



James Esposito

July 19, 1963 - May 25, 2015

James "Jay" Esposito, 51, of Otisco, NY died Monday, May 25, 2015. Jay owned and operated J & L Esposito Construction with his brother Luke. He was a loving husband, father and brother. Jay enjoyed spending time with his family especially while camping at Cranberry Lake. He was a 1981 graduate of LaFayette High School and a communicant of St. Patrick's Church, Otisco. Jay is survived by his wife, Roxann; two daughters, Heather Bertelli and Lisa Esposito; a son, Brian Esposito; his mother and father, Alice and Vincent Esposito; seven brothers, Gregg, Brian, Billy, Matt, Mark, Luke, Fran Esposito; two sisters, Mary Kopiel and Martha Esposito; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 7:00 PM Friday, May 29, 2015 in St. Patrick's Church, Otisco. Calling hours will be from 3 to 7 PM on Friday at the church. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to St. Patrick's Church, 1865 Route 80, Tully, NY 13159 or Otisco Fire Department, 1933 Route 80, Tully, NY 13159.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Esposito*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - May 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Roxann and family, I am so sorry for your loss, I have not lived in syr. for 15 years. I was married to Brian and want you to know how special you and your family were to me. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers now and always.*

June 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Roxanne, Heather, Brian, Lisa and the entire Esposito family, we are so sorry for your loss. Jay was a dear friend and a wonderful man. We feel blessed to have him in our hearts forever, and also to see his beautiful craftsmanship in our home everyday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

All our love, Dick, Beth, Garrett, Travis, Lindsey, Gabby, and Katie

June 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Luke,

About 25 years ago, you and Jay did some renovation work on our house. In the course of the project there was a disagreement of some sort and it was moved out to the front yard. Before long everything was fine again and the quality of work done by the both of you was excellent! We were so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. We just assumed the both of you would be working together for years to come. Condolences to you and your entire family.

June 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts are with the entire Esposito family. We were in class with Greg, Brian and Bill and knew the rest. \“Gone from your sight, but never your memories.... Gone from your touch, but never your hearts.\”

May 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I was just informed about the passing of Jay in a conversation with my mom this morning. She advised me that my brother was able to attend and spoke to Luke. From the Fofi family, may I express our deepest, sincere, condolences. God Bless you all.

May 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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May 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ MY prayers and sympathy to the entire Esposito Family. I was shocked and saddened at Jay\'s passing. He was a wonderful man, always having a kind word and a smile for everyone he met. As I go to church at St. James where Jay and his brothers remodeled it and look around my house for all of Jay\'s craftsmanship and his brothers work, I remember all the beauty which is part of Jay\'s being. His love for his family, his attention to detail in his work, his honesty, his joy and smile will be remembered. He was so loved by all. May God\'s love embrace all of Jay\'s family and friends and bring them peace during this difficult time.

May 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Billy and Marybeth,

We were so sorry to hear about the tragic death of your brother, Jay.
Our greatest sympathy to your family.

Love, Joe & Theresa Carioti

May 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Roxann, Heather, Brian & Lisa,
I wish you didn't have to go through this. I wish your lives were still blessed with you husband/father here on this earth. You know you are all loved. You know you are supported. Your grief is beyond words hugs or kisses. I wish you strength .

May 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Always with a smile, it is sad .With Jesus , Peace And love for you and all those that mourn your passing. Mark and Vincent Jutton . Hope to see you soon in GODs grace.*

May 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was shocked to hear the news about Jay's passing. I speak on behalf of the entire Diglio family and send our deepest condolences. You and the entire Esposito family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. He will be missed by all.*

May 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Roxanne and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you all through this very difficult time. Kelan, Beth, Nicki & Katie Edinger*

May 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss! You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

May 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ To the entire Esposito family- what seems to be impossible to endure, will be done through relying on family. Our hearts ache, everyone of us. Please know that a remarkable man, from a remarkable family, will forever be carried into the future by every person he ever touched. God Bless all of you....

May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ To all of you: As you know, no one will ever forget Jay! We all loved him from the moment we met him. It's been years since I have seen him but, you have all our love and support! Love, Lizzy Maher Curran (one of the hundreds of cousins) xoxo

May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Esposito family,

I haven't seen Jay since our days of playing JV basketball together, yet I still can very vividly remember his energy, smile, passion and compassion. What a great competitor, friend, and person to share my childhood with. With deepest sympathy,

Paul R. Damiano

May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Roxanne and family,
Our hearts pour out to you. What a wonderful man Jay was ...always smiling and cheering people.. All our love to all of you..Jeannie and John

May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ To Roxann, the children, Mr. and Mrs. Esposito and the entire Esposito family. It is with great sadness that I express my condolences for such a incredible loss. Words can't express the sorrow I feel. I have so many wonderful childhood memories of Jay growing up. K-8 at St. James was a long time to be together with someone. His incredible smile, personality, and laugh would capture the heart of anyone he came in contact with. I remember from a very early age how incredibly hard Jay worked. I know he worked at the farm (Stoyers?) in the morning before he even got to school, and we started school at 8:00 in the morning. Unfortunately after St James, and then even more after High School Graduation. I still remember being at his graduation party. Unfortunately it was not too often that I saw Jay after that, but a couple years ago when we got together at an impromptu St. James Class of 77 reunion we picked back with the laughing and joking like it was only yesterday. I'll miss you my friend, and I'll pray for the loved ones that you left behind. You may be gone but the joy and laughter you brought to us all will live forever in our memories. Rest In Peace my friend.

