



Mr. Ralph B. Filkins

January 26, 1948 - February 26, 2018

UTICA - Mr. Ralph B. Filkins, age 70, “got his wings” on Monday, February 26, 2018 when he passed away at the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center with those he loved most in his heart.

Ralph was born in Utica on January 26, 1948, he was a caring and selfless man blessed with friends who became his family. They marveled at his preference for strong coffee that tasted “like mud” and enhanced with extra sugar. And he loved that coffee, followed by a full-flavored cigarette. Things were not always easy for Ralph but he managed to rise above it and enjoy the simple things in life. He loved to shovel snow and help his neighbors in any way he could. The highlight of his days was playing the lottery — scratch-offs, especially Lucky 7’s and Loose Change. He simply loved the excitement. He was a huge Elvis Presley fan and had a collection of his memorabilia. He also had a passion for animals, and they knew his kindness and love. Ralph knew that when his time to cross over came, he would know the joys and goodness of the Lord.

The family is grateful to the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center 6th Floor staff, especially Jenny, whose compassionate heart was such a comfort. May she be blessed for her humanity; and the kindness of the Hospice & Palliative Care staff who tended to Ralph during his final days.

Ralph’s life will be honored and commemorated at a private time. His remains will be inurned and he will be remembered and continuously under the care of his beloved family.

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES OF JESUS

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Gospel of St. Matthew 5:3-10

Tribute Wall

KP

“ Hi Ralph this is Rosemarie sister katie we all are going to miss you so may you rest in peace okay Love you like a Brother and an uncle.



Karhryn pike - March 06, 2018 at 09:19 AM

MO

“ Hope you're finding your peace of mind Alice! Miss you buddy. Rest in peace my man.

Monch - March 01, 2018 at 09:39 PM

 Crystal Pike

“ I'm glad you was in our family for 23yrs ole man n every morning we all wake up n you had asked if any1 of us kids wanna play rummie with you n us kids was playing cards n not to mention those memories with us will stay for ever you will be missed by everyone gone but never forgotten :'(

Crystal Pike - March 01, 2018 at 05:19 PM

Amarie
Ya Heard

“ Hey Uncle Filkins. I am always going to remember how you were amazing and great to be with us for as long as you have. I am glad you have taught us all how to play cards....and always just knew we could never win against you. I am sorry that I was not close by when our fatherly God has brought you your wings. I will truly miss you to pieces and to me yournot gone you are still with us all each and everyday. I am glad that you were able to see my children grow as you watched us grow. Those are the memories that will always be with us all. I love you unk and until we meet again.....REST IN PARADISE!



Amarie Ya Heard - March 01, 2018 at 05:05 PM

RM

“ RoseMarie McFarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph B. Filkins



RoseMarie McFarland - March 01, 2018 at 04:42 PM

RM

“ You will be missed very much. I know there was crazy times with us. But you were always the living brother. I remember when you asked me if you could tell people that I was your sister. What an honor that was that you looked up to me to be your sister. Ralph there was never a day that I wasn't thankful for what you done for our family. You lived with us for over 23 years and all my children thought the world of you and they appreciated you then and now that you are a perfect angel we all appreciate everything about you just being in our life. LOVE YOU ALWAYS BRO! Tell all the other angels that we send our love and give our doggies kisses and hugs tell them we miss them as much as we miss you! Forever in our heart. Love always!!

RoseMarie McFarland - March 01, 2018 at 04:39 PM

KE

“ Linda~ what a beautiful tribute. Ralph was loved and earned his wings. So sorry! Love ~Maria.



Kelly - March 01, 2018 at 09:27 AM

KE

“ Family & friends, I'm very sorry for your loss. Ralph was an awesome person with a big ❤️ He will be missed dearly.



Kelly - February 28, 2018 at 08:42 PM

LI

“ I hold you close in my heart ❤️ you will always be remembered for the wonderful man you are. I miss you everyday. Enjoy your coffee and cigarettes anytime you can. I love you 💕💕



Linda - February 28, 2018 at 10:42 AM

KE

Written perfectly~

Kelly - February 28, 2018 at 08:47 PM



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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - February 27, 2018 at 03:08 PM