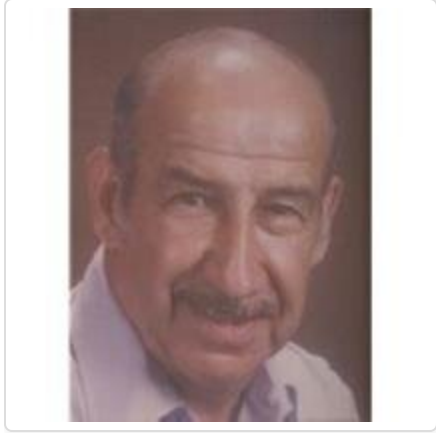




Donald Lewis Rookey

August 16, 1932 - April 7, 2009

Donald Lewis Rookey, 76, of LaFayette, New York died Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, New York. Mr. Rookey was a 1950 graduate of LaFayette High School. He retired from Hotel Syracuse in 1992 following 23 years of service as an Operating Engineer. He was an avid sportsman and sports fan particularly the New York Yankees.

Don was predeceased by his second wife, Carol Taylor Rookey in 1979, a daughter, Nancy Rookey and a son Steven Rookey in 1971, and a grandson Jeffrey Van Dusen in 1991.

Surviving are four daughters; Christine (Daniel) Guptill, Phyllis (David) Ogden and Donna (Skip) Klock all of LaFayette, New York and Kathie (Tom) Herringshaw of North Syracuse, New York, two sons; John (Jenny) Rookey of North Syracuse and Ed (Ann) Stevens of Cypress, California., a sister; Helen (Earl) Stone of Chittenango, New York his first wife and dear friend, Shirley Braungart Rookey of the Valley section of Syracuse, New York, nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Calling hours will be 3-6pm Thursday, April 7, 2009 with services to follow immediately at 6:00pm at the Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 South Salina Street, Syracuse, New York. Burial in Pine Plains Cemetery, Clay, New York will be private.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Lewis Rookey*

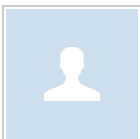


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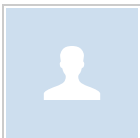
“ *Dearest Kathie and Family, I was so saddened by the news, when I heard. My heart goes out to each and every one of you. What a wonderful man, I remember; Always quick with a smile and with true warmth and sincerity. This is a man that once you have met him, he had touched you for life. What a legacy he has left behind. My prayers go out to all of you. May God be with you in your time of need. Love, Jess*

July 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *thinking of you, sorry we arn't home, still in florida, we will call when we get home.*

April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *He was very beloved to his family. He will be deeply missed. Our thoughts are with you.*

April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



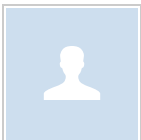
“ Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you wake in the morning hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circling flight. I am the soft starlight at night. Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep. I am the wind I am the rain I am the sunlight through your windowpane I am the leaf turning brown in the fall I am the faintest whisper on the breeze when you call I am the snowflake that kisses your cheek I am the child in the park playing hide n go seek I am the scent of the flowers that fill the spring air I am all around you I am everywhere I will always be with you from this moment on I'm in your dance your every song You see when we move on we never truly die For I am here within all of you So Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep Please Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there, I did not die!

April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To all of Don's family - I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. He will be missed for his smile and the friendship to all whether it was on a sports playing field watching his family participate or just seeing him running errands. The love he possessed for his family and the interest he showed in others' families will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I have nothing but fond memories of Mr. Rookey, an easy going and kind soul. To John and family, I am thinking of you in your time of loss. May you find peace in celebrating a life well lived.

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Deeply sorry for your loss. Perry, Jenniffer, Alexander & Nicholas

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris and family:My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sending hugs. Ellie

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kathie,Tom, Mike, Chris, and NicoleOur prayers are with you and all your family. We will always remember your dad's sense of humor, which you have inherited. He was a special man who raised a special daughter. Our deepest sympathies to all. You will meet again. Love,"Mom" and "Dad" Herringshaw

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy, Tom, Mike, Chris, and Nicole,We are so deeply sorry to hear about you lose and will be thinking of you in your time of sorrow. If there is anything that Bobby or I can do please just let us know. Hang in there and remember that you have a lot of people that love and care for you and will be there for you.Love,Kelly and Bobby Zachary and Amanda

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy, I'm so sorry for you, and your family, for your loss. It's a sad time for all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you and bring you some peace during your time of grief. With Love...

April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I have many great memories of this man as he treated me as if I was his son. He showed me many things in playing sports but the most important was to play hard and with true sportsmanship. Thanks for being there when I needed you, Dad.

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this difficult time. ~Michelle

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I have so many great memories of Mr.Rookey he treated me as one of his own. All the sleep overs & and I'll never forget the trip to Boston that he took John & I on he will be greatly missed love and miss you all if you need anything at all let me know. Love Jason,Dan,Gavin

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Nicole and Chris, I heard about the bad news, I remember meeting him and how nice he was. I didn't know him that well, but I know how much you loved him. I AM REALLY SORRY xoxo
Amanda

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



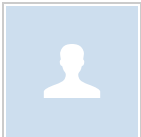
“ I have to many wonderful memories to even know where to start. My Papa was a wonderful, sweet, caring, compassionate & loving man. I will miss him so much. He always told me I was his special angel..well papa now you can be my guardian angel til we meet again.

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathie, Tom , Uncle Mike, Bobo and Colie You are in our thought call if you need anything. See you soon Love Katie, Mark and family

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jess, Phyllis, Dave, Jenn, Sue and family- Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.

April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM