



Mr. Wayne L. Sweet

September 30, 1949 - May 20, 2015

Mr. Wayne L. Sweet, age 65, passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side, after a valiant battle.

Born in Utica on September 30, 1949, Wayne was the son of the late Olive (Tuttle) Sweet. He also knew the love of his step-father, Raymond Wiegand, Jr. He was raised and educated in Utica. On September 1, 1989 he married the former Juliet M. "Julie" Basile with whom he shared 25 years. Their marriage vows were truly put to the test as they overcame a myriad of medical issues, but it was their love and commitment that kept things in a good place. In light of his passion for Harley Davidson motorcycles, Wayne got things rolling and opened his customized bike shop which operated for a number of years. He was also employed as a machinist at Bendix Corporation, the last position he held. He was an outdoorsman and he loved fishing, hunting, and camping along with the peace and solitude they brought. Family get-togethers were highlighted by his homemade sausage rolls and the spirit of his baking especially Christmas cookies that he made with his daughter. He was protective of his wife and children and strived for their well-being. As a dad, he was selfless and wanted to give his children the best life that they could have. The time he spent with them and the love he had for them was incredibly strong. His grandchildren were his pride and joy, and when he saw them, the sparkle in his eye was remarkable.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Julie; his son, Brian Sweet; his daughter, Caitlin

Sweet; his grandchildren, Henry Lee, Grady Ross, and Levi Brice; and his in-laws, including Mark Sinclair who was like a brother to him, and Chris and Renee Basile; his nieces, nephews, with special mention of Chris Basile Jr., great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was also blessed with some great friends, especially Freddy DeGiglio, and Tony Esper. He was predeceased by his brothers, Jay E. Sweet Jr., and Ronald Sweet; his sister, Joyce Sinclair; and his brother-in-law, Matt Basile.

The family is grateful to the physicians, nurses, and staff at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center who were exceptional in caring for Wayne; and the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. whose compassion and assistance made a world of difference.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Wayne's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial which will commence on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 at St. Peter's Church offered by Rev. David Orzel. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Church
422 Coventry Ave
Utica, Ny

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Jim & JoAnn Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne L. Sweet*



Jim & JoAnn Whitaker - May 29, 2015 at 08:43 AM

GC

“ *Julie and family we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Wayne. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. May God be with you and help you through. Sharon and Gary Carrock and family.*

Gary Carrock - May 28, 2015 at 08:32 PM

CD

“ *Brian , sorry to read of your Father's passing . Prayers for you and your family at this difficult time.*

Chet Dougherty - May 27, 2015 at 10:40 PM

CG

“ *Julie, so sorry to hear about Wayne's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ralh & Chris Graziano*

Chris Graziano - May 26, 2015 at 07:35 PM

SN

“ Wayne so glad for the memories we shared during little league Baseball N.Utica, Steve (Tman) was lucky to have you as a coach, Glad to say we were friends , Julie an family sorry for your loss Steve an Cindy Nicotera an family Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Steve nicotera - May 25, 2015 at 08:45 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne L. Sweet.



May 24, 2015 at 08:25 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne L. Sweet.



May 22, 2015 at 05:05 PM

CR

“ Julie I am so very sorry to hear about Wayne..I'm thinking of you and the family and pray that you get through this difficult time with the loving help and support of your family and friends. Love and hugs to you my friend!
Carol Reed


Carol Reed - May 22, 2015 at 10:11 AM

AL

“ HI JULIE,
VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS.
WISHING YOU WELL.
FROM AN OLD FRIEND,

ANGELO LATTUCA


ANGELO LATTUCA - May 22, 2015 at 09:57 AM

 Christine
Sweet-
Thomas

“ Christine Sweet-Thomas lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Wayne L. Sweet



Christine Sweet-Thomas - May 21, 2015 at 09:39 PM

 Christine
Sweet-
Thomas

“ 1 file added to the album Wayne



Christine Sweet-Thomas - May 21, 2015 at 09:38 PM

 Becca
Cuevas

Christine, thank you for adding this to the album ❤️

Becca Cuevas - May 25, 2015 at 02:12 AM