



Mr. Joseph Randy Astalfa

May 22, 2015

Mr. Joseph Randy Astalfa, age 29, after a courageous battle with Non-Hodgkin's Large B Cell Lymphoma, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2015 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family and close friends by his side,

Born in Utica on January 8, 1986, Joseph was the son of Randy and Joanne (Faubert) Astalfa. He was raised in Marcy and educated in Whitesboro. He continued his education at M.V.C.C. ascertaining Associate degrees in Theater and History. He was currently completing his Bachelor degree in Literature with Empire State College. Innately intelligent, Joe excelled in all his interests and impressed many with his insight and level of knowledge. His natural talent combined with his cinematic and theatrical training led to his co-ownership and operation of Apollodorus Films as well as his authorship of insightful and informative film reviews. Creative and productive with both the pen and the palette, many of his written works were publicized and he was currently working on the final edit to his novel. An accomplished artist, he was well known for his "Ragnar" renditions. He was a movie buff and a serious collector of both vintage and modern films and nostalgia. He had an impressive knowledge of the movie industry and was proud to be a fan of the film series Godzilla. He also loved to travel, especially to sci-fi and horror conventions. He was thrilled and enthralled to attend "G-Fest" and proud to have met the actors from the Godzilla franchise as well as members of the film crew. He was honored to be a part of the Q&A panel representing the

history of the film series. He valued his affiliation and amity with prominent cinematic artist, Bob Eggleton.

A brilliant, loving, and generous individual, Joe gave of himself to everyone who played a part in his life and he was selfless in putting the needs of others before his own. He especially enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping with his father. He was a special brother to his sister; they shared an unbreakable bond and they were best friends. He will be remembered and admired for the loving care he conveyed to those in his circle of life, especially his grandparents. Joe volunteered his time at the Center for Missing & Exploited Children and was a parishioner of St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church.

Joseph is survived by his parents, Randy Joseph and Joanne Mary Astalfa of Marcy. Joe shared a special loving relationship with his mother and looked to her for strength, courage, and the comfort of her nursing skills. His mother will always remember her "Joey" as her big "Teddy Bear" and best friend. Joe will remain in the heart of his sister, Courtney Ann Astalfa formerly of Philadelphia, PA and currently of Utica; and his maternal grandmother, Suzanne Faubert. Also mourning his passing are his great-aunts, Margarite Frederick and her friend Nick, Natalie Czebieniak, Linda Trivieri, and Julia Spina; aunts and uncles, Stanley and Suzanne Faubert, John and Kim Faubert, and Edward and Julie Faubert; many cousins, especially acknowledging Michael, Samantha, Cheryl, Shaina, Christina, Ashley "Velcro", Vanessa, Nicky, Nina, Nancy, Paul, and their families, John Paul, Cole, Vincent, Gavin, and Rosalie; his best friends who he considers his brothers, Michael Ross, and Alex Stronach; his buddies, Al, Jason, Tony, Marvin, Greg, John, Mark, Jonathan, Chris, Tom, Barron, Kevin, T.J., Matt, Mike, Zach, and Josh; and his feline companions, Ripley and Jonesie. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Albert A. and Rose Marie Astalfa; maternal grandfather, Philip Faubert; and his lovable dragon, Rexanne Prickleaus.

The family extends sincere thanks to Dr. Samir Desai & Associates, Dr. Paul Barr, and Dr. Jonathan Friedberg and their staff at Strong Memorial Hospital; and the nurses and staff of the 6th Floor Oncology Unit at the Faxton-St.

Luke's Healthcare Center for the exceptional care and compassion provided to Joseph. The Astalfa family would also like to express appreciation to everyone at McQuade and Bannigan, and the Central New York Psychiatric Center for all their support and concern throughout the past 18 months. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 2:30-6:30 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Joseph's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Richard Dellos. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

US

“ Hey Joe sitting in the woods looking for deer could you push one my way :) another year of talking to you in the great outdoors some laughing mostly crying miss you so much was a devastating week losing you and Rosalie and on the day of your wake you in your coffin and Rosalie down stairs really sucked well back to hunting i guess i miss you so much would love to have my coffee drinking buddy back 🥺💔

Uncle stan - October 27, 2022 at 03:18 PM

JA

“ I was up all night Joey. I can't believe that it's been three years since we lost you, it seems like yesterday. We still struggle to get through each and every day without you. It's only through the grace of God that your father, sister & I can function at all. Loosing you left a tremendous emptiness in our lives. We continue to love & miss you immensely. The only thing that keeps me going is that one day I'll see you again & you'll give me a big Joey teddy bear hug & I'll never ever let go of you again. I love you, mom 🥺💔🥺💔

Joanne Astalfa - May 22, 2018 at 04:56 AM

SF

“ missing you big guy ,,holidays are coming and will have no one to talk to, just the nuts that are our family ,, miss our talks joe :)

stanley faubert - October 26, 2016 at 05:45 PM

SF

“ Miss you Joe , miss miss miss you :(wish you were back with us ,, miss your laugh , and the faces you made ,, miss us be us together ,,,, Love YOU ,, will be seeing you and we shall drink a couple gallons together :) oh and your mom kept the cat :(

stanley faubert - June 03, 2016 at 04:26 PM



“ Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Randy Astalfa.



June 18, 2015 at 08:44 AM

DO

“ In the photo album you'll see Joe at last year's G Fest c-chairing a collector's panel, off to the right. Little did anyone of us know. Far too young and tragic.