May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ We wish to convey our deepest sympathies to the entire Esposito family and extended family. My sisters and I attended St. James Grammar School with Jay and have some wonderful memories of him.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all and May God Bless You Always.

Colleen Hertel, Jean Wilson and Kevin Kidd

May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Esposito family with a very heavy heart we extend our Deepest Sympathy\\'s.

To Jay my old friend the years have passed but the countless memories of laughter, smiles, high fives and hugs will be forever etched in my heart. The world has truly lost a Great Person... Until we meet again may you Rest in Peace Brother.

Bob & Lisa Eipp

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ So sad to hear of Jay\\'s passing. Although it\\'s been awhile since we last saw your family at the bread and soup suppers at St Patricks Carl remembers how friendly Jay was and how easy to talk with about the construction field. Your family is in our prayers during this difficult time.

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ The Esposito Family,

*We're sorry for your loss!
My wife and I have fond memories of The Esposito Family.*

Hope you find comfort in all your precious memories.

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to Mark and the Esposito family. May God Bless you all.*

Richie Robinson & family

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Roxann and family
I am so very sorry for your loss. Words can not do justice to the sorrow I feel for your family. Please know you are in my prayers.*

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Esposito Family.*

Even though it's been a number of years since last seeing Jay, he will be sorrily missed. His Bright Smile and cheery \"Good Morning\" were our wake-up call one Summer as his head popped thru the bedroom window (at our fixer-upper camp) to plug in a couple extension cords for that days construction. We have nothing but fond memories of Jay (and Luke and Matt).

Rest in Peace Jay

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Roxann and family - Our hearts are breaking for you all... sending warm thoughts and prayers. May Jay rest in peace and be forever in your hearts.*

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ From our family at Tully Building Supply to your family , our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time.

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart breaks for all of you. Dean and I send our most sincere sympathies.

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Roxann and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
The Holland Family

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Esposito Family....my deepest condolences to Jay\'s wife, children and entire family. I was very saddened when I heard the news. I went to St. James with Jay and remember him as a happy, friendly guy and always with a big smile. So very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all and sending hugs and prayers. RIP Jay.

Judy Zettler
St. James - Class 1977

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so very sad to hear of Jay's passing. I have the most wonderful memories Jay surrounded by his loving family. His smile and happy spirit will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with the Esposito extended family. Please know you have a special place in my heart.

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Roxanne, Brian, Lisa, Heather and family,

Words cannot express our sadness for your loss. Having been a part of your lives since the kids were little, we know how much Jay loved all of you. He was such a proud Father! We had so many good times together and Jay was always the light in the darkness. We will miss him dearly. Any help you need, we are always here.

Love the Levengood family.

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ To all of my dear cousins, I am very saddened for your loss and please know each one of you are in my thoughts, prayers but mostly on my heart. I know how you all feel. You all have an Angel among you that will watch over each of you in a special way.

All my Love,

Bernadette Maher

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Roxann and Family:*

I was so sorry to hear of your loss of Jay. I will always remember his smile and happy face at church on Sunday. He is one of God's Angels now and will look down on you always. I am keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers during this terrible time! His kindness shows in his family and that is a wonderful legacy to leave. May God Bless You All! Rest In Peace Jay!

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart is grieving for all the Esposito family! Words cannot express my feelings. Jay was such a wonderful person. I never saw him without a smile on his face. May happy memories help the family cope with his loss. My deepest sympathy. Love and hugs, Aunt Mary Anne*

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Esposito Family,*
My heart is heavy for your loss of Jay. As a young boy, he had the face of an angel. I remember he was a favorite of my mom's from her days volunteering in the library at St. James School. With his beautiful smile, how could anyone not love him? I know he is an angel in heaven.

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ To all of the Esposito family-
There are no words to express our sadness and what we would like to convey to you. Please know we are here for you should any of you need anything at all. We love you.
Kathy (Downes)and Jeff Crouse

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Jay and I were educated by the nuns at St.James, I remember my bruises he imparted on the bus rides home, I was younger and smaller than his older brothers:). We lost touch and reconnected in 2002, where he welcomed us to Otisco, with his strong faith, terrific family and easy laughter. From my family to his, we offer our prayer.

