



Wayne Martin Ratliff

September 14, 1952 - June 27, 2016

Wayne M. Ratliff, 63, of Sylvan Beach, New York died unexpectedly on Monday at Oneida Healthcare.

Born in Atlantic City, N.J. and raised in East Syracuse, NY. He is a graduate of East Syracuse Minoa High School, Class of 1971. He also attended Barrington College in Rhode Island. Following college he joined the U.S. Army and was a member of Military Intelligence copying Morse Code at various Army Installations all over the world. After serving 20 years he retired in 1994 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Following retirement from the Military Wayne settled in the Syracuse area to be near his family, and he worked part time for Bellavia Transportation. While active in the military Wayne was a member of the All Army softball team as well as many others throughout the years. He loved sports, singing and playing his guitar for family and friends, grilling out and he loved the beach. Wayne always cared for others. His wisdom, strength and beliefs in the bible brought him much joy. He always had the rooms attention with his jokes.

He was predeceased by his father Clifford F Ratliff, Sr. in 1972, his sister Patricia Ann Ratliff in 1986 and his son Nicholas Wayne Ratliff in 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Hilary (Art Casiano) Ratliff of Portland, OR and

Vanessa (Todd) Rizzo of Clay; his mother, Rhoda Ratliff of Minoa; brothers, Clifford F., Jr. (Laurie) of DeRuyter and William L. Ratliff of Minoa; three grandchildren, Nathan and Christopher Rizzo and Preston Graser; his longtime companion, Kimberly B. Allen, several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 am on Friday, July 1, 2016 at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., Syracuse. Burial will be in Onondaga Valley Cemetery. Calling hours will be from 4 – 7 pm on Thursday, June 30, 2016 at the funeral home, 4612 S. Salina Street.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Martin Ratliff*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - June 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Thinking of you these days Wayne as the Christmas Season comes around. I know it was your special time of year in which we celebrate the Birth of our Savior and Father in Heaven. I am truly blessed today as I know when I offer up a Prayer that you will have a hand in answering that prayer. Thanks for contributing to my life and making fond memories. Your Spirit of help still is with me as I am sure you served a very Blessed purpose on this Earth, you will also be a Blessing to those in Heaven.*

Candle of Warmth - December 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Hilary and Vanessa and all of the Ratliff family....so very sorry for your loss. Praying for healing and comfort for you in the days ahead. God Bless.*

July 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Sympathy to family of Wayne. Wayne was a classmate and always smiling and wonderful person during our time there. My prayers to the family. Gail Cook

Purple Glass Glow - July 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Wayne Martin Ratliff

Peaceful White Lilies Basket - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Wayne Martin Ratliff

America the Beautiful - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ An exceptional man! Always able to make me smile and brought life to every room he walked into. I love him and forever will. Thoughts and prayers to all of the family. Fly high and strong, you will be greatly missed.

Angel Wings - June 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Praying for the family. Wayne was a good Soldier, friend and shortstop. His smile will be missed.

June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“*Rat, you left us way too early, but I know your faith in God has you where he wanted you. I will always cherish all the good times we had, on the softball fields, our familys hanging out together and work. You were a true friend, always there for anyone who needed you and never ask for anything in return. I just wish we had scheduled that cup of coffee and had one last chance to talk. You will always be in my thoughts and your family in my prayers. You were a heck of a hawg, awesome shortstop, and most important an AWESOME Friend and Man. May God Bless You*

Candle of Memories - June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“*Wayne(Rat) always had a smile and laughter for every occasion. I met him and Okinawa and played both softball and football with him. He was a great athlete and human being. To the family and friends,God bless all of you and I pray his peace be with you. Live the life that Wayne did believing that one day you all shall meet again. Rat,you are missed and will not be forgotten. You touched many lives!*

June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HE

“*My cousin Wayne has the most beautiful soul! I am honored to have called him my cousin and friend! I will never forget his zest for life and his kindness! I will cherish all the wonderful memories that we have made! I will miss you Wayne but I can find comfort knowing that you are with our Lord and Savior and the heavens are rejoicing and welcoming you home. Rest in peace cousin until we meet again love you Wayne!*

Heart - June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Wayne its was always hard to keep up with you but now I have your new address we meet again .RIP my friend Coop

June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Wayne Martin Ratliff

Peaceful White Lilies Basket - June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Rat I Love You Man!!!! You are truly a great person and I'm glad our lives crossed paths. I know there is going to be a lot of sad people over your passing but you have left many people with some great memories. Hillary and Vanessa keep the fond memories in your heart!! Kim, I didn't get to meet you except on FB but I'm glad you and Rat got to make some good memories. Hold them in your heart!!! Again I am so sorry for your loss.

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June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Wayne Martin Ratliff

Lavender Reflections Spray - June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss! Hang on to the wonderful memories you and your family made over the years.
Jim and Patty Culeton

June 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM