



Stephen J. "Steve" Wameling

September 21, 2008

Mr. Stephen J. "Steve" Wameling, age 58, of North Utica, passed away unexpectedly in the comfort of his home on Sunday, September 21, 2008. Born in Utica on September 16, 1950, Stephen is the son of Helen (Burns) Wameling and the late Joseph Wameling. He was raised and educated in Utica and was a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame High School. Upon graduation he entered the U. S. Army, proudly serving his country during the Vietnam War. He received numerous citations and commendations for valor among other honors, especially noting the Bronze Star, N.Y. State Conspicuous Service Cross, and the Distinguished Service Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1971, and his patriotism prevailed as the basis for the loyalty and love he held for his country. On December 7, 1974 he married the former Susan Catinella with whom he shared 33 years; they loved each other throughout their relationship and focused on the well-being of their family. Steve was first employed at Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. until its closing. As a reservist with the U. S. Army, he obtained the position as unit administrator at Elihu Root Reserve Center on Burrstone Road. He subsequently worked for the U. S. Postal Service, where he began as a carrier and currently served as a clerk at the Pitcher St. Office. He was a member of the American Postal Workers Union, and the National Association of Letter Carriers. Steve was a joker at heart, and delivered his humor with great style, but he was serious about his support of the New York Yankees. After his time in the service, he always remembered his civic affiliations, and valued his memberships in the

American Legion #229, Knights of Columbus, Malfan-Jones Post of the Whitestown Veterans of Foreign Wars, past commander of the VFW Post #368, and Vietnam Veterans of America. Steve loved his home and attended to details to make it perfect, and he was meticulous in his work. He was so proud of his boys, and he honored the fine young men they have become. He held them to high standards and they respected him for that. He was also a passionate fisherman who frequented his favorite spots at West Winfield, Unadilla Forks, and West Canada Creek, especially with his sons.

Steve is survived by his wife, Susan; his sons, Stephen J. Wameling II of Utica, and Daniel J. "D.J." Wameling and Jacqueline Sessa of Roanoke, VA; and his mother, Helen Wameling of Utica. Survivors also include his brothers and sister-in-law, Michael and Sherry Wameling of Rome, Joseph Wameling of Whitesboro, and Peter Wameling of Rome; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, including Robert Catinella of Las Vegas. He was blessed with many friends, with special mention of Larry Williams, John Griffith, and James Caldwell. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Thomas and Mary Jane Wameling, John R. Wameling, and David Wameling.

Visitation will be held Wednesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The VFW Malfan-Jones Post #7393 will perform ritualistic services at 6:30 at the funeral home. Steve's funeral service will commence on Thursday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow in St. Agnes Cemetery graveside with Military Honors.

Tribute Wall



“ I wish I got meet you grandpa

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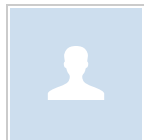
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“ To Helen & Family: Prayers/thoughts are w/you and always. I remember all the nice times through the years. My mother, Win, was very close to Joe/Helen for many years, having been brought up in Cornhill and attending DeSales on Eagle St. Thank you for your thoughtfulness through the time my mom moved w/me, Helen. Your cards, prayer messages and notes of love were much appreciated! I still have the letters and cards as notes of inspiration. Hope you get through this w/love and happy memories. Best, Gerald Plante, 227 Front St, Sch'dy, NY - 12305.##imported-begin##gerald plante##imported-end##

September 27, 2008 at 07:32 AM



“ Our prayers go out to the Wameling family. We are so very sorry for your loss, and we can't imagine how difficult this must be. Dan and Jackie, if you need anything please don't hesitate to ask us. We are again so very sorry. God bless Steve and the entire Wameling family.##imported-begin##Adrienne Campbell & Elliott Haase##imported-end##

September 25, 2008 at 02:06 PM



“ I was shocked to learn of Steve's passing. My prayers are with the Wameling family. Steve took over my position as the Unit Administrator when I moved on to the Post Office. Steve and I were in the same unit and enjoyed many great times together. I especially enjoyed the time we went to "Grace Land "from FT. Leonardwood. Steve purchase some dirt from "Grace Land "for his son (who was an Elvis fan),he took some ribbing about it but as usual Steve laughed the loudest! I will miss him!##imported-begin##MSG. Larry Zegarelli (Ret.)##imported-end##

September 24, 2008 at 08:38 PM



“ Dear Helen & Wameling Family:

My prayers are with you all during the painful period you are enduring. I cannot be with you good and kindly folks, whom I and my family have known well our entire lives -- 62 years! That's just us Plante and Wameling kids. My 88-year-old mom, Winnie Mitchell-Plante, has known Helen since they and her late husband Joe attended St. Francis de Sales School, graduating in 1938. Each of them grew up in the close-knit families that lived in the close-community of neighborhoods called Cornhill.

I recall many fond memories our families shared as we hung together through the early years of our lives in parochial school. We had fun! Our parents made our good times possible.

Now, while we have grown through life's inevitable challenges through the past many years, we share in your sorrow. Helen has strongly lived through the passing of three sons. That cross alone seems too heavy to carry. Yet I know her unwavering Faith will bring her and her family through the passing of Steve.

Remember that the death of Steve is not a "goodbye," but a "farewell." God bless you, Helen, and your family.

*Love & Peace Always,
Girard A. Plante, Newton, MA##imported-begin##Girard A.
Plante##imported-end##*

September 24, 2008 at 07:38 PM



“ I went to school with Stephen and John Wameling. I can't believe this. I am shocked first John and now Stephen. I am so very sorry for you loss. I will be praying for you all.##imported-begin##Barbara Cornell Duff##imported-end##

September 24, 2008 at 07:04 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of Steve's passing.

I saw Steve quite often walking in the morning while I was on my way to work. I always waved to him but I wasn't really sure if he knew who I was. I also admired the way he puttered around the house and took such good care of it!

I will miss seeing him.

Danny, Andrew especially asked me to give you his regards and sympathy.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Sincerely

Cathy Paciello##imported-begin##Cathy Paciello and Andrew Flood##imported-end##

September 24, 2008 at 01:51 PM



“ Wamer, you brought such light into our day anytime we saw you. Every time you came near our life got better, happier, fuller. You were a true blessing to all who knew you. You will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Mary Vivenzo##imported-end##

September 24, 2008 at 12:41 PM



“ *May God be with you in your time of need. Please call if you need anything at all.##imported-begin##Jonathon Parrotte & Family##imported-end##*

September 23, 2008 at 12:40 PM