



Mr. Joseph T. "Joe" Sayles

October 15, 1957 - November 25, 2020

UTICA - Mr. Joseph T. "Joe" Sayles, age 63, went home to the Lord on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 in the comfort and dignity of his home. Born in Utica on October 15, 1957, Joseph was the son of Thomas W. "Tom" and the late Barbara A. (Carbone) Sayles. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1975 and continued his education at SUNY Broome Community College in Binghamton where he received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. On October 18, 1986 he married the former Sherry L. Dinneen with whom he shared 34 years of laughter and unconditional love! He affectionately called her "Sher Bear". They often took rides to their favorite places, listening to music during their journeys, and just enjoying each other's company.

Joe was currently working at ConMed Corporation where he made medical supplies as an engineer. As a dad, he was everything you could ask for. He was patient with his children when teaching them about life, and always reminded them to be true to themselves. He treated every accomplishment like it was the most exciting news he heard, often jumping for joy. He always found the positive in every situation, even at sporting events when he displayed good sportsmanship toward the winning team for playing fair and square, even if it was not his children's team! He was always in attendance at their volleyball and soccer games. As a grandpa, Joe watched his grandchildren play football, baseball, basketball, and perform taekwondo and dance. He felt joy in knowing the children were having fun and learning the

sport. As a practicing Catholic, Joe was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. He attended the annual parish bazaar and the celebration that honored St. Cosmas and St. Damian. He put his trust in the Lord and shared it very openly with his children. He prayed and taught them to believe in a Higher Being and that things would be okay as long as they had each other and their faith. As an outdoorsman, he enjoyed playing golf with his family and at his work affiliation tournaments. His love for the game inspired him to follow the rules, a guideline that was important to him. He also had the skill and patience to pursue hunting deer and small game during the seasons, at some of his favorite hunting spots. He was also an avid fisherman, especially at Alexandria Bay which was one of his favorite locations to cast a line. Joe loved to eat — just about anything, including pasta, grilled hamburgers, venison, and popcorn with extra butter. Every pizza establishment in town knew who he was for his love of their food. As a handy man around the house, Joe continuously embarked on new home improvement projects. He was a lighthearted jokester, who could brighten any room with a witty line. He loved music, often singing even when he didn't know the words or creating his own serenades for each of his family members. And only he could get away with that, ...because he was a "smooth operator".

But above all, as a dependable dad, Joe was always present for his kids in a time of need, with unconditional love. He was most proud of his children, who they became, and what they did with their lives, and he was equally grateful for the love and companionship of his wife. His dad was proud of how well-rounded he was and how he accomplished so many things so well!

Joseph is survived by his wife, Sherry; his children and their loves, Kristen Sayles, James and Carrie Sayles, and Melissa Sayles; grandchildren, Shianna, Danell, and Mia; and Vinnie; his father, Thomas; brother, Michael Sayles; uncles and aunts, Frank "Sonny" Carbone, James "Jim" Carbone, Linda Sypek, Frannie Carbone, Alice Spina, Sally and Terry Fike, Kathy and Albert Evans, and Darlene Sayles; great-aunt, Helen Carbone; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws, Cheryl Dinneen,

Michelle and Daniel Lesniak, and John Dinneen; and a multitude of East Utica buddies, ...and what more could a man want! He was predeceased by his uncles, Eugene J. "Gene" Carbone, and Nick A. Spina; aunts, Marcia Marie (Duda) Carbone, and Judith Carbone; great-uncle and great-aunt, George D. and Connie Sykes; and great-aunt, Mary Ellen Amarose.

The family will honor and commemorate Joe's life at a private time.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Joe's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary.

Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

Sherry by The Four Seasons

<https://youtu.be/7sJCYeG6be8>

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Joe was a very kind person I and my husband are sorry for your loss. Robert Hebert carole

Robert hebert - December 27, 2020 at 08:51 AM

KE

“ Joey was such a great family guy. His love for his wife,love for his children and grandchildren was epic. He was loved by all his family. We are going to miss him with all our hearts. Signed Aunt Kathy 🙏🙏

katherine evans - December 09, 2020 at 06:48 PM

AO

“ Deepest sympathies to the Sayles family. He was a great East Utica friend in our young days together playing ball and enjoying the carefree days of youth. I ran into him several times when out and about and at Church. It was always like simply picking up our friendship of years gone by. He was always positive, friendly and caring. He will be missed by many I am sure.
The true value of a mans worth is not but what he has,
but how much he is missed,
that would make Joe a billionaire.
Rest well my friend, till we all meet again.
Deepest sympathy, Al Orsino and family.

