



Mr. Steven R. Rutallie

September 20, 1957 - November 5, 2013

Steven Richard Rutallie , 56, of St. Clair Twp., MI, went to be with Jesus on November 5, 2013 after his brave 10 month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Steve was born September 20, 1957 in Detroit to parents, Tom and Genevieve (Dolly) Rutallie. His siblings include Jerome (Mary) Rutallie, Gini (Dan) Brodzik, Patrice Abraham and Teresa (Kirk) Aichinger.

Steve married his high school sweetheart, Debra Coppola, on June 4, 1977.

His hobbies included summers at the cottage at Houghton Lake, hunting, riding his Harley with friends, fishing and spending time with his five grandchildren. Steve was mechanically minded and was often sought out as Mr. Fix-It. He was lovingly called "Papa" by his beloved grandchildren, whom he adored. Steve had a never ending love for his family. He made a mark in the lives of many youth as volunteer mentor at Life of Faith Fellowship.

Steve was self-employed at Handyman Home Improvements for 12 years, Foreman/Plant Manager at Special tool, Foreman at J.B. Rath, and Mold Maker at Venture Tool and Die.

Steve is survived by the love of his life, Debra; children, Rosie (Shawn) Gearhart, Tom Rutallie, Mike (Sarah) Rutallie; grandchildren, Zoe, Haven, Saige, Lillian, and Weston; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tony and Helen Coppola. We are all proud of the hardworking, loving provider Steve was for all of us.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Rutallie.

A Memorial Service in honor of Steve's life will be held Thursday, November 14, 2013 at

Hillside Wesleyan Church, 5114 North River Road, Clyde Twp, MI 48049; family visitation from 10:00 - 11:00; service begins at 11:00 a.m.; luncheon following.

Cremation by Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Ave. at 17th Street, Port Huron, MI.

Memorial tributes may be made to Cancer Treatment Centers of America or to A-One Hospice.

To view obituary and share memories visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hillside Wesleyan Church
5114 North River Road
Clyde Twp., MI

Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TE

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Teri - August 12, 2025 at 01:48 AM

DM

“ Dear Debbie--

It's been wonderful reconnecting with you after all the many years that have passed.

May the weeks and months ahead be filled with fond and loving memories to sustain you through your grief. It was such a sad time for us- and while time does help to heal the wounds, a part of our hearts feels forever changed. But what does sustain us is knowing our loved ones are at peace with the Lord.

Our big loving arms are around you.....

Dawn Morris

dawn morris - November 12, 2013 at 07:54 AM

MZ

“ Prayers for your family, you will be greatly missed.

Love,

Kathy & Marymargaret Zak (former neighbors on Roan)

Marymargaret Zak - November 11, 2013 at 08:26 PM

JG

“ Debbie,

Our deepest sympathy. We remember Steve coming so early in the morning when he and I were both feeling lousy to pump out the sewer. He was a great man. Very glad to have known him.

James Gray - November 11, 2013 at 05:29 PM

KB

“ Debbie,

I am so very sorry for your loss. I can't even imagine how devastating this feels. You've been in my thoughts, and I will pray for strength for you and your family to work through your loss and grief.

*Kathy Beers
(Aerobics Class in PH a long time ago)*

Kathy Beers - November 11, 2013 at 01:35 PM

JM

“ Steve,

I was very blessed to have known you , working at Venture Mold . 22 years ago I was training with you in the spotting press . After my grind was done you went & told everyone in the shop to call me " Lumpy " , because of my grind job. Well you did your job Steve, till this day everyone still calls me Lumpy , or Uncle Lumpy . You will be missed , thanks to a great teacher bringing a young guy into the trade.

