



Mr. Lawrence V. "Larry" DePerno

December 20, 1955 - February 9, 2011

Mr. Lawrence V. "Larry" DePerno, age 55, husband of Oneida County Clerk Sandra J. DePerno, of Whitesboro, passed away on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center after a brief illness. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by the love and support of his family. Born in Utica on December 20, 1955, Lawrence was the son of the late Lawrence J. and Mary D. (Vendette) DePerno. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. As a young man, he was involved in the family concern, the Forest Hotel, located at Sylvan Beach. On May 26, 1976 he married his high school sweetheart, the former Sandra J. "Sandy" DeTraglia; together they shared a loving and devoted union of 34 years, blessed with beautiful memories and family life.

Larry worked as a bus operator with the Utica Transit Authority, currently Centro of Oneida, since February 1982. He was well-suited for his profession and through his occupation he made many lasting friendships. But his most precious treasure was the love he shared with his family and friends. He enjoyed hunting with his family, snowmobiling, boating, frequenting amusement parks with his children and grandchildren, and summers at the Saratoga Race Track. Larry served as union steward and was a member of the Accident Committee for UTA and Centro. He also participated in the Bus Rodeo for many years. He was a member of the Sons of Italy Lodge #2054 and a parishioner of The Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul's Church.

Larry is survived by his wife, Sandra J. "Sandy"; his daughter, Rachel A. DePerno-Gage and her husband Ron Gage, Jr. of Frankfort; his son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence C. and Kristen DePerno of Whitesboro; and his grandchildren, Dakota "Cody", Ronnie, and Connor, all of Frankfort; Lillian Diane, Antonia Maria, and Josephine Sarah, all of Whitesboro. He cherished in his heart the memory of his grandson, Michael John "Mikey" DePerno, who passed away on April 10, 2006. In addition, he leaves his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, father-in-law, E. Charles DeTraglia of Utica; in-laws, Charles and Carol DeTraglia, Michael and Natalie DeTraglia; aunts and uncles, Mary Buttita and Captain John and Mitsy DePerno; and his friends, Diane Abraham, and Phyllis and Tony "Red" Ricco. He was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Florence DeTraglia, who passed away on May 31, 2010.

The family expresses sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, especially the 6th floor and ICU, for their care and professionalism.

Visitation will be held Friday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Lawrence's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at The Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Thomas Durante. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Lawrence V. "Larry" DePerno



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Terry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lawrence V. "Larry" DePerno



Terry - October 20, 2021 at 11:44 PM

TE

“ I remember we were at the club. Boring afternoon. You did your magic, dancing and singing to the jukebox. Putting on a show for me . I looked at you with the awe and wonder of the amazed teenager that I was... I said, that day for the first time, your not just an act in the circus your the whole circus! Well you liked that cause you said it for the rest of your life. You made magic for everyone. Especially for your family. You were many things to me. The best being the big brother and teaching me about the magic in life. Thank you Lar. You are still missed by many.

Terry - October 20, 2021 at 11:42 PM

TB

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Terry Burton - April 11, 2011 at 11:18 AM

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Terry Burton - April 09, 2011 at 01:46 AM

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Terry - March 09, 2011 at 05:05 AM

BN

“ I wish to express my sorrow at the passing of Larry. I only knew him in passing since I am a daily passenger on the Utica buses. My prayers are with the family. Larry was always a driver who shared a smile and some good words. Rachel, you to I also know only as a passenger on the Utica bus. You were like your father in also sharing a smile and some good words. I also liked your wit. I only heard of Larry's death today. His life and light will live on and so will his spirit. Peace to the family. Bill N

Bill N - February 16, 2011 at 01:49 PM

BN

“ Bill N lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lawrence V. "Larry" DePerno



