

Mr. Rocco V. "Rock" DiPerna

October 16, 1952 - July 26, 2018

Rocco V. "Rock" DiPerna, age 65, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on October 16, 1952, Rocco was the son of the late Frank J. and Theresa M. (DeRusso) DiPerna. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. On April 21, 1996 he married the former Janet E. Pooley with whom he shared 22 years in a loving commitment blessed with many beautiful memories.

From 1978-2014 Rock was a familiar face to the many people he greeted in his position at Price Chopper. As patriarch and provider for his family, Rock loved spending time with his loved ones and enjoyed the comfort of his home. He was a real fan of Rock n' Roll music, especially the songs of Ricky Nelson, and of course, The Beatles.

Rocco is survived by his wife, Janet; mother-in-law, Rockatell M. Pooley whom he so lovingly cared for; in-laws, Diane and Glenn Trapp; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Marilyn DiPerna, Barbara and Stephen Gondek, Lucy and Robert Brodowski, and Ann and Dennis Scire; and his brother and sister-in-law, Robert Frank "Bob" and Susan DiPerna. He also leaves his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and his loving canine "babies" Spencer, Corky, and Harley. He was predeceased by his father-in-law, Charles E. "Chuck" Pooley.

In keeping with Rock's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and

friends are respectfully invited to attend a gathering to honor and celebrate Rocco's life which will be held at Club Monarch, 16 Erie Street, Yorkville, NY on Monday afternoon from 12-3. Inurnment will take place in Crown Hill Memorial Park at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Memorial Park

Paris Road
Clinton, NY
(315) 737-8008

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I remember my Uncle Rock so vividly, even though so much time has passed. I'll never forget the countless visits to Utica as a child, and each one gave me a chance to meet up with one of the kindest, most gentle souls I have ever known. My Uncle Rocky was always there for me at a time in my life when I needed a friend. He was a friend. He loved everyone, especially children. He always had the time, and a smile, for us. He always made me feel important. We liked to talk about wrestling and music, and oh dear how he could make me laugh! Few had the ability to make me laugh like he, but he could always follow it up with a story and some good company.

He wasn't just a man that did kind things. He was a kind man, and that trait was a part of everything he did in his life. With some people, kindness is an act. With my Uncle Rock...it was no act. It was him.

I will never forget him, and I will love him, and miss him, forever.

Christopher & Kathryn Brodowski

Christopher + Kathryn Brodowski - August 05, 2018 at 08:57 PM

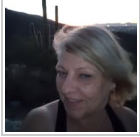
WF

“ Bobby and Family,
Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers for Rocco and your family.

Chief Mark Williams UPD

Inv William R. Williams UPD

Williams Family - July 31, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ *Mary Wisner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rocco V. "Rock" DiPerna*



Mary Wisner - July 31, 2018 at 08:19 AM

WE

“ *Rock was such an awesome guy. He was a great co-worker would go out of his way to help anyone who needed it. So sorry to hear of his passing. Praying for you and your family. Wendy (Gonsalves) Carney.*

Wendy - July 30, 2018 at 08:17 PM

GC

“ *Rock was so committed to family. We went way back in days . I remember wonderful times and respect for him and his family. Maybe RIP. All my love Gina Ficchi'Cates*

Gina Ficchi Cates - July 30, 2018 at 02:07 PM

PS

“ *Patricia Scalise lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rocco V. "Rock" DiPerna*



Patricia Scalise - July 30, 2018 at 12:24 PM

PP

My prayers are with your family sorry for your loss

Patty postal - July 30, 2018 at 12:54 PM

MV

*Our trips To Price Chopper were never the same after Rock retired,
now he flies & sings with the angels
RIP Rock & "Rock on"*

Marylou & Ricky Vellone - August 15, 2018 at 05:43 PM

PM

“ *Dear Janet, I am so sad. Rock was such a wonderful person to be
around. I loved his sense of humor and sincerity. Please know I am
praying for you and thinking about you.*