*THANKS ,
Jim (aka . Lumpy) Morris*

Jim Morris - November 11, 2013 at 08:12 AM

DP

“ *Remembering when you two moved in across the street from us on Lauren and we became fast friends. All the years of having our children, putting in the wood stoves, the guys chopping wood, making silly movies with Tom and Diana, picnics, Houghton Lake, Christmas Tree hunting, bible studies, etc. Many good memories. Steve will be missed but will always be in our hearts and our memories. May God comfort you, Debbie, until we all meet again in Heaven. Love you!*

Diane Paonessa - November 10, 2013 at 07:17 AM

CB

“ *Chris Bertolino lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven R. Rutallie*



Chris Bertolino - November 09, 2013 at 04:51 PM

AW

“ *Steve had such a big heart, and never heard him complain about anything. We served on the same food distribution team in Detroit, and he treated everyone that went through the line with dignity and respect, and helped people get the food to their homes if they did not have transportation. He went above and beyond by taking food to his tenants. He had an amazing heart for the Lord.*

Amy Watson - November 09, 2013 at 04:19 PM

Shawn Gearhart

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Shawn Gearhart - November 09, 2013 at 02:20 PM

RO

“ *Dear Debbie and family, praying for God to be nearer to you all now, with His comfort and peace. Love, Rosanne Baker*



Rosanne - November 09, 2013 at 01:35 PM

TB

“ *The Bertolino's lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven R. Rutallie*



The Bertolino's - November 09, 2013 at 04:38 AM

KB

“ Steve,

You may have left us in sight but not in our hearts and minds. Your walk on earth was guided by our everlasting Lord. He watched you grow and guided you through your journey here on earth. You grew into a wonderful loving and giving friend, husband, father, son-in-law and grandfather. We will never forget the great times we shared at Houghton Lake, the times on the boat fishing and getting caught in a terrible storm, horseback riding and sitting up till dawn talking and laughing about everything under the sun. The early days (1979) on Lauren Lane. Each starting our own families, sharing a hospital room with Debbie when she had Tommy on Friday 3-26-82 and me having Lisa on Saturday 3-27-82. Only God could have made this miracle happen. To many great times to list, but they are tucked away in our hearts to remember forever.

Just as the seasons in nature change, so do the seasons in our lives. Our circumstances never stay the same for long. Sometimes we welcome change in our lives, but often it is difficult, especially when it involves sorrow and loss. Yet even then we can be thankful that God does not change. Because God remains the same, we can rely on Him through the shifting seasons of life. His presence is always with us (Ps. (46:1), His peace has the power to guard our hearts (Phil. 4:7), and His love provides security for our souls (Rom. 8:39).

God's unchanging nature is our security during seasons of change

Love always Augie and Kathy

Kathy and Augie Bertolino - November 09, 2013 at 04:32 AM

DE

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Debbie - November 08, 2013 at 06:10 PM



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Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - November 08, 2013 at 08:01 AM

TA

“ *Dear Rutallie Family,*

May the God of Comfort grant you peace at this time. 1Corinthians 15:26 calls death an enemy that will be gone soon. Take care.

Tina Adams

Tina Adams - November 07, 2013 at 12:15 PM

DB

“ Steve - cancer may have taken you from our sight but not from our hearts and memories where you will always be. We will miss your smile, laughter, sense of humor and the kindness that you have always given. We will all grieve the loss of you along side of Deb, Rosie, Shawn, Tom, Mike, Sarah and all your grandchildren. I'm happy that you were a part of our family as long as you were and you will always be "Bro" to me. May you rest in Gods' loving arms and shine in his bright light without the suffering that you endured here. Love always your sister in law, Donna

Donna Boland - November 07, 2013 at 11:21 AM

SA

Steve - We spent a lot of time together. I still have videos of you doing my bathroom. It just sucks that you are gone. You have a lot of good advice to me and my friends. The cancer took you away very quick. But if you can hear me we still miss you. I talked to your wife Debbie and I wanted to tell her about how you helped me and my friend. Steve can you hear me? I bought a new house and I don't need any work as it is practically brand new but I miss you yelling at me like a son.

Syed Ali - September 03, 2015 at 01:32 PM