



Rocco J. "Rocky" Longo

July 2, 1969 - May 25, 2006

Mr. Rocco John "Rocky" Longo, age 36, a native Utican and of Frankfort, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 25, 2006 in Auburn Township, PA.

Born in Utica on July 2, 1969, Rocky was the son of John D. Longo, Sr. and the late Mary A. (Castelli) Longo. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School.

At one time Rocky was employed with the Northern Safety Co. where he worked in purchasing and product development. He was blessed with an exceptional memory which assisted him in initiating several business enterprises of his own. He was currently engaged in the operation of Blue Stone Quarries in Pennsylvania.

Rocky loved his family and cherished the time he spent with them. Because he was young at heart and "eternally a kid" himself, he especially enjoyed his nieces and nephews. In addition, his generosity and his kind heart won him many friends. As a person who valued the bonds of affection, respect, and understanding he shared with others, Rocky held his family relationships and friendships to be the most wonderful gifts. He also loved animals. All in all, "Rocky was Rocky," and anyone who truly knew him will have a special memory of him.

In his leisure time, Rocky enjoyed hunting, water skiing, boating, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling. He frequently indulged in these sports at a place he truly loved which was the family camp at Brantingham Lake. A special

accomplishment in his life, one which brought him great pride, was earning his pilot's license. He was a communicant of St. Agnes Church.

Rocky is survived by his father, John D. Longo, Sr.; Rocky's companion, Faith Higgins; 2 sisters and a brother-in-law, Donna Lee and Joseph Rivett, and Catherine Farr, all of Utica; and 4 brothers and sisters-in-law, John Jr. and Nancy Longo, Michael and Elaine Longo, Ronald and Sharon Longo, and Salvatore and Kathy Longo, all of Frankfort. He is also survived by his 17 nieces and nephews whom he cherished dearly, including Joey and Danny who will truly miss him because of the especially close bonds they shared with him. In addition, Rocky's survivors include his aunts and uncles, Josephine Kohl, Betty Zumbo, Florence and Edward Siemski, Salvatore and Anna Castelli, Robert and Connie Longo, Ronald and Sally Longo, and Anne and Donald Cowley. He also leaves a host of cousins. Throughout the years, Rocky was blessed with so many dear and wonderful friends that the list is too numerous to mention by name, but each and every one of them was a truly meaningful part of his life. He was predeceased by his beloved mother and "best friend," Mary Longo; and 2 brothers, Anthony F. "Butch" and Daniel Longo.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4-8 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Rocky's name to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Rocky's funeral will commence on Wednesday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in the Frankfort Center Cemetery.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 31. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church
700 Kossuth Ave
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rocco J. "Rocky" Longo*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - May 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donna Rivett lit a candle in memory of Rocco J. "Rocky" Longo*



Donna Rivett - May 20, 2016 at 06:53 AM



“ *Dear Rocky,
as I sit here on New Years Eve thinking of you,sad with the thought of bringing in 2012 without you.i want you to know you were like a kid brother to me, i think of you always and the thoughts of you do not fade as the years go by. you had so many great qualitys about you that you will never be forgotten, and will live forever in our hearts. please keep watching over all of us, as i'm sure you do everyday. just wanted to let you know how missed you are, love you rocky.
love sharon.*

sharon wright - December 31, 2011 at 03:13 PM



“ Dearest Rocky -

Please watch over your nephews Rocco John (Your namesake) and Kevin John Laraway-Rivett who were born and left us on August 20, 2009. You and Mom always loved children so much - please take them in your loving arms and watch over them until we meet again. I love you and miss you..... Donna##imported-begin##Donna Rivett##imported-end##

August 22, 2009 at 09:14 AM



“ THIS IS THE SECOND EASTER THAT YOU'VE BEEN GONE. AND ALL HEARTS ARE STILL BREAKING! WHEN FAMILY AND FRIEND TALK OF YOU ,WE ALL HAVE SMILES ON OUR FACES.WE LAUGH ABOUT THE THINGS THAT YOU DID, THAT WERE FUNNYAND WE STILL SEE YOU IN ALL DIFFERENT PLACES.IT'S STILL HARD TO BELIEVE YOUR GONE, UNTIL WE ALL MEET WITH YOU IN HEAVEN. I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW YOUR MISSED BY EVERYONE HERE!!!
LOVE SHARON (NANCY)##imported-begin##SHARON (NANCY)##imported-end##

