



Raymond E. Harrington

April 22, 1946 - December 2, 2004

Raymond E. Harrington, 58, of Otisco Valley, New York died Thursday, December 2, 2004 at Community General Hospital, Onondaga Hill, New York.

Raymond was born April 22, 1946 in Constantia, New York, the son of Frank and Edith (Woolridge) Harrington. He retired in 1996 from Laborers Local 433 after 24 years.

Ray is survived by his wife of 15 years, Susan (Murphy) Harrington; five daughters, Kellie (Richard) Sterling of Bernards Bay, New York, Megan Harrington, Andrea Harrington, Kate Harrington and Abby Harrington all of Otisco Valley, New York; two sons, Russell E. (Brenda) Harrington and Joseph L. Harrington both of Constantia, New York; two grandchildren, Shannon Harrington and Richard Sterling III; five sisters: Carolyn Minckle of Vernon, New York, Shirley Walker of Pulaski, New York, Connie Harrington of Syracuse, New York, Terry Reynolds of Constantia, New York and Joan Harrington of Connecticut; two brothers, Donald Harrington of North Syracuse, New York and Frank Harrington of Lacona, New York; numerous nieces and nephews.

Services: Saturday, December 4, 2004, 2:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home with Rev. Janet Gleason officiating.

Calling Hours: Saturday, December 4, 2004, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home, 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thinking of you on this sunny St. Patrick's Day and missing you more everyday. ...And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.*

March 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *DAD- I MISS YOU MORE & MORE EVERYDAY. LOSING YOU HAS TAUGHT ME TO TREASURE LIFE. I BELIEVE WE WILL GET A SECOND CHANCE WHEN WE MEET AGAIN. I WILL ALWAYS "LOVE YOU HUNDREDS". MAY PEACE BE WITH YOU.YOUR DAUGHTER- KELLIE1/27/2005*

January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *i love you and miss you dad*

December 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ To Susan and all of her lovely family: Ray, as you know, has touched many, many lives. Other than being the world's greatest Family Man, he was a mentor, a friend, and an inspiration to many in the AA Community. Ray used to tell us, "You got to talk about it to take the power out of it". We've heard many people quote his wonderful pieces of wisdom. We all will miss Ray's wonderful smile, his stories and his laugh and the way he would greet you like you were the most important person in the room. I'm sure God rolled out the red carpet when Ray arrived at the pearly gates. Ray - you will be very, very, very much missed, but our fond and warm memories of you and remembering all you have done for so many will always be remembered and savored. Thank you for being an important part of our lives. Glenn and Mindy Ferguson

December 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Your passing has touched us all. I share many memories of you with your family and mine. You will be missed. I offer my sympathy and love to your family at this time. Aunt Flossie, Uncle Chuck and Family

December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sue, We were so sorry shocked to hear of Ray's death. We didn't know about it until after the funeral or we would've been to the service. Neil thought very highly of Ray always enjoyed working with him as well as visiting with him. We want you to know our thoughts prayers are with you your family. Love, Neil Paula Bush

December 07, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *God bless.*

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Sonny was a great guy who touch alot of people. I have alot of great memories(going to the diner store) My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. I'll MISS YOU Love Tanya*

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *I(never knew that my brother had touched so many peoples lives in a posotive way. That fact was very clear at his service.I know I loved him ,and I am so comforted to know that he had MANY friends that did too.*

December 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *He Trudged the Happy Road.*

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray was a wonderful friend. I will remeber the many times I thought I had a problem to sit with him in "The Barn"to talk while people would stop to chat as they drove down the Valley road. I will always remeber how those major problems would go away. The time he spent teaching Andrew to Drive the "H" or helped Jay with his shooting. His moderating the girls playing with Amanda. It is amazing how he brought serenity to those rides he always had ging to church in Fabius or in Tully The many hours spent while he talked to the world at the Stop and Shop at the corner in Tully. His family has suffered a great loss as have all of us who where blessed to know him. We missed you though did not tell you enough my friend. We are saddened by your loss Sue.Love Al, Andrew Jay and Amanda Runyon

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Go in peace,Ray.

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ You were wonderful with my boys, they have both missed you very much. I think of you, Susan and the girls often; you and your family made a lasting impression on me. You had the highest ideals and the greatest love for others. May God be gracious when he opens His doors for youLove to you all--linda

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ In Memory of Ray, May he Rest in Peace.

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Are thought are with your whole family at this time. Sonny was a very special man.

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ he was the best uncle I will miss him but I know he is with Jesus and grampa

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ i don't know Raymond, i only heard about his passing in a forum and i wanted my thoughts and prayers go out to everyone. Just know that even tho he isn't with you physically he is with you all spiritually and is sharing all his loving memories of his friends and family in heaven. Take care and may my heart go out to you all..- josh

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."- John Donne

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I know that God will accept Ray into His world as quickly as Ray accepted me into his.

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest in Peace, Ray.

December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM



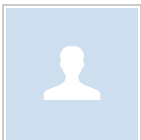
“ A man so much loved is always with you. My condolences to all Ray's family and to his friend Barney.

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I want to thank Ray for helping to provide a path for those of us that follow him in AA. I send my deepest condolences to Sue, and the rest of the family. You are in my prayers.

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the whole Harrington family.

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you Ray for carrying the message of hope to your fellows. Prayers for the family of Ray Harrington.

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the Harrington Family & all of Ray's additional close loved ones. God's Comfort be w/you all thru your time of grief. I did not know Ray, but have heard what a beautiful soul he is who has touched the lives of many, from a mutual fellow traveler on the Road to Happy Destiny. z(Thanks Barney, I hope you'll introduce us when we're all at the Big Mtg :)

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray's family, Your going through a sad time. But Ray is with God now. I am sorry about the loss of him. We miss you, Ray!

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts.

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ When I am Gone When I am gone release me and let me go. I have too many things to see and do. You must not tie yourself to me with tears. Be thankful for our wonderful years. I gave to you my love, you can only guess . . . how much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you have shown, but now it's time I travelled on alone. So grieve a while for me if grieve you must. Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a time that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me call, and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near. And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear. All my love around you soft and clear. And then when you must pass this way alone, I'll greet you with a wag and say "Welcome Home!"

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ The last time I saw Ray he was doing something very characteristic;by dint of his humor and storytelling he was calming the anxieties of a new patient and giving the rest of us a respite from our own demons..more than one patient scheduled their appointments to coincide with Rays;he was always up;he never let his audience down ever..the good he did,the people he caught at a low ebb and inspired to just keep on going a while longer are incalculable;there were many..he will be very sorely missed but will live forever in our hearts and minds..a fine man and a fine friend,a humble man who was as skilled a healer as I've ever met..happy trails,dear friend;you certainly brightened ours...

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Blessings to all who loved this man of AA

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Raymond Harrington (sonny)He's my brother and best friend.He taught me a lot about life.He taught me how to swim how to ride a bike, Motorcycle and snowmobile also a car.He told me not to be afraid and to try anything once,how to stand up for myself and how to love.He showed both myself and my husband a way out of the horrible pit.He loved the lord and wasn't afraid to share that that with anyone.We know that he has gone on to a better place,but he will truly be missed by all.So i know he is watching over us all,untill we meet again. We will always remember what you done for us.LOVE YOU

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Never met you - but a brother in Sobriety*

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Raymond Harrington(Sonny) was many things to many people, he was a husband,father, brother,uncle and friend, to me he was an uncle. He was one of the best uncles around, he had a lot of good stories that would make you laugh until you cried. He also had a lot of love to give and he definitely shared his love with everyone he met. But most important of all he loved Jesus and I know that he is in heaven with the Lord and his glory for eternity. My sympathy goes out to Sue & the girls, May God see you through these hard times. My prayers are with the Harrington family.Love Tammie*

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Harrington family is one of the most kind and gracious families I know. From my experiences teaching some of the Harrington children at school, I have witnessed the results of Raymond's and Susan's caring. Raymond's children honor him in the polite and respectful way they treat others. May the strength of Raymond's family help them to understand and cope with the death of a great man. God Bless Raymond and his loved ones.*

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thank you Ray, for being one of those people who came out of himself to help others.God bless, Herb*

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *A neighbor and friend to my parents, an idol to my children, a smile and a wave at the end of the road, you will be missed more than thoughts can express. God couldn't have welcomed in a more kinder, warm hearted man. Heaven is a more beautiful place now that it has your shining face. You and your family will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Love Maria, Kevin and Jacob*

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart felt condolences to the Harrington family. God Bless you in your time of sorrow.*

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“ *May Ray rest in peace with God Almighty, and may the Lord Jesus comfort all his family and friends, including my friend, Barney Hill.*

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I can't seem to stop the ""Ray Slide Show"" that is running through my head the last few days. Here's a great one that caught him off guard a few months ago. I was working and stopped in late at the Amber meeting, there were tons of people, including this guy who was asked to lead the Lords Prayer at the end. Ray was outside doing something and I was by the door. When he came back in I thought he was going to fall over because the guy was literally singing the Lords Prayer like he was in the Opera or something (caught all of us off guard), Ray fell in next to me and after what seemed like an eternity he whispers to me ""What the F is this, what the heck is he doing?"" I couldn't stop laughing because I've never seen Ray speechless. I'll miss our 3-4 hour long spur of the moment meetings we always had. He was a great man and helped me out more than anyone could imagine. Thanks Ray!

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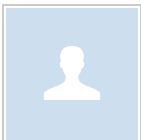
“ Peace be with you. Love to Sue & all your children & grandchildren

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“ May time soften the pain until all that remains is the beauty of the memories...and the love. To Ray's family and my friend, Barney, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Another friend of Bill W.

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Friend, mentor, and a truly huge man with an equally huge heart. I love you Ray, and I miss you so much, already. thank you for being my friend. Say ""Hi"" to my Dad, okay?

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ As above so below in God's Hands go softly.

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest in peace, Mr. Harrington. Your life has touched me through one of your friends. Teaching me we are all connected. God bless the Harrington family.

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray, Your message of ""walk in the direction of my prayers"" saved my life. God blessed me when he put you in my path. My prayers go out for Susan and your children. Brad

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear everybody, I very much thank you for all the messages. His funeral is located at, Ball and Lunsford Funeral Home, Lafayette. Calling hours at, 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home, 2584 Field Lane. LOVE to all who care. In loving memory of Raymond E. Harrington 1946-2004 Love, Kate

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Many times we were witness to your ability to be kind and loving. We are sorry to see you go but thank you for having touched our lives in a very special way. And every fall we will be reminded of you when "The corn starts to grow." God bless, Terry & Elizabeth

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ To Ray HWe never met,Ray,but I believe we shared much in life !!
send this with love,gratitude from a fellow member in the UKRIP
Ray

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ A neighbor and friend to my parents, and idol to my children, a smile
and a wave at the end of the road, you will be missed more than
words can express. God couldn't have welcomed in a more, kinder,
warm hearted man. Heaven is a better place now that it has your
shining face. You and your family will always be in our hearts,
thoughts, and prayers.Love Maria, Kevin and Jacob

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ friend of bill w. see ya at the big meeting.

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I offer my condolences to the family and friends of Raymond that
will miss him. Raymond, Thanks for carrying the message of Hope.
"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle".Kelly M.

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest condolences all the Harrington family. Because he was
such good friends with my father, I will never forget the times Mr.
Harrington would come to our house and make us all laugh. He had
a special ability to make you smile and was one of the nicest men I
have know. My deepest sympathy to you.

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray was the most generous people I've ever met. I feel fortunate to have spent time with him & his family. He led by example, his unconditional love, generosity, thoughtfulness, laughter, helped change my life. God's Peace

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ I never met Ray personally but have heard of him from a friend. He was a loving caring man who took time from his own life to care about others and give of himself. His selfless acts will continue on....through his caring and compassion for life others will live a better life...God be with his family and friends in their time of need...

December 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Someone special who was always bubbly and the center of attention will always and forever be missed but remembered.

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Harrington & Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. In Deepest Sympathy, Tara Kutty

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ We are sorry we will not be able to be at Sonny's services due to illness. God Bless all of you through these trying times. Lori

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray: You are a shining example of the love and service one man can share with his fellows. You will never be forgotten. Your message of faith and willingness will be carried on long after the sadness we feel today has passed. We will always remember what you so freely gave all of us....yourself. Love, Cheryl

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray (Sonny) was his nickname I called him all his life...was my little brother. We were close growing up. We used to go fishing, and he mentioned it in a recent E-Mail he had sent me. I loved him and will miss him so much. We have to believe he is in a better place. My heart goes out to Sue & the girls. I pray God will help them through this tough time. He will always be in our hearts. Rest in Peace Sonny.

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Raymond, I remember the day we met at "the bottom of the hill". You invited me into your life and we soon became friends. I cannot express in words how much you have improved my life or how much you mean to me. I will miss you dearly. Thank you for the miles, the smiles and the trials shared. I love you. Your brother, Michael

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



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“ I did not get to know you vary well but I have come to know your sons Joe and Russ.They have a personality and sence of hummer you could only get from a great dad.They are a living tribute to you

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Ray Harrington: My deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband and father. Ray was a very true friend and will never be forgotten. Paul Landers

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



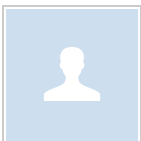
“ Ray will be missed! He was always very kind and sweet to me. He always told us to ""walk in the direction of your prayers"".....his example was inspiring....my thoughts and prayers are with his family. He was a very special person! Love, Nancy Moran

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Sonny was my uncle and what I remember the most about him was he was funny.

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue, my heart goes out to you and your children, ray was a great man and a man you would never forget. connie earl and family

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Ray Harrington.
 ""Each life is a miracle that changes the world and leaves it a better place than it was before"".

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ It was so much fun having Ray at music night--he touched us all with his great guitar playing!Not having you here now will be difficult.Go teach the angels to play some good-ole bluegrass music-WE LOVE YOU! :)You will ALWAYS be remembered!

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray, you meant so much to Tom and I. Our prayers are with your family that your huge smile and warmth will remain with them forever. Do they know too how much you are loved in AA and how many peoples lives you touched? I hope they (your family) all know how proud you are of them and how just the mention of them made that huge smile even bigger. We will miss you. Much love to you and your family. Tom and Jen

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Harrington was the funniest person I knew when he told a joke, even if it wasn't that funny it made you laugh because he did it in a funny way. I feel bad for the whole Harrington family, I wish there was something I could do to help. I want to tell Kate and Abby I hope they both feel a little better. The first time I saw him when he got back from the hospital, I thought he felt better but still not up to full energy. I would like Mrs.Harrington to hang in there, we are thinking of her. I hope Annie and Megan feel better too. your friends, THE BECKS (this includes the dog and Rabbits)*

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *we will all miss rays happy smile friendly greeting posative words great stories and friendship he shared with us althou ray had been sick for a long time he always had time for others we all are better for knowing you frank*

December 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'll bet the stars are a little brighter tonite over central N.Y. There's another light up there. Love you Ray.*

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