



David "Bear" Page

David Bear Page, 56, of S. Madison St., Rome, passed away on Thursday, July 29, 2010, at Rome Memorial Hospital, due to injuries sustained from a motorcycle accident. He was born on March 15, 1954, in Rome, the son of William and Sally J. Rutka Page, Jr. Bear was a graduate of Rome Free Academy, Class of 1972. He was married to the former Kimberly DiCastro. Bear was employed by the Rome DDSO as the union president and worked in the pro shop at King Pin Lanes. He was the President of the CSEA Local 414, a member of the Stanwix Veterans and Mens Club, the B.P.O.E. Rome Lodge No. 96, the Rome Moose Lodge, the Toccolana Club, the Rome Bowling Association and the Rome Bowling Hall of Fame. Bear was an avid bowler and was passionate about sports. He loved watching NASCAR, especially Richie Evans and Jeff Gordon. He was a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, New York Yankees and the Syracuse Orange. He coached many sports, including baseball and football, for many different levels such as Little League, Moose, League, Legion Baseball and Pop Warner Football. Bear was affectionately known as everyone's favorite coach. Bears greatest joy in life was spending time with his precious children and grandchildren, and riding his motorcycle. He lived each day to the fullest. He always surrounded himself with people, especially his family and friends whom he loved dearly. He was always for the people and loved a good debate. Bear was everyone's friend and will be greatly missed by all. Surviving besides his father, Bill, with whom he resided, are a daughter, Vinnie Marie Page and her significant other, Michael Hrim, of Rome; a son, David Page and his significant other, Summer Aiello, of Rome; a sister and brother-in-law, Patti and Ken Goodman, of Rome; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Eileen Page, of Rome; two grandsons, David Michael Hrim and Dalton James Hrim; the mother of his children and his dear friend, Kimberly DiCastro, of Rome; a best friend, Wonder Mortis; his special canine companion, Tank; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Bear was predeceased by his mother, Sally Page, on February 7, 2006; and his grandparents.