Doug Pelton

doug - June 03, 2015 at 10:33 AM

DO

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Doug - June 03, 2015 at 10:17 AM

DN

“ One of my last memories of Joe was having him as a last minute panel guest at G-Fest 2014 at the Kaiju Movie Poster Collectors Session. Joe had lent his German Destroy All Monsters Movie poster so it could be displayed. The panel guests were Ed Godziszewski Sean Linkenback Joe Astalfa and myself David Nunez. Here is a picture of the session at G-Fest. Joe was always a great friend !



David Nunez - June 03, 2015 at 01:29 AM



“ Arthur Francis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Randy Astalfa



Arthur Francis - May 31, 2015 at 09:04 PM

JO

“ Dear Joey, I miss everything about you every second of every day, especially your bear hugs and kisses. I'm so proud that you are my son. You are everything a mother could ask for, a true gift from God. The only thing that keeps me going is that I know we will be together again someday. I can't wait until we meet again. You'll always be my "baby boy", my big lovable "teddy bear", my very best friend. I love you more than life itself, Mom



Joanne - May 30, 2015 at 02:28 PM

JS

“ *The Dancers and Board of the Leatherstocking Ballet send their deepest sympathy to you. Joe's wonderful smile and theatrical spirit will never be forgotten.*

Jamie Sitera - May 28, 2015 at 07:19 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Randy Astalfa.*



May 27, 2015 at 02:38 PM

 Kat Mooney

“ *Our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Astalfa family. We are extremely sorry for your loss. - Love, Karen & Rich Mooney*

Kat Mooney - May 27, 2015 at 01:40 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Randy Astalfa.*



May 27, 2015 at 09:55 AM

MA

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Margaret Voce Papale*

Margaret - May 27, 2015 at 08:37 AM

JH

“ *Joanne my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficulty time. Remember the good times and know that he will always be at your side.*

Jane Helfert



Jane helfert - May 27, 2015 at 04:42 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Randy Astalfa.*



May 26, 2015 at 09:10 PM

MF

“ *Melanie Phillips And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Randy Astalfa*



Melanie Phillips and family - May 26, 2015 at 07:21 PM

MF

Though we were never close, Joe was always a gentleman to me in school. I remember how intelligent he was - even in elementary school. He had a very old and kind soul. Joe was a wonderful support to my sister during a very difficult time, and I'm so grateful to him for that. I'm sorry we aren't able to come down and show our support for the family in person, but I hope they know everyone is in my prayers. Much love to Joanne and Randy. You raised a wonderful son and we need more men like that in the world. Much love to Court. You are a beautiful person and I know Joe will watch over you.

Melanie Phillips and family - May 26, 2015 at 07:24 PM

SF

“ Joey, you were the brother I never had, you always watched over and protected all of us. I will forever miss your witty comebacks, your kind heart. Court, Randy and Joanne, our hearts break for you all. Joe was a wonderful man, and words can not express our sincere sorrow for you, we love you and are praying for you. God bless you!



Sara, Lily and Ball Family - May 26, 2015 at 03:25 PM

RF

“ Our condolences to Joey's family. If it wasn't for Joey, Adam would never have heard of Daredevil! He was a true gentleman. We'll never forget how he helped us pack the moving truck after Mom passed away. May he look down upon you and never leave your side. Much love, Regina, Dan, Adam and Michael Inserra Rose. xoxo



Regina Rose & family - May 26, 2015 at 02:48 PM

AD

“ Randy and Joanne thoughts and prayers to you and your daughter during this difficult time. His spirit and memories will help ease the pain and sorrow you are feeling.
AnnMarie Desantis

AnnMarie DeSantis - May 26, 2015 at 12:41 PM

RA

“ In loving memory of my son "Joey" I will miss the outdoor lifestyle you also loved. The hunting, fishing, and camping trips will not be the same without you. The loss of a best friend is never easy. Love Randy

Randy Astalfa - May 26, 2015 at 11:28 AM

SF

“ Joey will always miss you now and forever, will miss are long long talks , will miss you drinking all my coffee and taking all the pepper's out of sue's hot salad ,, and will miss never getting another picture of Ragnar and will miss never seeing again LOVE YOU your uncle stan :(



stanley faubert - May 26, 2015 at 10:53 AM

LP

“ There are no words to express how sorry we both are. Please know that we keep you in our prayers daily and we are here for you always. With Love, David & Lisa Philipson

Lisa Philipson - May 26, 2015 at 10:47 AM

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“ With love - The Nurse Administrators (CNYPC) purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mr. Joseph Randy Astalfa.



With love - The Nurse Administrators (CNYPC) - May 26, 2015 at 10:08 AM

KE

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We love you and we are here for you. Love Tony and Kelly Zalocha

Kelly - May 26, 2015 at 10:00 AM

MG

“ I am so very sorry to hear of this, Astalfa family. Please accept my deepest condolences. I shall say prayers for your son and also for all of your family.
MaryJo Gill

MaryJo Gill - May 26, 2015 at 08:24 AM

TH

“ Heartfelt condolences to your family on the passing of your beautiful son. Although I do not know your family personally, you were all so lovely and kind to my sister, Patricia Inserra and her daughters Gina and Angela. It is with love and sympathy that I send my deepest and sincerest condolences. May your sweet Joseph rest in peace.

Tina Inserra Harris

Tina Inserra Harris - May 26, 2015 at 07:47 AM

BP

“ Beth Pristera lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Randy Astalfa



Beth Pristera - May 26, 2015 at 03:13 AM