March 21, 2008 at 12:08 PM



“ I was so sad to hear of Rocky's passing. He was a wonderful person who will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Marea (Tedesco) Spine##imported-end##

June 10, 2006 at 07:05 PM



“ I was saddened to learn of Rocky's passing. I knew Rocky during some of his time at Northern Safety, when I was working with Paul Castro of United Sales Associates. I was treated by all the Longos as family, and was invited to stay at the house, rather than in a hotel during my visits to the Utica area. I will never forget Rocky's enthusiasm for life. I send my best wishes and prayers to you all during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##ken vinikoff##imported-end##

June 05, 2006 at 12:07 PM



“ i am so sad and sorry to hear this news.....rocky was definately a great person and one of a kind!! my deepest sympathies to his family and friends.##imported-begin##erica bell-knapp##imported-end##

June 04, 2006 at 12:17 PM



“ I was so deeply saddened to hear about such a tragic loss of life, a loss to all. I Love you cuz. I will never forget you. God Bless##imported-begin##Janet Zumbo (Muter)##imported-end##

June 03, 2006 at 01:41 PM



“ Dear John, Donna, Cathy, John, Mike, Ronnie, Savy, Faith, and the entire Longo family,

We were so very, very sad to hear of Rocky's death. We will always remember Rocky from the time he was a baby here at Brantingham to more recent years of waterskiing and having fun. His kind heart and loving spirit always brought joy to our times with him. He will remain a part of this place and our fond memories. You have our deepest sympathy for your tragic loss.

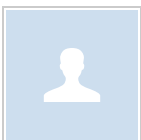
Love, David Leila & Kate Hamar###imported-begin##David, Leila And Kate Hamar###imported-end##

June 01, 2006 at 12:40 PM



“ I have many goals in life which I hope to achieve, but the newest and maybe the best, is to treat others the way Rocky treated me. He was a true friend who made everyone's life better just by knowing him, and a genuine person who we should all try to be more like.###imported-begin##Darin Brazie###imported-end##

June 01, 2006 at 06:21 AM



“ Rocky,
We will always remember the great times you brought to our lives. One thing that keeps us going is knowing you are in a better place with your mother and family. All our prays go out to you and your family, may everyone stay strong and may this bring us all a little closer.###imported-begin##John and Judy Gerardi and Family###imported-end##

May 31, 2006 at 08:45 PM



“ We will certainly miss his stopping and waving as he passed our camp in Brantingham. Always friendly and likable.##imported-begin##Everett and Kathy Brazie##imported-end##

May 31, 2006 at 05:34 PM



“ My friend Rocky, how easy you made life for me leaving my children with Elaine or Mary to watch. Michael wouldn't eat or Anthony would cry for Mommy and you would enter the room and make an immediate connection. Everyone knew how special you were, that certain "something" that just shown in your eyes. Thank you for just being you.##imported-begin##JoAnne Colenzo##imported-end##

May 31, 2006 at 04:11 PM



“ To a great neighbor who always remembered what he promised. Always with a big heart, to stop and say 'hello' just to see how things were going. Our son Andrew thought a lot of him and was ALWAYS excited to see him coming. He gave Andy a ride on the machinery one day and would think he gave him the world. Not to mention Andy's and Maddi's candy supply was always good. He was so sweet, our hearts go out to you in your time of need. He has a greater purpose now. Thanks Rocco, thanks for being 'around'##imported-begin##James, Jenna, Andrew and Madison Saylor##imported-end##

May 31, 2006 at 01:19 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. We did not know Rocco but our grandson Andy took his death very hard. We told him to look at the brightest star in the sky. He would be looking down on him. He was so good to those children. Andy is only ten we didn't know how else to explain it. I guess everybody loved Rocco.##imported-begin##Parents of Jennifer Saylor- Ed and Donna Davis##imported-end##

May 31, 2006 at 12:17 PM



“ My heart is heavy with sadness
May god bless you Rocky & your family##imported-begin##Gina Ionta##imported-end##