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ From the Skeval's: Our hearts go out to all of you. Please know that you and Jay will be in thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his arms you all.
Chris Skeval

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jay: You were so loved by so many. You were so incredibly wonderful to me and my boys, especially Ben after Scott died. I thank you so much for the blessings your life has bestowed upon your family and community.
Dear Roxanne and Kids: I can't express my deep feelings of sorrow for what you are going through. I pray that God will bring you strength and peace. Much love, The Rahrles

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Jay was a wonderful man. He was always so welcoming and kind....may he be at peace. May you find peace in knowing how loved and admired he was by so many family and friends. We feel so blessed to have known Jay.

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. The Esposito family holds a special place in my heart and memories from our Lafayette Road days. My deepest sympathy to you all for your devastating loss, Jay was a wonderful person and will be missed.

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“ Roxann and Family,

I will always remember Jay's beautiful smile and happy demeanor. He was such a generous and giving man, always ready to help in any way he could. I will miss him at Mass on Sundays - he added such a friendly presence to our church community. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

My deepest sympathy, Brenda

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“ My heart is broken for all of the Espositos! Jay was adored! I'll cherish my summer memories of mischief and fun with Jay, Mary, Frances, Martha, Luke, the Palumbo kids and Cusanos forever! Those were the best days EVER! Jay was the sweetest person. This is such a loss for so many, but my prayers are especially with Aunt Allie and Uncle Vinny, all the Espos and Jay's wife and kids. the loss of Jay is unimaginable. He was such a gem of a man! My heart breaks.
We loved him!

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“ Roxann, thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. Wishing you peace.
Much love,
Anne and Carm

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Roxann and family-we are so sorry to hear about Jay's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy. The Tully community will miss him and his legacy is the love he instilled in his family.
Colleen and Dave Zawadzki and family

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“ With the deepest respect,prayers and love....Kathleen Shannon-mojica

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I will forever remember Jay as the guy with a big smile and bouncy gait. When I was a child he would toss me into the air and we would laugh and laugh. May he rest in eternal peace. Thinking of all of you and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Esposito family during this very difficult time. I know my husband will miss seeing his smiling face everyday and will miss their fun and light-hearted conversations. Rest in peace my friend.

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“ Words cannot express how sad we were to hear about Jay's passing. He will be greatly missed by the entire St. Pat's community. Jay helped our family greatly during a very difficult time with his support and kind words. Gerald thought the world of him and spoke of him often.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Esposito family.

Jay's smile will be missed on Sunday mornings.

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“ I have great memories of Jay from my childhood. I am so proud to be part of the extended Esposito family. May Jay rest in peace.

*\“Though nothing can bring back the hour
of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower,
We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind.\”*

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I feel so sorry, especially for the kids and Roxann and all the Family Members. I met him over twenty years ago and spend time frequently every other years and we had sooooo much fun. I will really miss you, JAY\!!!!

*By the way,
I never told u, but my wife calls me J(ay.
R.I.P.*

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Esposito Family,

*So sorry for your loss! As our God promises, Jay is in the arms of all those who left this world before him. You will carry on and remember the wonderful things he accomplished on this planet for his very short stay here. May the faith and love that guided him throughout his life, help you during the sad days ahead! For all of us who are left here, remember this Irish verse: \“Know that if you can make it through one more day and live it to the fullest and be the best you can be, you will always be strong, happy, and healthy.\”
Condolences and sincerely, Connie Doody Chase, Distant Cousin*

May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our hearts are heavy and our prayers are never ending that you find peace within God's love and peace. With all of our love and sympathy to all that were blessed to have had Jay touch their lives.*

To Rox and family, a special place in our hearts and prayers. Much love!

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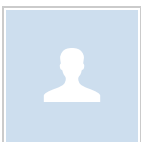
“ *To the Esposito Family,*

Jay's memory will be the smile and kindness he showed to others. He was gentle and genuinely caring to others. We are sorry for your loss and pray for your family in the days ahead especially his wife and children.

Sincerely,

The Fallon Family

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Esposito Family,*

I am so sorry for your loss. There are just no words to help ease the pain. The Esposito brothers did some major work on my home during a time that I was very ill. I joked that they now were my brothers. Simple acts of kindness can have a profound effect on a person for the rest of their life. I will never forget Jay's kindness and compassion he showed towards me. It will be forever in my memory and in my heart. Your entire family will be in my thoughts and I pray that you may find the strength to face the days to come in the love that surrounds you today.

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I am just so shocked to hear of Jay's passing. I went to HS with him, and he stood up with me when I made my Confirmation at St Mary's Church in Jamesville. He was always so nice to everyone. His smile could brighten even the worst of days. No words can express the sadness I feel for his family. Rest in Peace, my friend. You will be missed.