Bill N - February 16, 2011 at 01:42 PM



“Dad over the years you have been more than a father to me, you have been my best friend and co-worker. You have been by my side through the best times of my life the births of both my children, you taught me how to drive a car at the age of 12, snowmobiles and 4-wheelers, we hunted together, i could talk to you about everything, we even went shopping together, and then you were by my side for the tragedy, my son Mikey. You never once thought about yourself and how you felt inside instead you called me every morning and asked "kid how are you doing today? are you ok?". You always had to much pride sometimes to much to stop and tell anyone that you needed help or that you were sick. In thinking about you these last few days, we share alot of the same quatilies, Pride we both have a lot of it, Fault you are I are never wrong and will never admit to being wrong even if we are wrong, and last but biggest Temper can be controlled until we are wrong and dont want to admit to being wrong and then we are both toe to toe arguing cause one of us is actually right and we are not going to admit to the other that they are right. But no matter what it was you and I could always walk away laughing after all was said and done, not mad and finally say you were right but my way would have worked. Dad I am proud of everything you have taught me, I am a more responsible person, parent, and wife because of you. Traits that I hope to pass along to my children. I am and always will be proud of the memories I have of my father my DADDY! You will be missed by all, I Love You!

Rachel DePerno-Gage - February 13, 2011 at 10:03 AM



“ *From our childhood days at The Castle of Fun ~ "a barrel of laughs"!*

Our teen years at The Forest Hotel ~ The sound of your roaring mega fan on those hot summer nights from our room down the hall - the "green" room - no fan!

Those fabulous trips to Vegas with you & Sandy.. yes you were always lucky!

We will miss your visits at Captain John's..... endless laughs.. thanks cuz.

South camp will not be the same, that's what the Captain said this morning..your hunting buddy.... I will start writing more "permission slips" for Andy - just for you Larry!

Elaine DePerno-Brown - February 13, 2011 at 06:34 AM



“ *Larry always added a spark to our conferences. We will truly miss his energy and humor and sincerely offer our heartfelt condolences to Sandy and her family. You know our prayers are with you.*

*Sylvia M. Rowan, President
NYSACC*

Sylvia Rowan, Herkimer County Clerk - February 11, 2011 at 12:24 PM

KM

“ Dear Sandy,
Please except my heartfelt condolences at Larry's passing. We had so many fun times being together at conferences and gatherings. One of my fondest memories is having so much fun at Jamaica Me Crazy and realizing that Larry knew more about Saratoga than I did! His love for you was so apparent and we all enjoyed watching that. He will be missed. Hugs from Saratoga, Kathy Marchione

Kathy Marchione - February 11, 2011 at 10:57 AM

MA

“ Mark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lawrence V. "Larry" DePerno



Mark - February 11, 2011 at 04:27 AM

RL

“ We have known Larry for over 20 years. He has been a great person to myself,my children and just in the past few years...my grandchildren. My daughter even named a fish after him years ago..he was big and gold...just like Larry the bus driver. We are very sad and will never forget him or his kindness over all these years.
Rest in Peace Larry.

Raylene,Samantha Candace Lubey - February 10, 2011 at 07:27 PM

CA

Amen still thinking of you!

Candace - November 02, 2015 at 09:53 AM

RS

“ My prayers and thoughts go out to Larry and his family he was a great guy and always made people laugh especailly on his bus he always made peoples day he will truly be missed by all that new himRIP Larry you will be missed

ROBBIE SEYMOUR - February 10, 2011 at 05:33 PM

TH

“ My heart goes out to the family. Larry was a good man and my favorite bus driver. He always made people laugh on the bus he was so funny. Larry you will be miss

Thomas Horning - February 10, 2011 at 05:22 PM

JD

“ A memory from cousin Joni: When we were quite young ramming the halls of the Forest Hotel, Larry, trying to impress his young cousins, lit a firecracker indoors. When he remembered that his Dad was napping in the next room, he tried to blow it out and it blew up in his face! Luckily he wasn't hurt, at least not until we heard the roar next door. As my sisters and I snuck out of sight, Larry Sr. went running after Larry with the broom. It was not the first or last time he got in trouble for his gags, but one thing was certain: when Larry was around we sure did laugh!! And, who didn't love that goofy smile!!

Joni DePerno-Zahas - February 10, 2011 at 04:11 PM

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Terry - February 10, 2011 at 10:57 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Larry



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“ Lisa K lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lawrence V. "Larry" DePerno



lisa k - February 10, 2011 at 10:21 AM

EC

“ Erin Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lawrence V. "Larry" DePerno



Erin Carter - February 10, 2011 at 09:26 AM