



Robert E. Fernicola

July 4, 1958 - July 22, 2009

Mr. Robert E. Fernicola, age 51, of North Utica, passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of his family.

Born in Utica on July 4, 1958, Robert is the son of Bernice (Rudolph) and the late Anthony Fernicola. Raised and educated in New Hartford, he was a 1976 graduate of New Hartford High School. He attended Herkimer County Community College where he earned his Associates degree, and then enrolled in SUNY Buffalo where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in science. He then pursued his graduate studies at Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where he was awarded his Masters degree in Business Administration. On September 9, 1983 he married the former Donna J. Burns with whom he shared 25 years in a blessed union.

Robert's family meant the world to him, and he was very protective of his loved ones. Throughout his illness, he maintained a very vibrant and sociable lifestyle. With strength of character and firmness in his beliefs, his personal faith was made stronger during his difficult days.

Robert is survived by his wife, Donna; his sons, Anthony Fernicola, and Jake Fernicola, both of Utica; and his mother, Bernice Fernicola. Survivors also include his sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Joel Ferree of Ripley, NY; his brother, Michael Fernicola of Utica; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Howard and Nancy Burns of New Hartford; and many dear and cherished friends.

The family is grateful to all the caregivers who attended to Robert throughout his illness with such care and compassion for him and his family.

Visitation will be held Friday (today) 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. Robert's graveside service will commence on Saturday morning at 10:00 at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Previous Events

Service

JUL **25**. 10:00 AM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ My deepest sympathy to the Fernicola family: Bernnice, Marilyn, Michael with Roberts passing.
Anthony and Maryann Spina
 Mooresville NC
 Also the Lovechios send you their love.##imported-begin##Anthony Spina Jr##imported-end##

July 31, 2009 at 10:22 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire Fernicola family. I have fond memories of when Robert and I went South in the winter to ride motocross. He was fun to be around and he always enjoyed himself.##imported-begin##Robert Cifonelli##imported-end##

July 25, 2009 at 04:19 PM



“ TO MY BEST FREIND. my deepest sympathy goes out to the fernicola family at such a difficult time.ROBERT was a wonderful man..I was blessed with alote of fun times and cherished memories from childhood to the day of his passing .his smile , laughter ,strength and wisdom will never be forgotten... REMEMBER he is now at peace.. I will miss you robert..rest in peace...till we meet again ... JERRY##imported-begin##JERRY ZENZILLO SR.##imported-end##

July 25, 2009 at 03:31 PM



“ sending our deepest sympathies to all of you at this very difficult time. Hoping that knowing he is at peace in a better place will comfort you. your fondest memories, family and friends will surround and you and lift you up keeping you close to him until you meet again.##imported-begin##charlie&susanclarke##imported-end##

July 24, 2009 at 02:20 PM



“ Dear Bernice & Marilyn,

My sincerest sympathy goes out to you both. I have fond memories of being a playmate of Robert's when my dad & I would visit your family. Such a long, long time ago, seems like only a few years.

Have faith in the Lord and allow your cherished memories help to ease your pain.

Rhonda (Bloom) Stone##imported-begin##Rhonda (Bloom) Stone##imported-end##

July 24, 2009 at 12:05 AM



“ My heart and prayers go out to all of you at this difficult time. He gave all of us alot of laughs. Remember him with a smile .He loved all of you very much.##imported-begin##Debbie Hajdasz##imported-end##

July 23, 2009 at 08:05 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Donna, Bernice and the children. I have many fun memories of Robert and I will miss him dearly. He never gave up on what he believed was injustice and I respected him for that.*

Rest in Peace, my friend!

Love, Alison##imported-begin##Alison J. Rowan##imported-end##

July 23, 2009 at 08:30 AM