bench like Jeff’s, his freak-of-nature goldfish, great sense of humor, voracious appetite, his inspiring architecture drawings and models, and waiting for him to get up so we could hang out more because he was out late with friends partying. My deepest sympathies to Aunt Anna, Uncle Ing, and Cousin Ing. I hope it can bring everyone some peace knowing that Jeff got more out of 40 years than most—and of course, that’s just cool.##imported-begin##Greg Grzywacz##imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 10:16 AM



“ To the Hack family, my sincere sympathy to your family on the loss of your son. It has been a long time when the Hack family lived next door to me and my family on Conkling Ave, but fond memories of the wonderful people you were. I met Jeff through a friend and was suprised to know he was the little child who used to come to visit his grandparents on Conkling Ave. May he rest in peace and my prayers go out to him and your family. God Bless all of you.##imported-begin##David Lee (Lia)##imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 09:34 AM



“ i am deeply saddened to see that jeff is gone.he will never be totally gone because i will always remember the fun times we had and our fishing trips.jeff has gone home and he is at peace.god bless the hack family and friends##imported-begin##joe weibel##imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 08:54 AM



“ Ingolf, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Bridgette & Billy##imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 08:14 AM



“ Jeff will be remembered with smiles and laughter !!! He will be truly missed!!! We all love you Jeff !! My deepest sympathies go to your family and friends.
Love Tricia##imported-begin##Tricia Monescalchi-Cater##imported-end##

February 17, 2009 at 07:01 PM



“ I feel deeply saddened by the death of Jeff. My prayers go out to the family##imported-begin##Debbie##imported-end##

February 17, 2009 at 04:41 PM