al orsino - December 08, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph T. "Joe" Sayles.*



December 05, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *Sherry and family my sympathy goes out to you all at this time. I've known Joe most of my life he grew up with my brother Charlie Ostrosky in east Utica. I have so many memories of Joe, I used to give him hair cuts when he came home from college so he could save money and needless to say I was no hairdresser! Rest In Peace until we all meet again, you will be missed by so many!*

Beverly Ostrosky Doolen - December 03, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Tommy and the Sayles family for your tragic loss. Sending prayers. John P. Gorea Sr.*

John P. Gorea Sr. - December 03, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ *Missing another childhood east Utica friend sympathies to Joe's family Virginia orsino boehlertt*

vboehlert - December 03, 2020 at 06:34 AM

MS

“ *Melissa Sayles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph T. "Joe" Sayles*



Melissa Sayles - December 02, 2020 at 10:58 PM

BS

“ *Sherry i am so sorry for your loss If there's anything I can do you know how to reach me Even just to talk. Always Bonny*



Bonny Sobel - December 02, 2020 at 11:46 AM

TS

“ *So very saddened to hear of Joe's passing. Truly a gentle soul and kind hearted person. I worked with Joe at ConMed for many years. He always had a smile on his face no matter what he was feeling. My condolences to his family. RIP Joe*



Teresa Schiavi - December 02, 2020 at 10:05 AM

JS

“ Dad,
You're always in our heart and mind. You taught us, no matter what, to be yourself. You were always smiling and brought smiles to the world. I thank you for the laughs. I thank you for all the life lessons. I thank you for bringing religion into my life. I thank you for showing me the importance of family. You taught us education and hard work is important. You stood up for me when it mattered most. I appreciate the world because of your guidance. I thank you so very much for our last conversation. A moment I will cherish forever. I will live my life with your continued direction. These moments in life are the hardest. I am grateful that I can still talk to you whenever I want and need. I love you.



James Sayles - December 01, 2020 at 04:40 PM

CR

“ My heart goes out to Sherry and Joe's entire family for this huge loss. I know each one of you will carry him in your hearts forever. He will be missed. Much love and prayers to you all.



Chris Reinhardt - December 01, 2020 at 03:25 PM

RS

“ Dear Sherry and family, we are so sorry for your loss of Joey. Will always remember his smile and kind words when I seen him at Barb and Tom,s house. May God Bless you and your family 🙏.Rest in peace Joey

Reg and Blanche Stockton - December 01, 2020 at 10:14 AM

JM

“ To Mike and to Joe’s family I just saw this and am in total shock and deeply sadden by this news . I will miss seeing you at St Anthony’s 10:30 mass. You will definitely be missed by all... Joe Mazzorana

Joseph Mazzorana - November 30, 2020 at 08:51 PM

DM

“ Michael, my heart breaks for you and your family. Joe will continue to watch over you from above. My sincerest condolences to you all.

Deborah Montero - November 30, 2020 at 07:36 PM

RD

“ I am so very sorry. I worked with Joe from the first day he started at Con Med. Always had such a laid back approach to things. R I P old coworker

Rusty Dellerba - November 30, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ Joe was a great man, and loved you all so much. Sending love and prayers for strength, and fly high Joe.



Maria Arrigo-sequin - November 30, 2020 at 07:25 PM

OG

“ *Mr. Sayles was such a joyful and funny guy. I'm so sorry for your loss. May his memory be a blessing to you all - love from the Giglio family.* ❤️❤️

Olivia Giglio - November 30, 2020 at 04:47 PM

PW

“ *Joe was such a kind man and He always had smile on his face*

Patricia Williams - November 30, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ *I am so so sorry for your loss. I wish I could be there to hug all of you and be there with you through this difficult time. Just know that Joe loved you all so very much and he knew you loved him. He will be dearly missed. Sending hugs and prayers!*

Love, Dan and Michelle Lesniak

Michelle Lesniak - November 30, 2020 at 03:52 PM



VM

“ *My heart goes out to the Sayles family .I was honored to have know Joe and his family . My condolences and blessings to you all love you all and praying for you all during this difficult time.God bless*

Vicki Mann - November 30, 2020 at 03:05 PM

GI

“ *Very sorry for your loss. The Szczygiel's*

Gina - November 30, 2020 at 02:22 PM

RB

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss.* ”



Rhonda Blackman - November 30, 2020 at 01:18 PM