



Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr.

October 5, 1949 - September 12, 2016

Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr., age 66, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 12, 2016 with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on October 5, 1949, Stephen was the son of the late Stephen, Sr. and Bette (Coonradt) Hajdasz. He attended Utica Free Academy. At one time, he was married to the former Diana Yacco, to that union came the blessing of 7 children.

Stephen was down-to-earth in many ways. He enjoyed the simple things in life and he appreciated and avidly protected the natural beauty and resources of mother earth. His career with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) made it possible for him to pursue his passions in life. For 13 years, he worked as a Ranger at Nick's Lake, a place where peace prevails. He also held a position as a groundskeeper at Delta Lake prior to his retirement.

Stephen was a man for all seasons with a penchant for many pastimes. He was self-sufficient and resourceful, a Mr. MacGyver who solved problems with clever solutions and common items. He was inventive and creative, and he lived up to his motto of 'do it yourself, and get it done'! He had a great respect for cleanliness and he "decked the halls" during each holiday. His children fondly recall his love for large station wagons, the music of Conway Twitty on the radio while they took rides in the country. Family get-togethers especially camping at Alex Bay will remain memorable. He also was fascinated by games of chance, card games at home, and NASCAR; a fan of the Miami

Dolphins, and an avid outdoorsman; and he enjoyed playing many video games, especially NFL Madden. He loved singing karaoke, dancing at weddings, coffee, Old Gold cigarettes, liverwurst sandwiches, and galumpkis. In his own special way, he touched the hearts of his children and they will carry their own unique traits of their dad.

Stephen is survived by his children and their loves, Bill Hajdasz, Melanie Hajdasz, Stevie Hajdasz III, Amanda and Andy Melendez, Keith and Christina Hajdasz, Heather Hajdasz, and Scott Hajdasz and fiancée Kelly Madek; his grandchildren, Kayla, Jessica, and Shawna; Joshua, and Jonathan; Brianna, and Andrew; Angelina, and Audrina; Mitchell, and Kismet; Gage, Destiny, Mikenzee, Hailey, Kalianna, and Shyanne; his great-grandchild, Joshua "JJ"; and his siblings, Stephanie and Joseph Tanoury, Jerry and Dorothy Hajdasz, Charles Hajdasz, Timmy Hajdasz, Tommy Hajdasz, and Debra and Thomas Leone. He also leaves his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and his best buddy, Ray Holridge. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Hajdasz; and his sister-in-law, Lynn Hajdasz.

The family extends their appreciation to the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center physicians, nurses, and staff, especially the 2nd Floor of the ICU who were so supportive and generous of heart.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Stephen's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Rev. Abe Esper officiating the ceremony. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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eannacefh@roadrunner.com
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Funeral Service

SEP 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr..*



September 17, 2016 at 09:00 AM



“ *Diana Yacco Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr.*

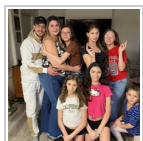


Diana Yacco Pierce - September 17, 2016 at 06:40 AM



My prayers are with you all and I am thankful I have all of you beautiful children. We had some fun camping trips.

Diana Yacco Pierce - September 17, 2016 at 06:42 AM



“ *Kelly Marek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr.*



Kelly Marek - September 16, 2016 at 05:57 PM



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Kelly Marek - September 16, 2016 at 05:53 PM



“ Kelly Marek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr.



Kelly Marek - September 16, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ We will always miss and love you Steve may you RIP



Tammy Lynn - September 16, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ Tammy Lynn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr.



Tammy Lynn - September 16, 2016 at 02:07 PM

AM

“ Amanda lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr.



Amanda - September 15, 2016 at 09:41 PM

DF

“ Dawn Fitzgerald sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr.



Dawn Fitzgerald - September 15, 2016 at 01:04 PM

DH

“ I remember all the fun times up at Nicks Lake. All the Times April would sneak up & scare him while he was on patrol. Had a lot of fun & laughs up there. My heart goes out to his children at this difficult time. Our prayers & thoughts are with you all. Love you's.

Dorothy Hajdasz - September 15, 2016 at 06:33 AM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr..



September 14, 2016 at 07:28 PM

DI

“ I don' know what to say but love you all and it's very hard losing a parent. My fondest memories are when you kids were growing up and all the birthdays holidau are in our prayers always Love to you all

debbie and jack ingersoll - September 14, 2016 at 02:02 PM

RY

“ Raymond & Lise Yacco lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr.



Raymond & Lise Yacco - September 14, 2016 at 01:58 PM

RH

“ Rick Horstman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen S. Hajdasz, Jr.



rick horstman - September 14, 2016 at 12:09 PM