



Raymond D. Nelson

January 10, 1940 - March 27, 2010

Mr. Raymond D. Nelson, age 70, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the St. Luke's Home with the love and support of his family.

Born in Augusta, NY on January 10, 1940, Raymond was the son of the late Norman and Helen (Bills) Nelson. He was raised and educated in Richfield Springs. On September 23, 1961 he married the former Patricia E. Murphy with whom he shared 48 years; they loved each other and to this relationship came the blessing of their daughter.

Ray began his work career with the Joseph Valeriano Paving Company, held the position of supervisor with Murphy Paving, and later, established and operated the R & N Construction Company for many years. Lastly, he worked for the Observer-Dispatch as a route man. He was a hardworking man who put his heart and soul in his duties and responsibilities on the job. Ray was a good father who catered to the needs of his daughter; he was always there for his Renee and they shared a great admiration for each other. He was also a "gramp" who cherished his beloved grandchildren. A likeable man who was acquainted with and appreciated by many, he was a joker by character and jolly by nature, and had a knack of teasing in a jovial way. Family reunions and get-togethers were made enjoyable through the gathering of the "Nelson Clan". He pursued the sports of hunting, fishing, bowling, golfing, and he liked the excitement of horseracing.

Ray is survived by his wife, Patty; his daughter, Renee A. Nelson of Utica; and

the “sunshine of his life”, his grandchildren, Danielle C. Nelson, and Duamel R. DeTraglia. Survivors also include his sister and brother-in-law, Norma and George Picente of Utica; his brothers and sisters-in-law, William “Bill” and Gert Dinger of Ilion, and Nellis and Janice Nelson of Utica; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Evelyn Nelson, Georgia Nelson, Rose Nelson, and Jacqueline Cooper. He also shared a special friendship with Sam Ameduri. He was predeceased by his brothers, Robert L. Nelson, Sr., Wesley O. “Wes” Nelson, Ronald F. Nelson, Sr.; and his sister-in-law, Margaret A. “Peggy” and Daniel Guarno.

The family extends a special thank-you to the staff of the St. Luke’s Home, the Visiting Nurse Association, especially Mary Jo; and Jane Kulczycki, a family friend who shared much love and kindness with both Ray and Patty.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Raymond's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:30 at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond D. Nelson



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Patty, It's been a long time since I saw you last so not sure if you'd remember me. (Vera Vitale's friend that moved to Rochester) Back on Jay Street. Please except my deepest sympathy for you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Chris Conway - June 27, 2010 at 01:49 PM



“ *Pat, It has to be at least 40 years since I've seen either of you. But I do know the feeling of losing loved ones. Keep all the good memories alive and Ray will always be with you. Please accept our deepest condolences. Our prayers are with you..Gene & Val DiFondi###imported-begin##Gene DiFondi###imported-end##*

April 04, 2010 at 08:08 AM



“ Pat and family:

I am so sorry to hear about Ray. I did not know him well but Pat if you loved him he was special. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Remember you have a new angel in heaven watching over all of you.

I went to high school at UCA with you.

Anne Owen Mikalajunas##imported-begin##Anne Owen Mikalajunas##imported-end##

April 01, 2010 at 06:16 PM



“ Aunt Patty, Renee and Grandchildren - I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Ray's passing. Just know that he is at peace and with Uncle Ronnie and the rest of the "Nelson Clan" on the other side and some day we will all be together again. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I LOVE YOU !##imported-begin##Kathi Tamer##imported-end##

March 31, 2010 at 08:25 AM



“ Renee I'm so sorry for your loss, I know how close you and your father were, it's a void I'm sure no one can begin to imagine. HOId tight to all the wonderful memories you have of him.##imported-begin##Maryrose Percola Tucker##imported-end##

March 30, 2010 at 04:08 PM



“ Dear Patty, Renee and grandchildren,

My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of Ray. In these last few months when I saw him, he was always cheerful and always grateful.

I will miss his friendship and great sense of humor.

Love, Jane##imported-begin##Jane Kulczycki##imported-end##

March 30, 2010 at 01:10 PM



“ TO Renee and Family SO SORRY TO HEAR THAT YOUR FATHER HAS PASSED HE IS NOW ONE OF GODS ANGELS MAY HE REST IN PEACE RENEE IF U NEED ANYTHING PLEASE DONT HESTITATE TO CALL.##imported-begin##lisa klein##imported-end##

March 30, 2010 at 07:50 AM



“ Aunt Pat & Renee,

I'm so sorry about Uncle Ray. I can still see his smiling face like the picture in the paper. He's in heaven now and watching over all of us. God Bless you. I love you all.

Tracy Galimo##imported-begin##Tracy##imported-end##

March 30, 2010 at 07:38 AM



“ Renee and Patty,
I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. It's been many years, but I will never forget his great sense of humor and all the times he picked on me. (in fun of course) Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. *hugs*
Love,
Teresa###imported-begin##Teresa LaBarbera Murphy###imported-end##

March 29, 2010 at 08:09 PM



“ Renee & Patty, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ray. It's so hard when the passing of a great man is unexpected. You are both in my thoughts & prayers...###imported-begin##Liza (Jellencich) LaMay###imported-end##

March 29, 2010 at 03:34 PM



“ Dad, we have been through so much together. Both good and bad times, but always managed to get through them. i know that you are in Heaven smiling down watching mommy, your grandkids and me. please know that you where very loved and will be greatly missed, and forever in our hearts....until we are together again...RIP...I love you always###imported-begin##daughter###imported-end##

March 29, 2010 at 12:58 PM



“ Renne, and pat iam very sorry for yuor loss. as i know what it is like to loose a parent. If you need anything please let me know. For he was my uncle even know i am not in the family any more. He will be greatly missed###imported-begin##robin rotundo###imported-end##

March 29, 2010 at 09:09 AM