



Raymond W. Preston

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Raymond W. Preston, 47, of Cicero, passed away on Friday, April 8, 2011, at Washington Hospital Center, Washington D.C. with his loving wife by his side. Raymond was employed by Camping World RV Sales. He enjoyed his service as a volunteer for the Liverpool Fire Department and worked as a North Syracuse Police officer. Raymond enjoyed gardening and cooking for family and friends and will be long remembered for his unique talent to make people laugh. He was predeceased by his father, Walter Preston in 1992. He is survived by his wife Doreen (Mazella) Preston, 2 sons Christopher R. and Anthony S. Preston of Cicero, his mother, Lucy (Rosati) Preston of North Syracuse; a brother, Robert Preston of Liverpool NY; sister Nina (Bill) Vanriper of Liverpool N.Y., aunts, uncles, 1 nephew, 2 nieces, several cousins and many dear friends. The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to all the teams of doctors, nurses and staff at Washington Hospital Center for their compassionate care during his 3 week stay. They also express gratitude to Father Olusola Adewole who became a good friend to Ray during their brief acquaintance. Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday at 8:30 A.M. in the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY and 9:30 A.M. in Sacred Heart Church, Cicero. Interment will follow in Assumption Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 4 to 7 P.M. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to friends of Ray Preston, in care of Fulton Savings Bank, 75 South First Street, Fulton, NY 13069.



Events

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Visitation

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

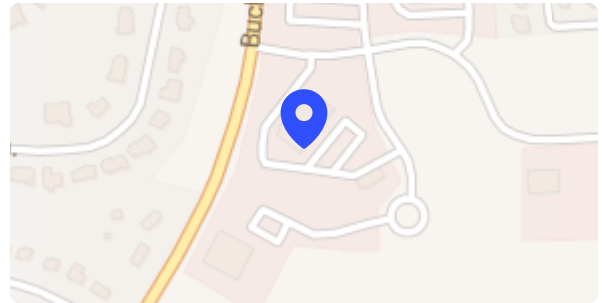


Service

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

8:30 AM ET

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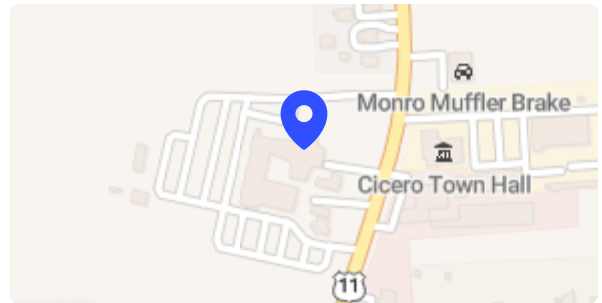


Funeral Mass

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

9:30 AM ET

Sacred Heart Church
8229 Brewerton Road, Cicero NY 13039

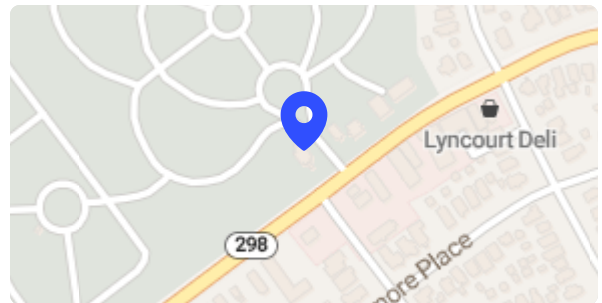


Interment

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

10:45 AM ET

Assumption Cemetery
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208







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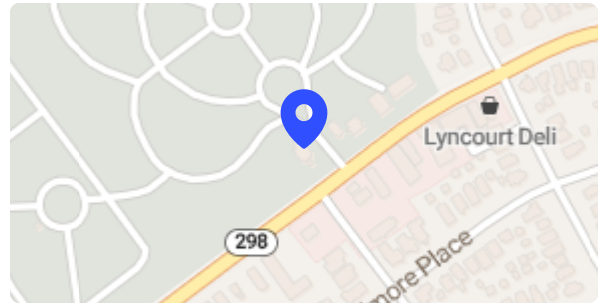
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Cemetery Details

 **Assumption Cemetery**
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208

 **454-3841**





Tribute Wall

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.

October 26 at 6:50 AM



Betsy Fiel sent a virtual gift in honor of Raymond.

April 17 at 6:37 PM



Laurie Yafchak sent a virtual gift in honor of Raymond.

April 13 at 7:38 AM



Laurie Yafchak lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

April 13 at 7:36 AM



Jennifer Kozlowski-George lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

April 12 at 5:24 PM



Edmund And Diane Bolster posted:

Sorry to hear about your loss, Ray was a neighbor and in our scout troop along with our son Steve, our prayers are with you Diane and Ed Bolster, Charlotte.NC

April 12 at 3:04 PM



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LN

Lori Drosi-Naum lit a candle in honor of Raymond.