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Jay's parents, wife, children and the rest of his family. So very sorry for your loss. I went to St James School with Jay. He was such a nice guy.

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“ Jay, you were a wonderful cousin. We had such great memories when we were kids, all the picnics and family reunions were awesome. You were so kind when Markie just passed. I am going to miss you so much and that wonderful smile you have. Roxann, Heather, Brian and Lisa Marie our deepest sympathy. There is nothing I can say to make this any easier. You were all lucky to have him in your life even though it wasn't long enough. Aunt Ollie and Uncle Vinnie and the rest of my cousin, so sorry. Love Annie, Dan, Anthony, Kyle, Bridget and Victoria

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Roxanne, Heather, Brian, Lisa and family,*

Words could never express how much Jay will be missed.

The way he made you feel was so special. He really cared about people and lived his life showing that kindness. I feel

honored to have know him and blessed to have worked with him.

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“ *Words cannot express how sorry our family is for your loss. Mike has nothing but fond memories of Jay and their times at St. James- Jay always called themselves \"The good little Catholic boys\". His smile spoke volumes about him and he will be sorely missed by the whole community. Thinking of you with heavy hearts, The Moss Family, Mike, Leigh Ann and Trevor. RIP Jay...*

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Esposito family. Billy and Mary Beth if there is anything I can do please let us know. Valerie, Brena and Joel.*

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Words cannot express our sadness.....Jay\'s smile, laughter and kindest he approached life with was so contagious.....we will forever cherish his mark of craftsmanship in our home.....we will miss you my friend and we pray for peace for you and all the Esposito families. Love, Steve & Lisa Sofranko

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Roxann, Heather, Brian and Lisa and family
Jay spent his life building things with evident craftsmanship, and I could see he was most proud of the family he built. Humble as he was, I\'m sure he would likely give all the credit to you, Roxann. We\'ve watched your kids grow up from a row or two behind you in church on Sunday\'s. Jay leaves this world having created many beautiful things, with his family as his crowning achievement. Along with many others, we\'ll miss his great smile and energy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please stay strong through this toughest of times, but reach out when you need to. There are many of us out here looking for a way to help you through this impossible time. Everybody loved Jay!

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Roxann, my heart goes out to you and your family.

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our prayers and thoughts.

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“ Jay always greeted us with a smile and a hug no matter how long it was since the last time we saw him.. His presence was gold. May you find comfort during this difficult time. We love you guys! xo

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Thoughts and Prayers are with you all at this very sad time.. hold tight to your memories.. may he rest in peace. Tim and Colleen (Sullivan) Bloom

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“ Roxann, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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“ My deepest condolences to Jay's wife, children and the Esposito family. I went to St. James grammar school with Jay and have some great memories of him - so friendly and outgoing.

I'm so sorry for your loss.

Joanne Ingram
Class of '77 - St. James

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Brian, Greg, Bill,, Mr and Mrs Esposito, and the rest of the family
So sorry to hear about the loss of your son and brother. I went to
high school with most of the boys and am very sorry about Jays
death. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Roxann, Heather. Bran, and Lisa:

No words can help to ease your pain and loss, but please know that
our prayers are with all of you. Jay was always very warm and
friendly whenever we chanced to meet and we know he will be
missed by many. Please accept our condolences and prayers.

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ So, sad to hear this news today! My family, the Bush family on
Barker Hill Road, send our condolences and prayers to the Esposito
family! May James \"Jay\" Esposito memory be eternal.

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest Condolences to the Family of Jay , his loving parents
and the entire Esposito Clan. Sadly he will be missed but forever in
our hearts. Sending Healing prayers and Love Always

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Esposito family,
Jay was one of the most honest and sincere people we knew . He always greeted everyone with a smile and a handshake as if you were his best friend, your family is in our thoughts and prayers.
Chuck and Donna Greene and family

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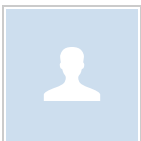
“ To the Esposito Family,
Words cannot express the heartfelt sorrow we feel over the death of Jay. His smile was contagious. He will forever be remembered in our hearts. Please accept our condolences. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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“ Roxann, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so honored to have shared in many family/friend gatherings when the children were young. Jay's awesome smile and personality will be forever in our hearts. I can just imagine the look on my dad's face when he reunites with Jay. Love and prayers for all of you. Matt and Dee and children

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Roxann and family...please know that you are in our deepest prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. Just know you do have an angel that will always be watching over you all. With love ,
The Meixell family.

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Esposito family...*

So sorry for your loss. No words are ever right and cannot express the sorrow we all feel for you at this time. Prayers are all that we can offer...for understanding and peace.

*Tamara (Tami) Moltion Egan
And the entire Moltion Family...*

May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Esposito Family,*

From our family to yours, we are sorry to hear of your loss, and you will be in our prayers.

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