May 31, 2006 at 10:14 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to the Longo family. I'll always remember the bright, cheery face that used to come to Trail's End door in Brantingham looking for my sons and daughter to go boating. If they weren't home, Rocky would stay and visit with me. His kindness and warmth always brightened my day. His family and friends were certainly blessed with his presence. God bless you all now in your loss.##imported-begin##Priscilla Brazie Soden##imported-end##

May 30, 2006 at 09:11 PM



“ We are trully sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Mark and Terri Schmidt##imported-end##

May 30, 2006 at 06:50 PM



“ TO MR LONGO AND FAMILY,
THERE ARE NO WORDS THAT I COULD FIND TO TELL YOU
HOW SAD MY HEART FEELS RIGHT NOW, ROCKY WAS A PART
OF MY FAMILY AS WELL AND WILL FOREVER BE MISSED. I
WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE LOVE HE HAD FOR HIS FAMILY
AND FRIENDS,AND THE LOVE HE HAD FOR HIS DOGS & AND
HOW HE REFERRED TO HIMSELF AS GRANPA TO MY PUP,HE
WAS SO PROUD OF THAT, I AM SURE ROCKY HAS TAUGHT
ALL OF US THROUGH HIS LOVE AND KINDNESS,& WILL
FOREVER LIVE ON IN EACH OF US.
LOVE SHARON WRIGHT (NANCY) & FAMILY.##imported-
begin##SHARON WRIGHT##imported-end##

May 30, 2006 at 05:32 PM



“ Rocky was a great kid! He was a friend of my brother, Frank. They
grew up together from Kindergarten, with humble beginnings in east
Utica! I have memories of Rocky being at our house for birthday
parties & pool parties. After graduation from high school, Frank
went into the Air Force. Rocky would come by to visit my parents
while Frank was over seas. When my mother was ill with cancer,
Rocky came to visit her in the hospital with a grocery sack filled with
a wide variety of candy bars-he remembered how much she had
loved chocolate. When my mother passed, Rocky came to pay his
respect and offer comfort. I'm sure my mother was there to greet
him as he entered Heaven as she was fond of him, too. He will be
greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He was a wonderfl
person. May thoughts & memories of Rocky comfort all who mourn
his loss.##imported-begin##Annette Campese##imported-end##

May 30, 2006 at 01:22 PM



“ I will always remember the great times we had. You were a true friend in every sense of the word. May God bless you and the Longo family. Your Friend Forever Geoffrey.##imported-begin##Geoffrey A.Frattasio##imported-end##

May 30, 2006 at 11:32 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Longo Family. I will always remember the good times we had with Rocky at Brantingham Lake. We spent many years of boating and waterskiing together. He was a true friend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Scott Brazie and Family##imported-begin##Scott Brazie##imported-end##

May 30, 2006 at 09:25 AM



“ As the parent of a son who has cherished his friendship with "Rocky" since kindergarten, I offer my sincere and deep sympathies to all of his family.

"Rocky" was one of the most generous, sincere, gentle, helpful, respectful, polite young men I have ever known.

Our hearts are heavy with sadness and I will always remember his wonderful sense of humor and chats on the phone when he called for Joe and his visits to our home.

May Our Blessed Mother hold you in her arms, "Rocky" and give peace to your family through the mercy of her Beloved Son, Jesus.##imported-begin##Jeanne M. Arcuri##imported-end##

May 29, 2006 at 01:03 PM



“ I will always remember you as a loving nephew and one who was very close to his mother. You are gone now but you will always be remembered in our hearts. My only wish is that I could have spent more time with you.

I cannot imagine the loss of a son or a brother. My deepest sympathy to my brother and to all of your brothers and sisters and the rest of your family.##imported-begin##Ann Cowley##imported-end##

May 29, 2006 at 10:26 AM



“ our deepest sympathy##imported-begin##Joe and Denise Robinson and family##imported-end##

May 28, 2006 at 07:54 PM



“ *Our lives have forever changed...your smile, wisdom, love for life, and infectious laugh will be missed by all who knew you and loved you.##imported-begin##Renee S Geddes##imported-end##*

May 28, 2006 at 03:33 AM



“ *Sal, Kat, Candace and family*

Francesca and I are very, very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you at this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Michele DiNardi Fields##imported-end##

May 27, 2006 at 07:29 AM



“ *I Love you. I will miss you forever. You were a brother to me. David##imported-begin##David Longo##imported-end##*

May 27, 2006 at 05:43 AM