April 12 at 1:29 PM

SB

Stephen Bolster posted:

Doreen and family I'm very sorry for your loss I also remember Ray and Rob skateboarding down the hill on midwood where we grew up. His son Chris also use to work for me cleaning cars when i had my own shop.I was very shocked when i raed it this morning you will be missed,Steve bolster

April 12 at 10:02 AM

KS

Kim Martin-Slaby lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

Doreen and Family,We am sorry to hear about Ray. He was a very special person and will certainly be missed. We will always remember hearing from my Mom how much she loved him and always got a big hug and kiss from him when he visited Lombardi's and family functions. He knew how to light up her eyes. May your memories help you and your family through this difficult time.Kim Martin-Slaby & Courtney



April 12 at 7:11 AM

RH

Ryan Heneka posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Ray was a great guy. It was a pleasure to Install his stamped concrete patio. He gave me great advise on my camper purchase and an Ice cold beer when the job was done. Thank you Ray! You will be missed.Ryan Heneka and crew

April 11 at 4:55 PM

SF

Steve Fiel posted:

It was great being your neighbor. We will always remember the block parties, clams, golden plunger and BBQs with Ray and the family. We had a lot of fun visiting everyone on our last trip to Syracuse. Ray was a great friend to all.Andy, Michele, Betsy and Steve FielSan Jose, CA

April 11 at 4:46 PM



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PD

Patrick A. Domaratz lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

As a friend from the old Liverpool neighborhood I'll remember Ray skateboarding in the middle of the street as if he owned it. He had a great spirit that was contagious. He will be missed. Pat Domaratz Rochester, NY

April 11 at 2:07 PM



DS

Dick Strom posted:

Doreen and family, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. Dick, Kathy, Michael and Patrick Strom

April 11 at 11:51 AM

DS

Dick Strom lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

April 11 at 11:43 AM



MM

Mattydale Fire Department, Mattydale, Ny lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

The Officers and Members of the Mattydale Fire Department join in extending Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your family at this Time of Sorrow.

April 11 at 10:18 AM



BM

Brian Maclaughlin posted:

Dear Rob and Family, My sincere condolences to you and yours on the loss of your brother. May he rest in peace. I'll pray for a smooth transition of acceptance his family now faces with his departure. During this difficult time may you find comfort in your memories. Brian MacLaughlin

April 11 at 9:21 AM

JK

John Knittel posted:

Very sorry for your loss. I knew Ray from High School wrestling. Good guy and good friend.

April 11 at 8:32 AM



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LC

Larry & Marilyn Colenzo posted:

Ray and I worked together for the last 18years. We had many good times. Ray got to be like my younger brother. Marilyn and I are deeply saddened by his passing but even though the body is gone his spirit will live with us forever. Our deepest sympathy to you Doreen and Christopher and Anthony as well as Lucy,Rob and Nina. Rest in Peace my brother. Larry and Marilyn Colenzo

April 11 at 8:31 AM

LC

Lenny Ciricillo posted:

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I have not seen Ray since high school but remember him fondly. He was a great person who's life was too short. We will pray for him.

April 11 at 8:23 AM

RB

Robert Bowles posted:

Dear family, I am very sorry for your loss and hope over time your hearts will heal with fond memories of Raymond.Robert Bowles Retired Deputy Sheriff.

April 11 at 8:09 AM

SC

Sheila Dudash Callahan posted:

Dear Doreen, Nina, Rob and Lucy (and the rest of the Preston family),I will always remember Ray when I was a young girl and his Aunt Rose Uncle Russell use to take care of me. He was there at times with his mother when I was being cared for. He was a great guy and I am very sorry for your loss.Sheila Dudash Callahan

April 11 at 7:38 AM

RO

Robert Ormby li posted:

I am sorry to hear about the passing of Ray I was a member of the Fire Department with Ray. He was a great man. You will be missed. RIPRobert Ormsby II

April 11 at 6:28 AM



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JR

James Rauli posted:

Rob - I was sorry to hear about your brothers passing. I know you two were very close growing up. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Jim Rauli

April 11 at 6:24 AM

EP

Elise Marie Pelligrini posted:

Your death has brought back memories of our times at Liverpool High School....what a character you were....always smiling and laughing.....that is what I remember about you my friend.....RIP Ray.....My most heart felt sympathy to your family.....you will be missed by all that had the plesure of meeting you.

April 11 at 6:13 AM

DL

Doug & Ruth Loveland posted:

Our sincere sympathy to Rays family. He sold us our RV over 6 years ago and also saw him at the state fair when they were selling rvs their. We enjoyed his smile and personalty. Our deepest symphy. You are all in our prayers. Doug & Ruth Loveland, Oswego, N.Y.