Pat Massie - July 30, 2018 at 12:07 PM

CK

“ *Anne and Dennis, So very sorry to
hear of Rock's passing. Thought and prayers are with you and your
family.
Caprice and John Kleaka*

Caprice Kleaka - July 30, 2018 at 09:42 AM

MS

“ *Mary Shulsky lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Rocco V. "Rock" DiPerna*



Mary Shulsky - July 29, 2018 at 07:48 PM

MS

Rest in peace Rock

Mary Shulsky - July 29, 2018 at 08:07 PM

EM

“ My dear Janet, I want to send my deepest condolences to you & your family. I know how special Rock was to you, and you both are dear friends that I thought about often. I'm so sorry for your loss, much love always.. -Evon Miller

Evon Miller - July 29, 2018 at 06:12 PM

DG

“ I am so very sorry for your loss..I was a year behind Rock in high school..and I ALWAYS saw him and his wife at Price Chopper. He was always so kind to my parents & grandmother...we all looked forward to his friendly & smiling face..Rock...I'm sure you have everyone in heaven smiling..you will be missed my friend..
Denise Pristera Giruzzi

Denise Giruzzi - July 29, 2018 at 05:33 PM

G)

“ I shared so many wonderful memories of my Uncle Rocky . Whatever it was singing The Beatles , Ricky Nelson, or Elvis Presley . He loved music and loved life and live life to the fullest . I love sitting on the porch just hanging out and talking listening to the radio . He made me into more of a big Beatles fan . He was proud of me . He was a funny Uncle . The cool, sweet Uncle. He was one in a million . He was important to our family . As I remember the happy memories of my awesome Uncle Rocky . , I know how very blessed to have been his niece for 43 wonderful happy years . He had such a big heart and always a smile on his face . His smile will brighten the world . You are in heaven now . Give Grandma Thresa and Poppy Frankie a hug from me . Thank yo for being such a great uncle to my sister Terri and me we miss you already we love yo a lot

Gina Gondek(Rocky niece)

Gina Gondek (Rocky niece) - July 29, 2018 at 01:42 PM

G)

“ I shared so many memories of my uncle Rocky . Whatever it was him singing Elvis Presley , The Beatles or Ricky Nelson .He loved music and loved life and lived life to the fullest . I love sitting on the front porch with him just talking . He made me loved the Beatles even more . He was proud of me . He was a funny Uncle and also the cool , fun uncle he was one in a million there will never be another uncle like my Uncle Rocky . He was so important to our family .As I rember the memories of my Uncle Rocky I will know how I was blessed to be his niece for 43 wonderful years and a great person with a heart as big as always . Me and my sister will miss him a lot .RIP Uncle Rock give Grand mom Thersa and Grandpop Frankie

Gina Gondek (Rocky niece) - July 29, 2018 at 01:30 PM

CF

“ Very saddened over the loss of Rock. He was a great neighbor and my husband will miss their conversations over Rock legends, especially the Allman Brothers. Rest in peace Rock.

Cathy and Lyndon Fox - July 29, 2018 at 05:13 AM

AS

“ My memories of my kind loving brother will always be cherished. We had many many road trips, picnics at my house or just visiting on South Street. Rock was a big part of my children's life so much so that he was with me at the hospital when I was in labor making me laugh so hard that I almost forgot my pains, and the bear hugs you would give mom and make her laugh so hard showed how much you loved her. You have always been and always be in my heart my thoughts and in my prayers Rest In Peace and I'm sure you will be watching over us all with mom and dad. All our love Ann & Dennis

Ann Scire - July 28, 2018 at 03:41 PM

DZ

“ Janet, Don and I are so sorry for your loss. We have wonderful Mohawk street memories of Rock. Whenever we saw him he would always bring a smile to our face. May he Rest In Peace.

don and donna zalatan - July 28, 2018 at 09:19 AM

DS

I spent my childhood growing up with uncle rock, I will never forget the memories I've shared with him on south st especially watching wrestling and listening to Ricky Nelson, and playing cards. I love you uncle rock you are always on my mind and I will miss you so very much.

denise scire - July 28, 2018 at 11:20 AM

LB

Janet, Thank you for taking such loving care of my baby brother, Rocco. I loved him dearly. How he loved you, your family, & his "canine kids." He was totally devoted to you & would do anything to make you happy. My brother was a kind, gentle man who drew people to him. I will always remember him as a loving brother who was oh so very funny. Rock could light up a room! Not too many people know how well he could carry a tune either, in fact, my father use to call him "Rocky Nelson." There will never be another angel like my brother Rocco. I feel certain that his beautiful soul must be in heaven with my mom & dad. Rest in peace baby brother & know I will never forget you. Rock, I miss you already. Love, Lucy, Bob, & Matthew

Lucy Brodowski - July 28, 2018 at 02:24 PM

CA

I had a lot of wonderful childhood memories with uncle Rocky . Whether it was listening to music upstairs, sitting on the porch talking, or going for a walk . He always made us laugh. He was the " cool " uncle. We enjoyed every minute with him . I miss him a lot . Rest In Peace uncle Rocky . Love you .

Carrie - July 29, 2018 at 07:36 AM

MC

Sorry to hear about the passing of Rocko . I will always remember our great times when we worked together. RIP my friend

matt and lana Chmielewski - July 29, 2018 at 07:41 AM

JD

Janet, May your memories bring you peace at this difficult time. Know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love Julie

julie doggett - July 29, 2018 at 10:17 AM

RP

Janet, I've never met a cuter couple than you and Rock. We're so sorry to hear of his passing! Remembering Rock back to Proctor High School, Class of '71 and all of the great years at Price Chopper! He was the greatest and will be remembered by so many people! ❤️ Dave and Robin

Robin Pendasulo - July 29, 2018 at 11:52 AM

BG

I will always remember having breakfast at Sunny's Restaurant on Mohawk St. Having fun watching him play cards with mom. I will always love him & remember listening to music & watching TV with him; RIP my brother.

Love, Marilyn

Barbara DiPerna Gondek - July 29, 2018 at 12:16 PM

BG

Janet, I will always remember watching TV & listening to music with Rock; especially Ricky Nelson, Kenny Rogers, & Elvis Presley music. I also remember how Nelson's Cassette tapes. We laughed a lot at holiday gatherings with him & everyone we knew always had a kind word to say about him. RIP my sweet Brother Rock My husband & kids & I will always think of him.

Barbara & Steve

Barbara DiPerna Gondek - July 29, 2018 at 12:22 PM

SS

Janet, Kevin, Alison and I are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts go out to you at this most difficult time.

Sue and Kevin Shanley - July 29, 2018 at 03:53 PM

BB

Janet, although you and Rock had been married 22 short years, Rock had been my brother-in-law for almost 46 years. The one thing that I remember most about Rock was his love for family and his sense of humor. And he was a loving husband to you. His sense of humor helped to brighten everyone's spirit all the time but especially at holidays. His sudden departure is still a shock and it will take a long time to get over. I will never forget the phone call that Lucy got telling her that Rock was gone! The healing hasn't started yet and may not for a while. However, Rock is at rest now and we wish him eternal peace. Love from Bob, Lucy and Matt.

Bob Brodowski - July 29, 2018 at 05:45 PM

MB

We love you Uncle Rock. Rest in peace.

Matt Brodowski - July 29, 2018 at 07:26 PM

CM

Janet, I'm so sorry to hear about Rock, lots of great memories, may be rest in peace.

Cheri Moskal - July 29, 2018 at 07:27 PM

TF

Rock was a real good man with a great sense of humor. Rest in peace.

Tom Ficarro - July 30, 2018 at 07:39 AM

SG

*Bob & Family, I'm sorry for your loss. May he RIP.
Steve Graham*

steve graham - July 30, 2018 at 04:03 PM

CS

Janet, So very sorry for your loss 😞 We have a lot of wonderful memories we shared at Genesee St. Price Chopper. Hugs and Prayers
❤️

Clor Stephens - August 01, 2018 at 03:33 PM