



George J. "Bud" DeStaffan, Jr.

August 12, 1947 - October 25, 2020

George J. 'Bud' DeStaffan, Jr., 73, of Mattydale, NY, passed away Sunday, October 25, 2020, from acute complications after a brief illness battling liver and renal disease at Oneida Healthcare Center, Oneida, NY. 'Bud' requested to be cremated and remembered during an intimate gathering of family & friends. 'Buddy' as he was affectionately referred to by family, was predeceased by both parents, George & Josephine DeStaffan (Syracuse). He rejoins them in the Kingdom of Heaven. Surviving include his son, Andrew DeStaffan (Mattydale); his sister, Maryanne (Louis) Varre (Canastota); nephews, George (Kayla) Varre, Louis (Jonathan) Gardner-Varre, Joseph (Lindsay) Varre; a niece, Jessica (Jesse) Bixby; great nephews, Colbey, Casey, Evan & Levi. He was also extremely close with cousins, Bobby & Linda Nuzzo, their daughters, Kristin and Michelle; his cousin, Annmarie Nuzzo, and her sons, Frankie & Johnny (Syracuse).

After working as a butcher and meat cutter, he drove school bus for the Liverpool School District, ultimately retiring after many years of service. An avid chess player, he developed many enduring friendships over the years with these once-competitors, now friends. Bud enjoyed collecting & shooting firearms, sports cards & he coached youth hockey. Without a doubt, his favorite thing to do was to spend time with family & friends. A close second favorite hobby, Bud enjoyed a variety of foods, being termed a, 'Foodie,' by his family. He was jokingly famous for saying, "My diet? Well, that starts on Monday." George 'Bud' DeStaffan will be most remembered for the smile on his face and quick jokes.

Donations in Bud's memory may be made to Seventh Heaven Rescue, PO Box 15213, Syracuse, NY 13215 or visit seventhheavenrescue.org.

Comments



“ I first met George at the then called Carousel Mall about 12 years ago. He became interested in chess and started playing every week, making dozens of friends along the way because of his unique personality. It was there I also met his mother who was in a wheelchair, yet a jovial and wonderful lady not only because her birthday and mine were the same. I was also honored to be a member of his "Core Four Chess Club" for many years.

It was also at the Mall where I met his sister, Maryanne and Lou. George was definitely a "Family First" man and as we know was blessed with a large family. Before entering the Oneida Healthcare Center, George told me he would call or text me when he got a chance. Deep down inside I knew I would never hear from him again. But his friendship and the hundred of hours and opinions we shared talking about the NY Yankees, computers, people, music, chess, and family will remain unforgettable moments in time.

I am especially thankful to Andrew for being at his father's side toward the end and I know George was so proud and loved his son so much.

George was a good guy with a good heart. And he will always remain in my heart until I leave this earth. My deepest condolences to Andrew and all of George's family.

Arthur Lane

Arthur Lane - October 31, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ We are sorry to see Georges' passing. There are many memories with a good friend, Building dune buggies, racing motorcycles, his new Road Runner and my Charger in the 60's, youth hockey. Our classic phone conversations " I don't know, what do you want to do".Rest in piece my old friend. Sympathies to Maryanne and her family.

Rich and Jeanne Misita - October 31, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ I'll always remember George for his kind words and sense of humor. He was always active riding dirt bikes back in the 70's, with the gang. We had fun working together at the fair, especially when there was down time and we sang songs together, while George changed the lyrics to "Too much time on my hands".. to , "Too much — time on my hands." ...so much laughter! My deepest sympathy and sending love to the family.

The Bigness family

JoAnn Bigness - October 30, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ For his son, The apple of his eye ,and family ,Except my Deepest Sympathy . Saddened to hear of Georges Passing. He was a good co worker, always with a smile and a gentleman ,and ready to check out what was for lunch , I don't know of anyone that didn't enjoy his company .Easy going and friendly Many years of memories . I even shared my Homemade sausage with him . First time around ,and he told me what to do to improve it . You will be missed my friend Say Hi to my Sam for me .
Dolores Bella

Dolores Bella - October 29, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ Enjoyed driving bus with George at Liverpool. Will always remember George wearing shorts in the fall longer than me. RIP. Jerry Bettinger

Jerry Bettinger - October 29, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ George was a longtime wonderful friend whom we will really miss. He was one of the motorcycle guys along with Chris, Rich, and Billy. We all went to the Enduros together and we had great times at all the meets. He loved his family and was a kind and gentle friend. I hope he is at peace now and we send our thoughts and prayers to his family. He is probably up there talking motorcycles with Rich right now. Know that we are thinking of you in these difficult times even though we can't be together. We are so sorry to have lost George now too.
Kathy and Chris Hoffmann

Kathy and Chris Hoffmann - October 29, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ George and I drove a school bus for 15 years at Liverpool, we started at the same time and retired the same day, he was my friend and my computer guy...boy did he know computers...Friends for 23 years....I'll miss you George. Shirley Emanuelli

Shirley Emanuelli - October 28, 2020 at 07:00 AM



“ Shirley He thought you and your husband were special

Dolores Bella - October 29, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ i worked with george at liverpool for many years till i retired very pleasent to be around always wore shorts no mater what the weather was we knew it was really cold out when you saw him long pants love ya george rest in peace

mary ann ehman - October 27, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ My husband John and I knew George many years ago while in high school. John went to school with George. Then George became our boys hockey coach. George was a great guy. So sorry for the family's loss Prayers for all of his family

john and paulette fortino - October 26, 2020 at 08:20 PM