April 11 at 5:18 AM

RW

Ronald Wheeler posted:

So very sorry to learn of Ray's passing. He & I started work at Saturn the same day in 1992 & shared that bond along with many fun times. I always thought a lot of Ray & our friendship. RIP, my friend. Ron Wheeler

April 11 at 4:38 AM

DG

Debra Guin posted:

Doreen, So saddened to hear about Ray. I remember our times on Amor Dr fondly. Debra Kutas Guin

April 11 at 4:30 AM



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CK

Cathy Kelsey posted:

My condolences to Ray's family!! ~ RIP Ray... So sorry you had this unexpected, horrible disease that you could not beat! ~ You're one of the good ones, 'gone too soon!' ~ I'm glad I knew you from school and growing up in the same neighborhood!! You will be missed! Cathy Kelsey

April 11 at 3:43 AM

SH

Sandi House posted:

GOSH, WE ARE IN SHOCK OF HEARING THIS NEWS OUR CONDOLENCES ARE WITH HIS FAMILY HE SOLD US OUR CAMPER 5 YEARS AGO AND I THOUGHT WHAT A GOOD GUY IN A RAIN STORM TO MAKE SURE WE DID NOT GET WET LOOKING FOR OUR NEW SUMMER HOME WE WILL MISS HIM LEON AND SANDI FULTON

April 11 at 3:33 AM

TS

The Emmi's shared 2 photos to the **Ray Preston** album.



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TE

Tammy & Angelo Emmi posted:

We're so grateful to have had Ray in our lives for the last 15 years, he was truly a wonderful friend. Though we are very sad to have to say goodbye, he is now at peace and pain free. It will be a comfort to know he'll be at the other end to welcome us, when it is our time to cross over. Our heartfelt thoughts are with Doreen, Chris, Anthony, his mom, brother & sister, at this time of loss for their family. We love ya "Ray Man" !

April 11 at 2:46 AM



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Annette Sackett Ferrante posted:

Doreen and family... I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers...annette sackett ferrante

April 11 at 12:37 AM



Mark Yafchak April 11 at 4:17 PM

So sorry for your loss. Shocked to hear of Ray's passing. Far too young to leave us! I'll remember his great sense of humor and endless energy. Made my Liverpool High school memories great ones! You will be in our prayers.



Kenneth M. Sokolowski April 11 at 12:31 PM

I remember Ray always being an awesome and funny kid in School. Rest In Peace Ray. May god comfort his family at this truly difficult time.~



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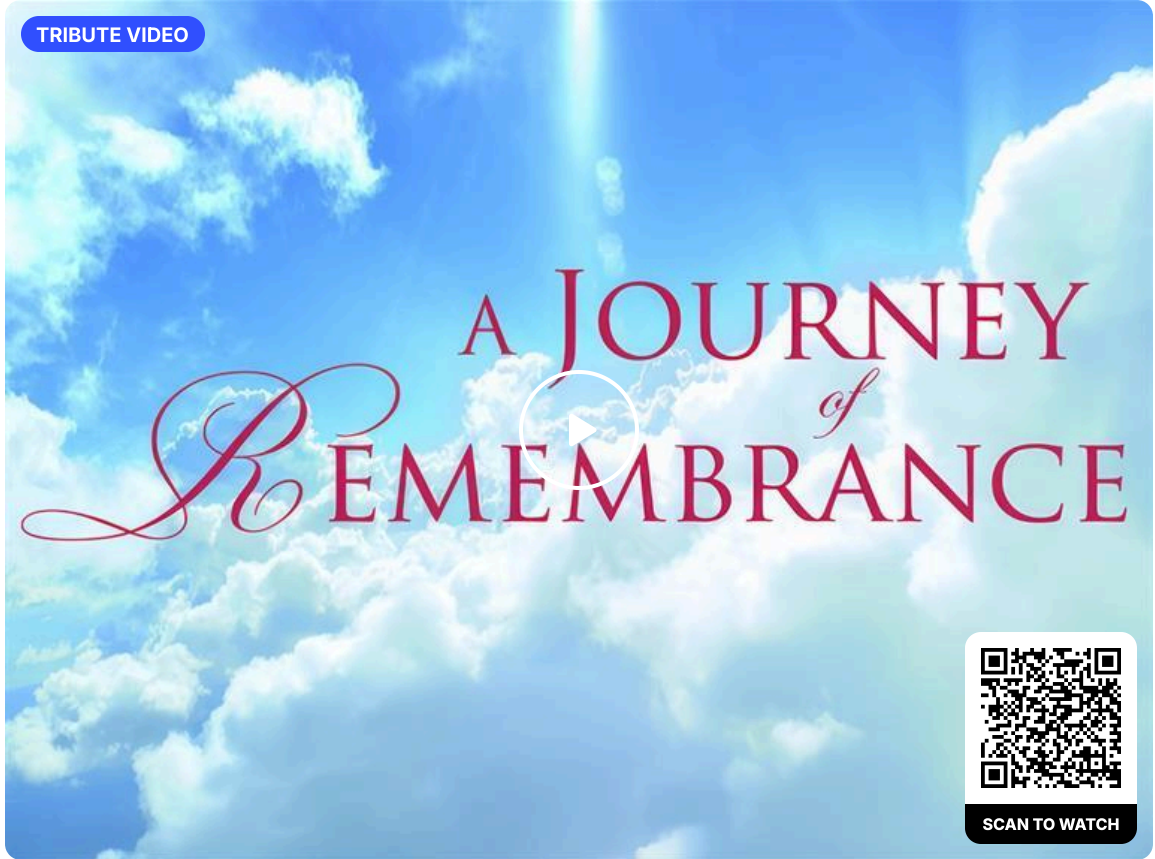
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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